



July 17, 2024

CYHA Annual Membership Meeting

Board Members Present: Dustin Hapka, Phil Passarelli, Chris DaBaldo, Casey Marshall, Angela Brady, Ryan Blair, JC Gaskins, Justin Pence

Board Members Absent: None

Call to Order: Phil called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm.

Seating of New Board Members: Phil introduced the newly seated and reelected board members. Dustin Hapka ran unopposed for the position of CYHA President and will be seated as such. Angela Brady ran unopposed for CYHA Registrar and Chris DaBaldo ran unopposed for CYHA Secretary and will remain in their respective positions for the next term. JC Gaskins was re-elected to the board as the CYHA Travel commissioner.

A motion was made by Phil Passarelli to seat the following board members to their respective positions for the next term: Dustin Hapka, CYHA President; Chris DaBaldo, CYHA Secretary; Angela Brady, CYHA Registrar; JC Gaskins, CYHA Travel Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Justin Pence and approved unanimously.

Secretary Report: Motion to approve the BOD Meeting Minutes from 6/19/24 was made by Justin Pence and seconded by Phil Passarelli. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chris provided an update to the members present on the current status of the BOD Meeting Minutes, CYHA Calendar, and future updates on the CYHA voting process. Moving forward, we will publish the meeting minutes for the previous 12 months on our website. This will be a rolling timeline, meaning when new minutes are posted we will also remove the minutes from the month 12 months prior to the date. Meeting minutes older than 12 months will be available by request from the CYHA Secretary.

Chris is also working to publish the CYHA BOD meeting schedule to the updated CYHA website to provide more visibility to our members. The board is working to transition our voting process to an on-line model. Chris will present additional details on this effort later in the agenda.

Treasurer Report: Casey reviewed the Statement of Activity report to the members present. This report provides a statement of accounts for FY2023 (July 2023 – April 2024) and was made available to all members present during the meeting.

Casey also provided an overview of the updated website. The website was recently upgraded to a new platform on Sport Engine which has allowed us to better maintain our website and provides new features. He is currently in the process of cleaning up the website and asked the members to send pictures of our teams or players for inclusion on our website.

Registrar Report: Angeal reviewed our current membership numbers and growth over the past season with the group. We saw continued growth in our club at all age divisions compared to past seasons. We currently have 272 members claimed by our organization for the upcoming season. This number does not include House League for which registration is still open.

Committee Reports

Hockey Director Report: Ryan provided brief recap of the 2023 – 24 season and development programs. Ryan also provided an overview of the programs and activities he has undertaken away from the rink to promote participation in youth hockey. He also reviewed the highlights for the upcoming 2024 – 25 season. This included an overview of our specialized coaches, synthetic ice/shooting pads, a strength and conditioning program, and a focus on growing a girls hockey program.

Ryan outlined three objectives that he has for a successful season:

1. Skills development from our players
2. Fun: practices, games, and team activities must be enjoyable
3. Growth off of the ice: respect, discipline, and perseverance

Travel Commissioner Report: JC reviewed the season highlights for the 2023 – 24 season which includes the achievements of our 14U A who won their CHL End of season tournament, and 16U AA team who won their CHL division and placed 3rd in USA Hockey Nationals.

JC also provided an overview of the upcoming 2024 – 25 season. The CYHA will not play in the CHL this season. We have decided to join the ACHC which is a new league. This change will limit the distance our teams have to travel for games. JC is finalizing the schedules for this season and post the game dates and times as the schedules are confirmed.

House Commissioner Report: Justin provided a recap of the 2023 – 24 House League season. Our enrollment reached an all-time high of 150 players. We also successfully introduced several other changes for House League last season such as the adjusting the play clock rules to maximize playing time, the implementation of a new format for the End of Season Tournament, and the addition of monthly skills sessions with Coach Blair. We also saw strong Spring League participation within our organization last season.

Justin also provided an overview of the upcoming 2024 – 25 season and introduced further program enhancements we will see this season. These include the introduction of monthly goalie training, continued skills sessions with Coach Blair, and the transition of the 8U division to full ice after the holiday break.

Presidents Report: Phil provided the Presidents Report to the members as acting president for the past few weeks. Phil discussed the current initiatives that the Board is currently working on which include goalie development, coaching growth, girls' hockey, and a formalized sponsorship package. Goalie development has been a focus of the board since last season. This season we will continue to offer a goalie discount program for our players. We will also be adding a second goalie coach to our travel program as well as introducing goalie specific training to our House League players. The CYHA will also be sponsoring an onsite USA Hockey Bronze Goalie clinic for our coaches.

Phil and Ryan are also working together to bring in outside coaches/organizations to give insight and knowledge to our coaches as part of our Coaching Growth initiative. The CYHA in conjunction with the Ice Palace will be hoisting Girls Hockey clinics to facilitate the growth of the women's game within our club.

We have also developed a new sponsor package which outlines various sponsorship opportunities within our club. There are several levels of sponsorship available to business in our community.

Phil also discussed the work the board has undertaken to strengthen our commitment to work in the best interest of the club as a whole and the continued development of our players. He emphasized the changes made in response to the issues faced during the 2022 – 23 season. We will continue to act in the best interest of the club, which was demonstrated in our approach to tryout shit year, and in our approach to discipline last season. This included a focus on improving the culture in and around the rink last season. This season we are focused on goalie and player development in the form of additional coaching, the investment in synthetic ice for dry land training. He also discussed our move to a new league this season. The board felt that moving to the ACHC would be more beneficial to our families over the course of the season.

Standing Committee Reports: Angela highlighted the urgent need for a volunteer to fill the Safe Sport Coordinator position. This position is required by CAHA for all member organizations. She asked any interested members to reach out to her for more details.

New Business

- **On-line Voting:** Chris provided an overview on an on-line voting platform called Simply Voting that the board is reviewing as an alternative to our current in-person paper elections. Simply Voting is an on-line secure voting platform with full security/auditing capabilities. It provides multimedia ballots with candidate profiles, images, bios, etc. which can be sent to our members electronically. It also provides a CYHA specific voting website with individual logins for our members and anonymous ballot submission. Additionally, election results are available to all members and can be published on our voting website. Moving our elections over to an electronic system will enable CHYA members greater access to voting during our elections while remaining in compliance with our bylaws.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.