

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
September 3, 2025 6:30pm  
Sanford Conference Room – SCHEELS IcePlex

President Chun Chan called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Elliot Hitt (Treasurer), John McCollister (Secretary), Sam Everson (Past President), and Leah May (Travel League Director). Spencer Wrightsman (Development Director) joined the meeting via Zoom. Quorum was present. Lindsay Fenton and Cherry Hunter (Director of Operations) were also in attendance. Jenn Warren (Vice-President), Adam Gorra (Director of Tournaments), and Dan Houck (Director of Hockey) were absent.

**Open Forum**

Lindsay Fenton noted ideas regarding PeeWee team divisions and promotion of hockey.

**Secretary's Report** – John McCollister made a motion to approve the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Elliot Hitt indicated budget will balance with the SDAHA Boys Varsity Tournament and expenses remain similar to prior seasons. SFYHA will incur some tournament fee costs due to decrease in number of travel teams and non-refundable tournament application fees.

**Director of Hockey – Dan Houck**

- Began work on practice schedule and practice allotment with Leah May. Provided comments to Leah/Cherry on latest version
- Worked on tournament modifications with Leah May for Squirt travel
- Participated in three team SD zoom calls.
- There will be a proposal going to the Fall SDAHA Meeting revolving around Team SD girls having two weekends carved out in the SDAHA winter game schedule to participate in showcase type events during the season starting 2026
- Attended Aug 26 HS Geo Pre-Season skates
- Worked on logistics of Haley Skarupa camp with SIP. Found a LF parent to help w/ content for posters, social media, etc.
- Email and social media regarding September 25 Coaches Development Session sent out
- We have over 60 coaches registered for SFYHA which is way ahead of where we have been in the past
- Composed letter to SDAHA PW Competition Committee for Chun for team placement which was denied.
- Worked on modifications to tournament schedule for PW w/ Leah May
- SQ Blue Information Zoom details sent out and information on additional tryout/program details
- Starting work on Coaching Salaries/Contracts for HS Coaches with Cherry and Chun
- Action Items-we need to get the link/registration up for the Haley Clinic on 11/1 and 11/2. I expect to have something in hand this week to get to Cherry to be sent out.

**Admin Update – Cherry Hunter**

- Fundraiser Options: Raffle ready to go? Tickets ordered? List of Prizes? – Spencer is working to finalize
- Sponsors secured – Culligan practice jerseys and Let's Try Hockey is Les Schwab. Croxice Dividers? Water Bottles ordered for Property Care? Cherry will invoice all croxice divider advertising. Spencer noted he has ordered the water bottles for Property Care.
- Stampede Donation – Funds for Merchandise sales help and Mite Falls Freeze ticket sales contribution received.
- Projected High School geo split for incoming completed. Families notified may be some adjustment pending team tryouts

- SFFSC has submitted cheerleader logo options. Wendy Quam is coordinating project
- Registration open for Squirt Blue non SDAHA team tryouts
- Bodhi Giedd appeal approved for Player Transfer from Brandon to SFYHA.
- Practice Jerseys – Coach Houck would like reversible practice jerseys. Target for this season is the HS boys.
  - Last year's cost per jersey with screening - \$13.44
  - Bids for reversible jersey with screening - 75 jerseys
    - General Sports - \$26.44 (Flyers logo on the front with shoulder corner logo on the front for Culligan)
    - Rebound/Am Ink - \$31.86 (Flyers logo on the front with Culligan on back yoke as in the past)
    - \$5.42 per jersey difference for total of \$406.50
    - Sam Everson made a motion to order reversible jerseys from Rebound/American Ink. Motion seconded and passed.

### **Director Reports**

- ✓ Director of Travel League – Leah May: Squirt Blue tryout dates/times have been determined. Work continues on the Practice Schedule – only on version 3 😊 and tournament updates. Creating a month by month list of responsibilities as Travel League Manager to pass to the next Director of Travel League.
- ✓ Director of Development – Spencer Wrightsman: No traction with Pure Hockey. Working on a couple bank grants for 2026 through Bank Midwest & Service First.

### **Presidents Report – Chun Chan**

- Attending Northern Plains Meeting in Deadwood September 5-7. Possible reduction on Tier 1 team allotments.
- SDAHA Meeting is Sept 13 in Watertown. Chun, Jenn, and Cherry attending. Proposals have not been received – but are minimal. Four playdown requests at the Bantam level received.
- Request submitted request to host one PeeWee A, two PeeWee B and one PeeWee C teams for the upcoming season. Rationale for the request was presented to the SDAHA Restructure Committee. Request denied – SFYHA will host two PeeWee A and two PeeWee B teams for the 25-26 season.
- PeeWee League: There will be two divisions in each league with 4 top skilled teams and the next skilled teams. The PeeWee teams will play 18 games this season.

### **Agenda Items:**

Flyers Expansion Project – Jerry Fromm & Derek Berg have not received any updates. IcePlex management has indicated the parking lot should be open by start of the Flyers regular season. The asphalt in the north portion of the lot will need to be resurfaced.

Flyers Fall Kick-Off – Sunday, September 14 from 1-4pm at the IcePlex. Board members are needed to assist/work the event. Leah & Chun are available. Other board members are attending part of the event.

Haley Clinic – The event will be hosted Nov 1-2 at the IcePlex. Need to figure expenses & build registration link. Focused registration will be with the Flyers membership. Goal will be to host 60 girls with suggested registration fee at \$120 per player.

Equipment Swap – Board members discussed the need for an Equipment Swap. Suggested online operation or a “trunk sale.” Webmaster Jordan Gillis will be asked about online operation.

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To Motivate, Inspire and Encourage Athletic Participation and Good Health through Ice Sports*

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

NEXT MEETING

**WEDNESDAY – October 15, 2025 6:30 pm**

Sanford Conference Room at the IcePlex

Respectfully submitted,  
Cherry Hunter  
SFYHA Director of Operations

Adopted September 20, 2025 by oral resolution at meeting written correspondence  
(Date) (Circle one)