



**SAHOF Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: Monday, January 22, 2024**  
**Meeting Time: 7:30pm to 8:30pm**

**Present – Stephen Lynch, Jeffrey Wood, Paul Esdale, Jeff Novotny, Lori Demeyer, Peter Worrell, Jeff Ning, Andy Fischer, Mimi Sellian, Freddy Eaton, , Josh Dreith, Ray Burtoff, , Marc Friedman, Tony Lessel, Matt Janusz, Jim Haverstrom, Sean Corbin, Nicklas Lindberg, Shirin Rustomji**

**Meeting Called to Order – Stephen Lynch at 7:30p.m.**

- 1) **SFHL – Jeff Ning –**
  - a) Teams are getting registered for State Finals.
    - i) Schedules of games will be coming out in the coming days
    - ii) Jeff will coordinate with Josh and Matt for High School
    - iii) If anyone wants to help please let Jeff know.
- 2) **Boys Player Development –** Invites sent out to those that played last year and to Alliance players
  - a) Steve extended the invitation to all Hockey Directors to submit their most talented players
  - b) As of today – almost filled – next year might have to do an open skate along with the invite;
  - c) Only limited availability remains.
- 3) **Girls Player Development –** May 10-12 – process will likely be in the same process as last year
  - a) Jane attending USA Hockey meetings this weekend and will update us all.
- 4) **Disciplinary –** Ray is working on putting together a list of issues that have occurred over the last two years in an effort to analyze the data in an effort to help with consistency of discipline.
  - a) There are a number of recent reports of spectator behavior – there was updated information sent out regarding spectator misbehavior and that there will be consequences for misbehavior.
  - b) For those entrusted with being in the penalty box – penalty box attendants may have more severe consequences for any misbehavior as they are held to a higher standard.
- 5) **SafeSport –** there are a significant number of complaints that come through the SafeSport badge that are not SafeSport issues.
  - a) **Vetting the complaints takes a significant amount of time**
  - b) Is there a way to have a parent friendly view – form to educate on our website - Ray Jim and Shirin to get together to develop some informational literature.
- 6) **Neck Guards –** along with our January 1, 2024 – it is understood that USA Hockey will be implementing this as a rule for all Affiliates.

- 7) **Boca Ice Fine Arts** – Kings – they had a team that folded and players were forced to move and or lost their opportunity to play
  - a) Steve is getting complaints regarding refunds as the Organization did not fulfill its obligations to the players
  - b) It is the standard practice of SAHOF to not get involved in financial disputes relating to the organizations -- Jeff Wood advised that we are not able to help at a micro level to assist each parent with an individual issue however, our remedy may be to have the organization pay a fine pursuant to the rules, if applicable.
    - i) It is up to the organization to do right by the parents.
  - c) Many Hockey Directors in the area have been approached by families of players on team that folded and expressed their frustration and have threatened litigation.
- 8) **USA Hockey Nationals** – being hosted in Wesley Chapel
  - a) We have committed to having some volunteers on Sunday
  - b) If you are interested in volunteering please let Steve know.
- 9) **Women's Leadership Summit** -
  - a) Utica, New York
- 10) **New GDC** - Lorinda – she will be the new GDC
  - a) She will be at player development
  - b) She wants to organize clinics for organizations
  - c) Her job will be to work with Directors and Coaches to help with goal tender development.
- 11) **Meeting Adjourned** – By Motion 8:07p.m.