
SYHA June Board Meeting

Tuesday 6-2-26

Attendees: J. Hautala, D. Klotz

Agenda

1. Roll Call-Present-All Board Members present
2. Call to Order - 6:03 pm
3. Opportunity for visitors to address the Board-
 - a. J. Hautala- Gave an explanation about a potential ice bill payment issue involving confusion between different organizations, which was scheduled to be addressed during the finance portion of the meeting.
4. Approve May meeting minutes- The meeting started with administrative items including approving last month's meeting minutes, which J.Patterson moved to approve and P.Coombe seconded.
5. Reports
 - o Administration-Jacki Patterson-
 - The board discussed implementing a team manager volunteer system to address issues from last season when a team operated without a manager. J. Patterson proposed allowing parents to volunteer as team managers during player registration, with the board appointing managers based on applications rather than coaches selecting them. The board agreed to update the process so team staff cannot represent the same player, and to make volunteer opportunities more visible to coaches through the Crossbar registration system.
 - SOG's- J. Stoner also noted the need to establish that rosters will be final once the evaluation process is complete, following issues from the previous year.

- **Competitive Teams- Andy Meister**
 - The group discussed finalizing rosters after board approval and limiting player movement to safety concerns only. They agreed that A. Meister should serve as the designated player advocate to help parents navigate disciplinary processes and MOAM procedures.
 - J. Patterson proposed creating a Google Form for ice requests and cancellations to improve organization and communication, which the team supported. S. Kelleher suggested including this form in the team manager guide on the website.
 - The team discussed releasing information about head coaches and projected playing levels for next year, with J. Stoner suggesting they include a disclaimer that projections could change.
- **Developmental Programs- Pat Coombe**
 - P. Coombe provided updates on the ADM side, including the 3v3 program for 6U and 8U run by the Park District, and noted they are waiting for scheduling information for the upcoming season and finalizing the Junior Blues program.
- **House Programs-Ben Ruyle**
 - B. Ruyle proposed creating a mission statement for all coaches and the organization, which J. Stoner confirmed it already exists and can be reviewed and updated as needed.
 - B. Ruyle reported that the summer house tier program starts tomorrow with 17 signed-up participants, including 8 girls, and plans to promote the program further through farmers markets and potential free skate passes.
- **Financial Report/Register- Salam Kelleher**
 - **Check Approvals**
 - Ice Bill for April/May \$6750
 - S. Kelleher was looking into J. Hautala's question about the ice bill and if SYHA was charged for his program or not
 - **Financial-**
 - S. Kelleher updated on financial reports, stating that April reports were sent and May reports are ready,

pending brokerage account statements, and mentioned the creation of a shared folder for financial documents and reports.

- **Fall season registration**
 - The group discussed registration fees and practice schedules for upcoming tryouts and pre-skates. They agreed to maintain the current pricing structure of \$55 for tryouts only and \$110 for tryouts plus pre-skates, though J. Stoner noted they may need to adjust these amounts due to increased ice costs and the expansion to two weeks of pre-skates with four practice days per age group. J. Stoner also proposed reducing the 16U program to one night per week instead of two to make it more accessible to high school players, suggesting an hour-long session.
 - The group discussed offering goalies a 50% discount on registration fees for 10U level players and up, with J. Patterson made the motion and S. Kelleher agreed to update the registration system to reflect this change.
 - They also reviewed coaching applications, with 17 total applications received (16 unique coaches), and decided to review and assign coaches at next month's meeting in an executive session.
 - S. Kelleher mentioned she would set up registrations for ADM and house levels, and noted that team manager, treasurer, locker room monitor, penalty box, and coach registrations were already in place.
- **Marketing Report- Jessi Williams**
 - J. Williams provided updates on fundraising efforts, including a Chipotle fundraiser, plans for a State Fair parade float, and promoting a golf outing for sponsorship.
 - The group also discussed jersey ordering through a hockey supplier.
 - James Hautala asking about getting samples for sizing during conditioning.
 - The conversation ended with a discussion about raffle ticket options during registration, with a suggestion about a buyout option, though the group debated the effectiveness of this approach.

- **Communications Report- Jenny Sanderfield**
 - **Continue to promote golf outing on Facebook and assist with Google Form for ice requests.**

6. New Business

a. Pre-tryout skate/Try-Out dates

- **Plans for tryouts and pre-trial skates, with J. Stoner proposed two weeks of pre-skates instead of one week last year. They reviewed tentative dates from July 20th through August 11th and agreed to group players by age (10s/14s and 12s/16s) for both pre-skates and tryouts. The group decided to maintain current season dues at previous levels without increases, while considering a potential 50% discount for goalies and possibly adjusting pre-skate fees to \$60. They also agreed to reach out to local high school coaches, particularly Brian Mendenhall, to promote the program to high school players.**

b. Season dues

- **The group discussed season dues structure, agreeing to maintain current dues levels without increases while exploring options for 16U.**
- **Looking into adding the raffle into the dues as well**

- c. **J. Stoner announced that MOAM will transition to electronic scorekeeping using iPads at each rink, replacing paper score sheets, though J. Patterson noted they need to establish a process for charging and managing the devices.**
- d. **J. Stoner also explained the potential implementation of a fair play rule that would award points based on penalty minutes, though this would require further discussion and likely a vote from the board before being implemented.**
- e. **Checking Clinic-Discussed implementing check-in clinics for 14U and 16U groups, with J. Stoner confirming that these clinics would be included in the pre-skate costs rather than being an additional fee. They agreed that while the clinics are beneficial for all players, making them mandatory would only be appropriate if they're included in the regular fees, not if they require separate payment.**

7. Adjourned-7:36 pm

8. Executive Session-

9. Next Scheduled Meeting is July 7th@ 6pm-

