



## Camillus Youth Hockey Board Meeting

Sept 17, 2024

6:30 pm

*Asil's Pub*

### 1. Determination of Quorum

Quorum Met. Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m

Board Members Present: M. LaRocca, T. Choe, J. Heron, M. Craner, R. Thompson, B. Stalter, R. Abert, C. Sandford, T. Carvel, S. Mercurio, T. Manard, J. Moulton

Absent/Excused: K. Hayden

### 2. Open Forum

- a. No issues discussed

### 3. Acceptance Aug'24 minutes

- a. ISSUE: Accept the minutes of the August 2024 CYHA Board Meeting  
MOTION: T. Choe      SECOND: R. Abert  
DISCUSSION: none  
ACTION: Passed, unanimous

### 4. Current Financials (Jason)

Treasurer J. Heron provided a detailed overview of the previous months financial updates, as well as a comparison for several metrics, year-over-year, to provide a complete picture of our current financial standing.

- a. [Balance Sheet](#)
- b. [Profit Loss YOY](#)
- c. [Profit Loss CP](#)
- d. [Vendor Detail](#)

Per Treasurer Heron, overall revenue is down slightly compared to last year, likely due to a lag in registrations coming in. Refunds have been issued in certain cases consistent with past practice. Vanguard and Solvay Bank account are still very healthy. Our insurance policy renewed the first week of September.

A detailed discussion occurred regarding sponsorship monies, and questions that have arisen in the past. We are currently receiving pledges from annual sponsors, as well as receiving new sponsors. The question has come up as to whether sponsors can specify which team or age group receives their monies. Several examples of past practice were discussed, and the board came to the mutual agreement that sponsors could direct any funds over and above the already defined sponsorship levels to a specific team, as long as a certain amount also went to the organization. Further discussion/modification of the policy was not ruled out, if more information becomes available.

The discussion then turned to sponsor recognition. It has been an ongoing issue to get sponsors listed at Shove Park. Pres. LaRocca will further discuss this with Town of Camillus and E. Bacon to formulate a plan to better recognize sponsors of the organization.

## 5. Tabled Items

### a. Jake - Sparks Machine – J. Moulton provided following:

We are currently looking at options to purchase the commercial level Sparx Machine. The board will need to figure out a schedule, and possibly provide training on using the new machine. J. Moulton will work with R. Waters to get feelers out on interest in purchasing our current, antiquated machine. Selling the old one may prove difficult. Further discussion on the issue was tabled until the October 2024 CYHA Board Meeting.

### b. Coleen – Registration Update – C. Sandford provided an update on registrations:

All rosters are now available on crossbar. We are waiting on additional out-of-district applications to come in. We are closing Out-of-District applications for 12U and 14U divisions due to having adequate players at each level, and the need to keep space for any potential late registrations from in-district players. We are still waiting on registrations for the 18U split season. The following out-of-district applications were addressed:

E. Ryder: approved

D. Chang: approved

A. Webster: not eligible, registration fees already paid will be refunded.

## 6. New Business

- a. Steve – Snowbelt Update / Backup Snowbelt Rep- S. Mercurio provided and updated and led discussion on the following
  - i. We need to declare teams for house-per previous decisions by this board, 10U and 12U house teams will be tiered based on player ability. Both divisions are expected to field one white team and one blue team. 10U travel will once again be competing in the Gold Division. 14U house will field one blue team. 18U house will field one blue team.
  - ii. With regard to selection of the teams at the 10U/12U levels, each team will have practices the first week of the season after which teams will be selected. The goal is to have teams picked as soon as possible, while providing coaches adequate time to evaluate players abilities. We will continue to follow the ABC scale for rating players. R. Thompson and J. Moulton will coordinate team selection with coaches after the week 1 evaluation
  - iii. Mites: we are currently looking to field 6 mite teams. Teams include: 1 Red, 1 white, 3 blue, 1 6U team. We still need coaches for the blue teams. R. Abert raised the question that some members that could coach are reluctant to due to not wanting to be locked in to one team and as a result have their child not make a higher team. i.e., a coach who has a player that could play on the white team may not want to lock their child into a spot on the blue team due to head coaching responsibilities. Another board member pointed out that we may get more coaching commitments once teams are selected.  
M. LaRocca added that there is the potential for split head coaches if needed, and that the board would put out feelers for more coaching. S. Mercurio also mentioned that coaching mentorship would be valuable in getting parents who are less skilled but willing to help out, out on the ice.
- b. Rachel – Snack Bar / Parent Org./Workers/Confirmation – R. Abert provided an update on the snackbar. We currently have 10 people who are willing to work the snack bar similar to how it has been done in previous years, several are returning from last year and have proven to be reliable.
  - i. ISSUE: Approve list of snack bar attendants supplied by R. Abert for review.  
MOTION: J. Heron      SECOND: S. Mercurio  
DISCUSSION: None      ACTION: Passed, Unanimous

We then reviewed the sign up list for snack bar cash pickup. Each board member will be responsible for picking up snack bar cash and depositing it at a local Solvay Bank Location, for a two week period during the season.

The question was raised by M. LaRocca if confirmation students could use snack bar shifts as a contribution towards their community service requirement. Several parents have inquired. Per M. LaRocca, he will discuss with parents; a possible summary action by the board may be required.

- c. Division Director updates / total number of teams
  - i. Girls: S. Murphy will communicate with div directors to minimize scheduling conflicts for games/tournaments throughout the season. Girls will also get reversible jerseys w/ no names so that they can be re-used multiple seasons by different players.
  - ii. 10U: currently light on goalies for house teams.
  - iii. 12U: One player and one potential head coach coming from Skaneateles due to no house teams there.
  - iv. 14U: We have a Head Coach and Assistant coach in place for the season. Both are long time former CYHA members. They are in the process of getting the requisite paperwork completed.
  - v. 18U: all set, waiting on one more possible registration.
- d. Tredon – Central Section Meeting Review – VP. T. Choe Provided a detailed update from the most recent central section meeting.
  - i. All teams need coaches, roster, locker room monitor lists. The sooner we can submit those the better.
  - ii. All teams need a locker room monitor, preferably not the head coach.
  - iii. USA Hockey Registrar will be taking weekends off and so will not be available from Friday at 5:00 pm until Monday morning.
  - iv. Travel permits need to be submitted as soon as possible
  - v. Student coaches must be 17U and cannot coach at their level. They must submit appropriate documentation
  - vi. Coaches moving up age levels need to renew foundations module

- vii. They are currently looking for organizations willing to host a level 1 coaching clinic.
  - viii. They are looking for stories for their newsletter. Contact T. Choe with further information if you have a story to share.
  - ix. DEI-Central Section has offered to come to the parents meeting to discuss DEI expectations in person, to reduce confusion.
  - x. Grow the Game Initiative- B. Stalter and T. Choe with coordinate working with Central Section on this.
  - xi. 2025 High School Tourney will be held in Binghamton.
  - xii. Organizations cannot suspend players without notice and notifying them of right to appeal.
  - xiii. Parent/Player Code of Conduct needs to be signed starting with 2025-26 season, will be included in USA Hockey Sign ups.
  - xiv. Commitment forms need to be sent back to players once documented and recorded.
  - xv. Date Change for full ice eligibility for 8U players. All CYHA 2016's will be eligible to participate in full ice.
  - xvi. Review of Tournament bound declarations: 18U, 14U, 12U travel all tournament bound.
  - xvii. T. Choe went on to review additional info from the central section meeting.
- e. Mike – M. LaRocca discussed the following issues:
- i. Ref Fees
  - ii. iPads / Electronic Score Sheets
    - 1. GameSheets not mandatory for most teams this season but recommended. Coaches will be responsible for uploading all Q games in gamesheets. A long discussion was had regarding the best way to accommodate this need and plan for the future.  
 ISSUE: Approve up to \$2000.00 from association funds to purchase tablets for the purpose of gamesheets score keeping.  
 MOTION: Craner      SECOND: T. Choe  
 DISCUSSION: These monies will cover the purchase of up to 4 tablets, as well as protective cases, charging accessories and other associated needs for the purpose of tracking games in GameSheets as required in some circumstances. Tablets will be assigned to Head Coaches of the 16U, 14U, and 12U travel teams. One additional tablet will be available for use by house teams when needed.  
 ACTION: Passed, Unanimous

- iii. ADM practice Model
    - 1. The USA Hockey ADM model will be used to schedule practices. This might necessitate having teams share ice in certain situations.
  - iv. Order Pucks (black and blue)
    - 1. 50 black pucks and 50 blue pucks have been ordered in addition to what we currently have on hand.
  - v. Communication with Scheduler (Directors / Coaches)
    - 1. Coaches Meeting will be held at Shove Park at 7:00p.m. on 10/1 and 10/10.
    - 2. Communication w/ scheduler will be reviewed at the meeting. Division directors should contact the scheduler directly with any issues.
  - vi. Parent Meeting at Shove
    - 1. Parents meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on 10/1 and 10/10 at Shove park. All parents must attend at least one meeting. A DEI representative from Central Section will be on hand to answer question and explain policy.
  - vii. Rink Suits Update
    - 1. Bauer rink suits are still not available through our current vendor. We will look at partnering with McKie's Sports for alternate options.
    - 2. The CYHA Store will open on 9/29 for one week. Another store will be open in time for the Christmas holidays.
- f. T. Manard provided an update on several issues:
- i. Scoreboard: Scoreboard installation is complete and went smoothly. We just received an invoice for \$26,050. With donations previously received, the total out of pocket expense to CYHA is \$24,080. Training sessions on the use of then new scoreboard will be scheduled soon.
  - ii. Late Registrations: Late registrations needing uniforms will have to wear spares and can order their own one the store opens up.
  - iii. Skate-a-thon: recommended to postpone the upcoming skate-a-thon due to early date and low sign so far. Per M. LaRocca, we will email scheduler and reschedule at a later date. Existing Skate-A-Thon time slot can be used for additional ice time for teams.

## 7. Open Forum (Items Discussed by Board)

- a. An association member present requested that Youth Long Sleeve T-shirts be

available in the store.

- b. A member requested that separate locker room space for girls be made a priority. M. LaRocca pointed out that Locker room 4 has been as the Girls Only locker room M-F until 8:00 p.m, with the community room available as overflow space.
- c. An association member present inquired if the 12U player from out-of-district would be bring a coach with them (yes) and if that coach would potentially be at the higher tiered 12U house team (no)
- d. An association member present inquired about the forms required for older players to help with coaching in younger divisions. T. Choe will provide the necessary forms.
- e. An Association member present inquired how parents can get SafeSport certified. Parents may obtain that certification through the USA Hockey Website.

#### 8. Executive Session /Adjournment

ISSUE: Adjourn meeting and move to Executive Session to discuss sensitive issues.

MOTION: M. LaRocca                      SECOND: R. Thompson

DISCUSSION: none

ACTION: Passed, unanimous

Executive Session entered at 8:01 p.m.