Siouxland Youth Hockey Association (SYHA)
Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: STF Expo Center

Board Member Attendees. Koskovich, Andersen, Nemechek, Pinney, Mills, Overgaauw, Reel, Cubellotti, Colligan

Board Member Absences. None

Guests. Becca and Ryan Heissel, Tim Green, Megan and Jason Bunce, Kayla Stroman, Jody Denney, David Jensen, Justin Sanders, Mindy Spenner

Call to Order. President Koskovich called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

August Minutes. Motion to approve. Cubellotti (Second Reel). **Motion carries.**

August Financial Report. Motion to approve. Reel. (Second Pinney). **Motion carries.**

Between Meetings:

Jerseys. Determined how to allocate the $10,000 donation from Scheels for jerseys: all players Mites through Bantams will receive 2 jerseys from the donation (extra donation money needed for Mites to have two), and all families will need to purchase the new socks. The Scheels logo will be on all the jerseys for the next three years.

Metros Assistant Coach. Hiring of Reece McDonald as an assistant coach with a $2,500 stipend. Unanimous approval over email with Pinney noting she doesn't think it's necessary with our team being the smallest it's ever been.

Committee Reports:

Registration. Still open, accepting Tykes and Mites, as well as girls and house players.

Try Hockey. Fall Beginner League: loaner gear was appreciated. More help is needed on the ice. Skaters within the association are welcome to come help.

Tryouts on Ice and Inside. NA

Tournaments. Coordinators request a tournament director to oversee and plan most of the tournament aspects. Nemechek will post a notice for interested parties.

Policy. The committee has been on hold, waiting to hear feedback from the board regarding their purpose and next steps. The hotel policy shared by Cubellotti and the liaison guidelines documents were shared for review, however, since they need to be ready soon.

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Equipment. Helmets and gloves are needed. Donation drive was an idea mentioned as well as purchasing some before the season starts.

Greens. NA

Pancake Day. Food has been ordered. Donations were reviewed. Volunteers are starting to sign up.

Fundraising. NA

SafeSport. NA

Code of Conduct. NA

Ice Schedule. Goalie dates don't work with the Musketeers' goalie coach's schedule. Discussed possible solutions including booking Tyson ice. Pinney and Sanders will work on this with clearance to schedule additional ice as necessary.

Director of Hockey Development. NA

Coaching Development. NA

Finance Committee. NA

Executive Committee. NA

Travel Teams Lead Coordinator. Coordinator meeting occurred, and coordinators have been busy getting things ready for the beginning of the season.

Registrar. NA

PCDC. NA

Volunteer Management. Liz is updating the cleared list. Locker room monitors handled per division. Pinney checking with Crossbar rep about -.5 showing up in some slots. There has been member feedback that they haven't received word about the changes. This is due to these groups registering later, and they will hear soon.

Public Comment

NA

Old Business

Hotel Policy. Removed language that was overly specific, revisions will be sent soon for approval.

Concussion Protocol. Brad will send. It will be shared with all coaches, copies placed in the IBP office, and coordinators can add it to their team meetings.

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New Business

Liaisons and Guidelines Document. This document was reviewed, approved, and is ready for sharing with liaisons which include Mindy Spenner for Mites, Kayla Stroman for Squirts, Tracey Nesbit for Peewees, and Lori Brannon for Bantams. Coordinators and board members at meetings will stress the importance of first speaking with the liaison before escalating to the board level, unless it's an immediate safety issue.

Gear Sale. A parent requested a gear sale be set up. If someone is interested in running one, the board is in support. Generally, items are donated to the organization, but if someone would like to volunteer to set up a sale site for equipment or host sale events, they can contact a board member regarding their interest.

Schedule Issues for Goalies. Squirt White is scheduled with all the goalie sessions on Tyson Wednesday nights. Pinney will meet with squirt coordinators at the beginning of the season to see if there are a couple nights we can adjust to ensure the white goalies aren't always the ones missing their team's practice.

Travel Team Fees. Discussion regarding equity in payments among teams led to agreement in distinguishing Squirt White as separate from the other travel teams, because C tournaments and other game options are harder to find. We need to monitor the number of games and teams sticking to the limits. At the next board meeting, numbers will be more clear, and we'll decide on true-up at the end of the season or simply reassessing of final payments.

Livebarn. Motion to approve LiveBarn subscription for DOHO, Metros head coach, and board at $40 per month. Mills. (Second Koskovich). **Motion carries.**

Metros Alternate Jersey. Motion to allow Metros to execute an order for alternate jerseys, pictures of which were shared at the meeting, at the cost of $48 per jersey along with socks approximately $18. Koskovich. (Second Mills). **Motion carries 8-1, Pinney opposing.**

Bantam Double Rostered Metros. At the next meeting, we'll know how many games they'll be eligible to play. They do get a substantial number of extra practices. The only expenses that increase, however, are hotel and some meal costs when they travel. Last year's fee assessed was $500.

Adjournment. President Koskovich adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.