

Shakopee Youth Hockey Association
July 9, 2025 SYHA Meeting Minutes

Members present at the meeting: Becky Benson, Jenn Holzer, Jon Radmacher, Chris Johnson, Jackie Grumish, Alicia Waits (online), Dan Woodall, Curt Zins, Scott Reed, Vanessa Breimhorst, and Erik Peterson. In addition, a group of SYHA parents joined.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by President Johnson. No conflicts to report and quorum is met.

1. Gambling update-Scott Reed: **May actual of \$38,032.22 and August Estimate of \$56,900.00. May donation of \$10,000 to SYHA and \$687.67 to SYBA. Motions made by Chris, Second by Jon. All motions passed unanimously.**
2. Scott County Fair- Becky: Becky sent Erica our license and volunteers are all set up. All shifts for volunteers have been covered. Scott County is comping all the Board parking passes this year. Vanessa and Becky will set up on Monday night and pay \$165 for volunteer parking passes. Chris will open the stand up on Wednesday. Chris has the key to the booth.
3. In-House Tournaments-Becky: Junior gold tournament is open and it sold out instantly. Dan is looking into quoting championship Biscuit Battle hats for the winners (along with trophies). Will do the same trophies as last year. Dan will report back with a quote. Still waiting on the 12s level but still undecided on what level the tournament will be as is contingent on the decision to coop with PL. May consider the championship team getting rings along with a team trophy. Becky will work on that as the tournament is slated for the first weekend of December. D6 has ok'd us to host all 3 tournaments (Jr. Gold, Mite, and 12s). We need high school to schedule ice so a date can be decided for the mite jamboree. Becky has taken over the Little Wild program from Calvin and will work with Mitch for coaches to help out. Little Wild is every Wednesday in September from 5:30-6:30.
 - a. Need to get going on registration for Mite Camp for the fall and socialize the dates.
 - b. Need to add tryouts and fall skates onto calendars and socialize these dates with the association.
 - c. Josh Barrick will turn on the dates for Mite camps, pre-skates, and tryouts.
 - d. Mitch will send out an email to get coaches.
4. Financials-Jenn: Ice bills need to be settled, both refunds and those that owe money. Need to email the people that still owe bills; Chris and Jenn will handle this. Also need to refund the injured players.
5. Fundraising-Jon: Meyer masonry is still interested in doing a level sponsorship. Rackfinity is interested in donating somewhere, either jersey space or otherwise. Affinity Plumbing and 7th avenue Pizza will both be jersey sponsors and are currently doing artwork. 7th Avenue pizza will deduct their donation from the invoice for the association pizza orders. Also exploring 7th avenue affiliate of bakery items, Chris will follow up with them. Chris met with Savage Tap and they are interested in sponsorship;

Chris will meet with them in two weeks and we will hold the September 2025 meeting. Beckey reached out to Weil orthodontics and they are in talks. Need a naming right sponsor still for the Mite Jamboree. We will keep exploring options for this. Training house will put together their pricing structure for practice shirts again this year, but not committal on funding the entire shirt purchase. The SYHA Golf Tournament is full, including sponsors except the hole-in-one. The Board will have the same insurance in place for hole-in-one at the tournament.

6. Try Hockey for Free-Erik: Need to send an association-wide email to request people to donate used youth hockey gear. Also will send a request for additional coaches. Need to build a list for potential coaches and also create a list of equipment needs and sizes. Erik and Vanessa will handle this.
7. HDC-Jon: Numbers update: Squirts have 43 total players; Rookie mites 6; Peewee 38 players; m3-m4/8U 22 players; Mite 2 16 players; Mite 1 22 players; Junior Gold 2 players; 15U 17 players; 12u 28 players; 10u 19 players; Bantam 48 players and 3 goalies...all (except bantam) are players and goalies combined. We need to look at uniforms differently next year so that registration is not so early. Early registration helps with planning but the early financial commitment that early is a challenge; may want to start payments due in September or October. One possibility is paying for the Jersey, which is non-refundable, at early registration date and then do payment plans later in the fall. Placeholder for further discussion.
 - a. D6 proposals-Boys squirts Upper A (Tonka/Edina/Chaska/PL) and Lower (EP Shako, Jefferson, Waconia) A. Play 12 association games with only 4 games the Upper A teams and fill out the schedule with additional tournaments. Upper A is set on all D6 teams fielding an A team. Last year's Squirt C teams were probably not a great idea.
 - b. Peewee AA is the plan now.
 - c. Bantams-D6 says if you have a AA varsity high School team so we are planning on having a AA Bantam team. Plan is an AA and most likely not an A team. Team sizes are really important as last year's team sizes were not ideal. Presumably there will be 6 bantams that will play/tryout for the high school team. May need to start the discussion with D6 to push for an A team based on numbers and last year's team's results. Chris will be having a conversation with Brad at D6 regarding this. Team declarations are due 9/15/25.
 - d. PL Coop(SPL Hockey)- we met with PL last week regarding cooping at the girls level. PL board on Monday approved pursuing this potential coop with SYHA, contingent on SYHA Board voting on this matter. This topic was originally raised with respect to the 15u teams. Then the idea expanded into the 10u team. At the final meeting, the proposal would be to also consider 12u teams. PL discussed the co-oping at all levels of girls. Jaime Grossman spoke about the D6 president shake out and now both associations are unlikely to have two separate 13u teams. Would be the best players on the teams, depending on tryouts, not a split coop like was done in Bloomington a few years ago. Will not be a rainbow situation; not a quota from each association from either team. Push for this is

that this allows the kids to play at the respective levels. Need to look at this as a multiple year co-oping.

- i. Chris requested feedback from the parents. Kevin Fitzgerald spoke as his opinion is to continue as a Shakopee team. Additionally, Zac Lundbohm and Mike Moon spoke regarding concerns of this. Need to vote on the Coop tonight. Will vote on the coop in total for all teams, in the event this vote fails, we need to come back to the PLHA board with alternatives.
 - 1. **Jon makes a motion to Co-op with PL for girls hockey for ages 15u, 12u, and 10u. In favor of- Jon, Chris, Curt, Becky, Jenn, Dan, Alicia, and Erik. Oppose: Vanessa. Motion passes 8-1.** Next up will be aligning communication with both Association families. Many details to figure out now, including but not limited to, timing, names, scheduling, logistics, Dryland, icebills, DIBS will remain separate, registration, fundraising, committee formation for the joint board, jerseys. Chris will call Brad Hewitt tomorrow for D6 approval.
 - a. Will need to figure out preskates and tryouts and communicate to Josh.
 - ii. HDC Applications: 7 applicants for HDC members plus may be an additional application on Friday. 3 for girls, 1 coaching coordinator, 2 boys coordinator, and a goalie coordinator. Applications close 7/15/25.
- 8. Away Tournaments-Dan: Will need to address any changes with potential tournaments, including the co-op teams with PL.
- 9. President Update-Chris: Need to get into the surveys and each Board member needs to take away 3 items from the surveys that we would like to see addresses.
 - i. Chris will hold a meeting with Josh tomorrow regarding the ice coordinator role.
 - ii. Discretionary Waivers- 3 PL families, live in Shakopee but attend PL schools, that have attempted to waiver out to PL at mites. School waivers are not to be granted but is this a situation to look into and as a board feel that this waiver should be granted as PL has done the same for 3 PL families that play in SYHA.
 - b. Butch and Moses are in again for Saturday afternoons, every Saturday all year for M1 and M2 and varies for M3 and M4 as last year was too much. More to come on this. Same hourly rate of instruction as last year.
 - c. Need to have the conversation with Devenir regarding the contract for goalie services. Chris will initiate this.
 - d. Meeting with training haus on 7/28 regarding the upcoming year.
 - e. Motions for concession items will be coming in the upcoming week.
 - f. Working on new foods, roller brats, taquitos, etc.
- 10. Open Discussion-

- a. Erik volunteered to sell old intermediate goals after the new goals in the storage room are restrung.
 - b. Still ongoing discussion regarding Hockey Day MN distribution of funds. Nothing concrete yet but may be held in trust rather than one-time distribution. Money has been moved to a high interest bearing account in the mean time.
 - i. May lead to a new score board in rink one but lots to iron out before then.
 - c. UHG sponsor check should be at the PO Box for the Mite sweatshirts.
11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:12pm. Next meeting 7/29 at the Bowl at 6.