

Duluth Girls Hockey Association Board of Directors – Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: 05/22/2024 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Ridgeview CC

Attendance: Judd Medak, James Hoppe, Bill Whiteside, Jenny Jaspersen, Kevin Evans, Mike Kovala, Kyla Ekstrom, Jacob Kalizewski, Ashley Hirt, Ali Randall

Agenda items

1. President Update – Judd

- Approval of April Minutes Mike Kovala motions to approve April minutes, second by Kyla Ekstrom
- Next Meeting Date is scheduled for June 26 at 7:00 at the OP. Judd will reserve the room with the OP.
- “Season Tracking Spreadsheet” review – see handout. Revive the “Vanessa” spreadsheet to track monthly tasks for the board/association
- Updated Board Role and committee structure spreadsheet update – see handout. Executive team will work on updating DGHA bylaws to reflect changes to board/positions.
- 10 A/B update - DAHA approves our request to move to an A/B model at the 10U level
- Open board positions include 15U coordinator as well as 2 At Large board positions

2. Vice President Update – Ashley

- Recruitment, Events & Scholarship - will work with James to get scholarship money to the recipient. Putting together a committee to plan for 30th anniversary events for next season. Working with the Duluth Grill family of restaurants to sell coupon books outside of restaurants. A number of community events planned with various donations and fundraising opportunities. Reaching out the HS teams about being involved with these events as well.
- D11 Meeting Update and Hot Topics Discussed - new guidance from MN Hockey regarding early move ups at 8/10U levels. Removing restrictions on squirt/10U to travel outside of the district for games. IB were approved for 12 teams per level for the tournament. Ref fees going up 5% for 2024-25 season.

3. Treasurer Report – Bill

- Financial Update - Bill and Ashley working together to make the treasurer transition.

4. Development Director Update – Mike

- Coaching Update - will contact DAHA to get coaching application updates
- Move up rule coming into effect MN hockey/D11
- rosters and coaching certifications need to be finalized by December 15th

5. Level Coordinator Check-in – Kyla, Kevin, Crystal

6. Secretary and Communications Update - James

- finalize registration for 6-8U camp and send out to all DAHA girls participants
- new website/SE under DAHA
- money to scholarship recipient Ella McCarthy

7. Equipment and Apparel Update - Jenny

- work with James on 10,001 shot charts/shirts. Working with Ashley to manage inventory.

8. Scheduling Update - Jacub

- The scheduling committee met and put together an outline of tournaments and swing games for all IB levels. Some tournaments are already open and booked.
- Registration will open June 1st for players. Additional fees for players registered after July 31st.

9. Tournament Update – Pres/VP/Committee

- approved to have 12 teams at each age level. Ice time is getting booked.

New Business /Old Business - Duluth Northern Stars Coach Ali Randall updated the board on program numbers for the 2024-25 season

Kevin makes a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jacub seconding.