

SYHI Board Minutes

October 2, 2024 at 7pm

Location: Saratoga Rec Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave

Attendees: Chatham, Guyette, Hanson, Kernan, Kauth, MacNaughton, Comora, Ellis, Kelly

Virtual: Bradford, Garrett

Absent: Eddy, Ely, Hunt, Mulledy

Overview

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Hanson called for approval of the [September Minutes](#), MacNaughton motioned, Kelly seconded, and all were in favor.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - i. The committee met, all topics will be covered within committee reports.
 - b. Finance
 - i. Provided an overview of the financials.
 - ii. A question was raised regarding skills, and whether the \$1k was allotted to 8URWB as one team. Historically it has been.
 - c. Governance
 - i. Did not meet, will meet in advance of the November meeting.
 - d. Marketing + Communications
 - i. Social media focus will be directed at elevating LTP registration (currently 25 are registered) and the November 2nd season kick-off event.
 - ii. The committee is still flushing out details around season sponsorships and will provide more details at the next meeting.
 - iii. Kernan provided a high-level overview of 26 responses received back from the summer programming survey that was issued. Key areas of

improvement were: the balance of 3v3 teams and goalie assignment and smaller groupings for the skating sessions with Coach Randall. Agreement that an end-of-season survey should be developed and implemented.

- iv. The Committee will begin to explore 50th Anniversary celebration planning.

e. Scheduling + Facilities:

- i. A new process for requesting ice for practices, games, and for swapping with other teams has been implemented. Given the limited availability of ice, it is hard to grant new requests for ice but all efforts are being made to support teams with those requests. 8U pre-season skate has been set for 10/25, and placed in crossbar.
- ii. Renovations to the snack bar are underway, intending to have the snack bar up and running by the 14U tournament. One open item for finance is finalizing a new POS system. In addition to snacks and beverages, will also look to sell helmet stickers, neckguards, and mouthguards.
- iii. The signup sheet for working the snack bar for Skidmore and High School hockey games has gone out to all team managers, but not every team has signed up. Will recirculate.

f. Coaching + Player Development

- i. Provided an overview of the topics that will be raised at the upcoming coaches meeting including but not limited to: locker room attendant requirements, reporting requirements (including game misconducts), the need to hold a parent meeting and ensure parent input into the travel structure of the season, and the process for submitting a skills plan to the CPDC by December 31st.
- ii. Preparations for mites are close to being final. Will need volunteers off-ice to help during placements.
- iii. The committee raised the challenges around Coaching requirements. Recommendation that some time be spent identifying ways to reduce that challenge for next season. General agreement that moving forward the

organization needs to clearly communicate that coaches are unable to be on the ice without all of their requirements in, and no games can be played without a USA Hockey roster which requires a head coach to be eligible for the roster. Organizationally set a clear deadline for coaches and deny early ice if coaching requirements have not been met. It was raised, that the process under a prior registrar, allowed teams to be on the ice in November and December without a USA Hockey-approved roster. Kelly raised that every coach that went through the interview process, received an email that outlined all of the requirements and steps needed to meet. Kernan recommended that it be raised in the interview process as well for head coaches. Ellis recommended the committee discuss further and come back to the board with some recommendations for how to make this process more streamlined for next year. The committee, via the ACE coordinator, will issue individual emails to coaches who have not met the requirements, clearly articulating what they need, and informing them that they cannot get on the ice until the requirements are met. The committee will also work with head coaches to support compliance, with both coaching requirements and player requirements (neck guard and mouth guard). A question was raised about whether supplemental insurance would provide some coverage for summer and LTP where a USA hockey roster is not necessary. This may help with volunteers, especially for LTP. MacNaughton will explore the supplemental insurance for LTP.

- iv. Identified that there is still a need for assistant coaches for 10UC. Kelly will follow up on two potentials.
- v. Reminder to encourage folks to bring concerns to the CPDC. Kelly raised a question of whether the grievance form was finalized and placed on the website. Hanson will follow up to ensure it goes on the website.

g. Girls Hockey

- i. The committee is meeting 10/3.
- ii. 26 Girls are registered, with games on 10/12, for both teams and a Girls Try Hockey event for IIHF Girls Ice Hockey Weekend.

- iii. Expect that numbers may grow in the Spring with additional girls playing in Mites.
 - iv. Fundraising
- h. Tournaments
- i. 14U tournament is set.
 - ii. Recommendation that we move forward with a paid advertisement for 12U, through Team Sports. Hanson will advance.
 - iii. Mites and 10U are positioned to be full.
4. New/Old Business
- a. No new or old business.
 - b. Kelly motioned to adjourn, MacNaughton seconded.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

- November 7th
- December 5th