

SYHI Board Minutes

September 17, 2024 at 7pm

Location: Saratoga Rec Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave

Attendees: Bradford, Chatham, Eddy, Guyette, Garrett, Hanson, Hunt, Kernan, Kauth, MacNaughton

Absent: Comora, Ely, Ellis, Hunt, Kelly, Mulledy

Overview

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. Review + Approve [August Meeting Minutes](#). Bradford motioned to approve, Hunt seconded, all were in favor.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive:
 - i. Eddy reported that EC met, the primary issue being the need to finalize 14U goaltending. A special meeting of the board was called, but a solution was reached that did not require action by the board. The solution has a goalie transitioning to 14UA, while also rostering to 14UAA to ensure every team has a primary goalie, and that the transitioning goalie can also remain eligible to play with 14UAA when possible. A communication will go out to both teams communicating the change.
 - b. Finance:
 - i. \$1770 was awarded in scholarships for the upcoming session.
 - ii. Committee budgets were reviewed and approved, with one exception. CPDC's request for \$2k in skills was replaced with \$1k (\$150 more than last year), with the option to approve additional skills requests from teams, with an emphasis on younger teams that could benefit more from the skills investment.
 - c. Governance
 - i. Did not meet, Eddy uplifted that with the bylaws and handbook recently revised, the committee will focus on the maintenance of these items.
 - d. Marketing + Communications:
 - i. The committee will meet on 9/18 to discuss sponsorships, learn-to-play (LTP) registration, and the organization's kick-off event.
 - ii. The monthly newsletter is tentatively scheduled to go out the week of September 23rd
 - iii. Continue to push programs and tournaments on social media.
 - iv. A [Summer Program Survey](#) was created to solicit feedback from attendees. The intent is to use this survey as a guide to develop and issue a survey at the end of the season and other future programs to provide a formal feedback loop for members. Following a positive review of the proposed survey, Guyette committed to sending it out to families who registered for summer programs.

e. Scheduling + Facilities

- i. The schedule has been finalized. Will need clock assistance for the 18U showcase games on September 21st and 22nd. Guyette will send an email to the membership.
- ii. 16U showcase on the 28th + 29th may need similar assistance.
- iii. Eddy highlighted a new process for managing incoming schedule requests + changes. All requests come through a Google form, which will ensure the tracking all requests in one place.
- iv. Facilities: Eddy presented a proposed budget and renderings for a renovation to the snack bar. This will be the first time in approximately 30 years that the snack bar will be renovated. No concerns were raised, and a budget of \$20k was unanimously approved for the project.
- v. Three iPads will be available for teams to use Gamesheets for home games this season. Will place a lock box in the music room in Weibel where team managers can access the iPads. It was suggested that the organization also solicit iPad donations. Guyette offered to issue a reminder of the gear swap on September 22nd and ask for iPad donations.
- vi. Eddy announced that January 10th will be Youth Hockey Night with Skidmore.

f. Coaching + Player Development

- i. Main focus of the committee is ensuring the coaches are all credentialed and prepared for the upcoming season.
- ii. The coaches' meeting is set for October. Will require skills requests be submitted to CPDC by December 31st
- iii. Registration is active for Learn to Play. Garrett will organize a meeting with Randall and other on-ice help. Following that meeting Hanson will lead onboarding of off-ice lead for the program. Gear for LTP will need to be purchased by mid-October. Discussion and decision to purchase a few gear kits if needed.
- iv. The next big tasks for the committee will be to work on outlining coaching selection process and tryout process for next year

g. Girls Hockey

- i. 25 girls are registered for the wrap program - just over the expected goal.
- ii. The committee is running a Girls Try Hockey event on 10/12 to coincide with the IIHF Girls Hockey Weekend. 10/12 U girls will play the Ice Cats. Still looking for an opponent for 8U.
- iii. Plan is to schedule a trip to a PWHL game and spring tournaments.

h. Tournaments

- i. 14UAA and A is filled, still working on B. Will make a final decision on that division on 9/20.
- ii. Need to add teams for 12UAA and C. Decision to pay to boost that tournament.

4. New/Old Business

- a. None

5. With no further business, Eddy motioned to adjourn, and Garrett seconded. All were in favor.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- October 2nd
- November 7th
- December 5th