

SYHI Board Minutes

March 6th, 2025 at 7pm

Location: Rec Center, Vanderbilt Ave, Saratoga Springs

Attendees: Bradford, Comora, Eddy, Garrett, Hanson, Kauth, Kelly, MacNaughton, Mulledy

Virtual: Chatham, Ely, Guyette,

Absent: Eddy, Hunt, Kernan

Overview

1. The meeting was called to order. Kelly called for approval of the February Minutes. Ellis seconded and all were in favor.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance:
 - i. Provided an overview of the financials. Areas of financial loss include ice, tournaments, and learn to play. Question raised regarding the deficit related to tournaments this year. Recommendation is to budget differently moving forward for tournaments. Question raised about whether we should limit our tournaments to 8U, 10U + 12U next year, and support 14U with a travel tournament stipend. For future discussion.
 - ii. Provided an overview of pricing for 2025-26 season. Question raised regarding Mites House schedule and pricing. Recommendation is to provide 3 sheets of ice and skills, and reflect in the pricing.
 - iii. Quickbooks will be adopted next fiscal year to support budgeting.
 - iv. MacNaughton will recirculate pricing with the goal to launch registration in the next few days.
 - b. Executive:
 - i. Provided an overview of recent committee meeting.
 - ii. Hanson motioned to gavel into executive, Garret seconded. Executive session concluded at 7:37.
 - iii. No other EC business.
 - c. Governance
 - i. Election process is underway. Applications are due March 16th.
 - ii. Final approval on 2025-26 bylaws and player handbook changes will be brought to the board for formal approval in April.
 - d. Scheduling + Facilities
 - i. Tryout dates are set and being communicated.
 - ii. Additional 8U house ice for skills was secured.
 - iii. Girls wrap will run through the first weekend in April and that will conclude programing until summer programs.
 - iv. MacNaughton recommended booking summer ice Monday-Thursday 6-9.

- e. CPDC:
 - i. Preparing for tryouts. Interviews have been completed for 10U and 12U. Ensured 5 people on each selection committee and took into account the survey feedback in the process. The selection of 14U and 16U coaches is next.
 - ii. A number of open questions remain regarding the structure for 16U next season. Registration numbers will help the organization gain a better sense of format..
 - iii. Ellis raised that a few questions have come up about the process for determining the level of teams, when there are 4 teams at an age level. Agreement that the selection committee will make that determination, based on the skill on the ice during tryouts. Recommendation that we communicate this out clearly to families with information on season expectations around start time, number of games, tournaments etc.
 - iv. Recommendation that the organization post on FB and Instagram that SYHI is seeking goalies for the upcoming season, especially 2012 and 2011 birth year goalies for the upcoming season and mention paid goalie skills or to reach out to VP of Operations for more information.

- f. Girls:
 - i. Wrap begins back on 3/10. 10/12 has a double header and 8U has a jamboree scheduled.
 - ii. 4 10/12U and 2 8U teams have registered for the Spring tournament, need to finalize the schedule.
 - iii. Continue to have interest in the program.
 - iv. An in-person meeting is in the works for planning out the summer and future programming opportunities.
- g. Marketing + Communications:
 - i. Next newsletter will be released in March, then a break until June, and then re-commence in August.
 - ii. Will boost social media posts to promote tryouts.

- 3. New Business:
 - a. NYSAHA North Section meeting on April 6th, need to determine who will be in attendance.
 - b. League Updates: Mulledy said the league will be debriefing the season, if folks have feedback. Kelly raised the need to better balance the blue level. Recommendation was to look at MHR from prior year to help balance where teams are placed, since there is not much deviation year to year.
 - c. Melinda requested ice for pre-skate prior to tryouts for 14U, given there is 7 weeks off between when practices end, and the tryout dates. Agreement to add two slots.
- 4. Adjourned: Kelly motioned, Ellis seconded, all were in favor.