

SSYHA Board Meeting Minutes
March 26th, 2025 – 12:00 pm
1901 Pine Grove Rd, Ste 101

- I. **Present:** Kerry Shea (KS), Dana Patten (DP), Jen Spelshaus (JS), Jeff Walsh (JW), Sean Benderly (SB), Jeff Rodriguez (JR), and Jason Lacy (JL). Also present were staff Ryan Dingle (RD), Jake Werner (JBW), and Ally Gray (AG).
- II. Call to Order – 12:09 - KS
- III. Approve February Minutes
 - a. SB motions to approve, JL seconds
 - b. Minutes approved
- IV. Public comment, if any, for items not on the agenda.
 - a. Please limit public comment to 3 minutes per person.
 - i. No public comment
- V. Financials – DP
 - a. Income
 - i. 20k in hockey registrations – 19k budgeted
 - ii. Increase in donations
 1. Chicks with Sticks - Will be transferred to the endowment fund
 2. Small donation to the HIP fund
 - b. Expenses
 - i. Ice expense – 19k
 1. Combination of practice ice and CGHL playoff ice
 - a. CGHL cost be offset by league ice expense sharing
 - ii. Ref fees & tournament away expenses – Under budget - KS
 1. Ref fees – budget is set before schedules, so estimates can be off based on number of games hosted
 2. Tournament expenses – Ended up having two less away tournaments on the Girls side, plus less teams attended States than previous years
 - c. Accounts
 - i. CD's – Rolled over one with Alpine, and another with Raymond James
 1. Rates are dropping as would be expected
 - d. Taxes
 - i. Paul still hung up on the YVCF fund P&L
 1. First answer to his question wasn't satisfactory
 2. Paul planning to follow up with their bookkeeper
 - ii. Our taxes need to be filed by April 15th

VI. Director's Report – RD

- a. Adele banquet
 - i. Thanks to Ally for taking the lead this year
 - ii. Sounded like a fun night, and on schedule this year
 - iii. Thanks to Jen, Sean and Kerry for chipping in on pizzas for the girls
 - iv. Awards to be given to coaches for distribution
- b. End of Season Happy Hour
 - i. Managers, Sponsors, Coaches, Board Members invited
- c. Association Communications
 - i. Survey – Reminders sent out
 - ii. Board Nominations - open
 - iii. Season recaps
 - iv. Player intentions survey for next season
 - 1. Focus on 10U Coed, 10U Girls and 14U intentions
- d. Yard Signs & Championship Banner
 - i. Yard signs placed for 19U Girls
 - ii. Championship celebration at Howelsen with 19U Girls and HS Boys
- e. Scholarships/Van De Carr
 - i. Still working to iron out details on how to memorialize Pete
 - ii. As of today, only one scholarship received from HS - JBW
 - 1. Possible that more applications are out there – KS
 - 2. Interviews to be scheduled before Spring Break
- f. Spring House League
 - i. 175 registrations up from 159 last year
 - ii. Looking to expand to an additional ice slot next year
- g. WCHL/CGHL
 - i. League Cost Reconciliation
 - 1. Paid about \$5000 shared cost for WCHL last season, estimating similar amount this year
 - 2. CGHL – Already paid a deposit on league costs, may have money coming back based on hosting playoffs
 - ii. Glenwood
 - 1. Removed from WCHL after two seasons on probation
 - 2. Will have competition agreement going forward
- h. Mountain Select
 - i. Spring tryouts this coming weekend in Grand Junction

VII. Board Seat Updates

- a. Survey responses
 - i. Have received 61 responses so far, survey still open for a few more weeks
 - ii. Overall responses/ratings positive so far
 - 1. Some negative feedback as well, mostly about expected teams/topics
 - a. Discussions about some specific points of feedback

- iii. Will send out team communications to try and encourage a few more responses

VIII. Old Business – KS

- a. Second Sheet
 - i. Received approval to sit down with city to renegotiate the fundraising agreement
 - 1. Expectation is for the city to come to the table with a commitment of funds from the beginning
 - 2. Timeline may be late Summer for agreement to be finalized
- b. High School Girls Hockey
 - i. Ongoing discussion about how to potentially transition with CPHL on the Girls side
 - ii. Also looking to have a conversation with school district about recognizing the 19U Girls team as a Varsity sport.
 - iii. Would take multiple years to fully transition to CHSAA
- c. Annual Presentation
 - i. PowerPoint slideshow for the Spring General Membership Meeting
 - 1. Data being collected to include in presentation
- d. CAHA
 - i. Conversations at State level about having all teams in one of the two main league
 - ii. Elections upcoming for CAHA, President likely stepping down

IX. Next Month's Meeting

- a. April 16th – Noon
- b. Spring General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, May 7th

X. Adjournment – 1:38pm – KS