

SSYHA Board Meeting Minutes
January 22nd, 2024 – 12:00 pm
1901 Pine Grove Rd, Ste 101

- I. **Present:** Kerry Shea (KS), Dana Patten (DP), Jen Spelshaus (JS), Sean Benderly (SB), Jeff Rodriguez (JR), and Jason Lacy (JL). Also present were staff Ryan Dingle (RD), Jake Werner (JBW), and Ally Gray (AG). **Absent:** Jeff Walsh (JW).
- II. Call to Order – 12:06 - KS
- III. Approve December Minutes
 - a. DP motions to approve, SB 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. Advertising, vending machine, merchandise sales
 - b. Expenses
 - i. Coaching stipends - \$35k total
 - ii. Camps and Clinics – \$18k total
 1. Scotty, ATA and Goalie clinics and coaching
 - iii. Home tournament expenses
 1. Ref fees and ice
 2. First year being able to breakout these fees
 - iv. General ice fees - \$13k
 1. Games and practices
 - c. Audit
 - i. Proceeding as expected, no significant update
 - ii. Hoping to be completed before ‘tax season’
 - d. Taxes
 - i. Prep still ongoing, no significant update
- VI. Director’s Report - RD
 - a. Mid-Season Survey
 - i. Generally positive feedback and scores, with a couple of small points of feedback that can be addressed with specific individuals and teams
 1. 4.3/5 overall satisfaction with SSYHA experience
 - ii. Discussion of specific feedback from the survey as it relates to specific teams, coaches and individuals

- iii. Survey process was successful with feedback and comments that hadn't been given through other means that are worth addressing
- b. Coaching issue
 - i. Discussion of an incident with a coach that was brought up externally and is still being looked into
 - ii. No incident report was filed. It was also not mentioned in the Mid-Season survey
- c. Player Updates
 - i. New practice player on the 10U Girls team
 - 1. Conversion from the Intro program
 - ii. Potential new practice player/player on the 14U A team
 - 1. Player had previously been a player in the association at younger age levels
- d. Vail MLK Tournament
 - i. 15U Tournament didn't have enough entries, so entry fee was refunded
 - 1. Still ended up with 2 scrimmages that weekend instead of the tournament
 - ii. 19U Girls - Tournament Champions
 - iii. This tournament is not expected to happen next year based on the low number of entrants as well as the lack of available ice
- e. Grizz Cup – Utah Tournament Feedback
 - i. Majority of feedback has been positive
 - 1. Levels of competition were challenging but fair for all teams
 - 2. Distance between rinks isn't ideal, but overall travel was not bad and manageable
 - 3. Hotel environment was fun for kids and parents, but a little loud and unruly at times. Overall seemed pretty standard to a hockey tournament environment
 - 4. Schedule times we're spread out, which came with some benefits as well as challenges
 - 5. Tournament was well run. New opponents was positive as well.
- f. Coffee Machine
 - i. Finally signed agreement with the city
 - 1. Will pay 5% commission on gross income
- g. Goalie Gear Donation
 - i. Yamashita's donated about \$2k worth of nice goalie gear to the association.
 - 1. Added to our goalie gear inventory in the storage room
- h. Intro to Hockey Session 3
 - i. Up to 34 registrations. Had 25 for this session last year.
- i. Spring House League
 - i. Working with the city to confirm dates and times

1. Struggle to find times that don't conflict with Spring soccer and lacrosse
2. May be worth considering true Coed options that are open to both Youth and Girls players
- j. CAHA State Playoff Update
 - i. No information at the moment
 1. CAHA Board Rep that was in charge of State Tournaments resigned and they are behind on planning and preparations
- k. Mountain Select
 - i. Justine (Executive Director) is stepping down
 1. The position has been offered to a candidate but has not been officially accepted yet
 - ii. Spring MS tryouts are in Grand Junction the weekend of March 28th
- l. High School Scheduling
 - i. HS is planning to get rid of Zero hour
 1. Could potentially affect our ice schedules and availability

VII. Operations – JBW

- a. Scholarships
 - i. Distributed the application from last year for review
 1. Will distribute a shared document for edits and suggestions
 2. Planning to request confirmation from applicants to help schedule interviews
 - ii. Key Dates
 1. 2/1/25 - Applications open
 2. 3/16/25 - Applications close
 3. 5/21/25 - Scholarship night
 - iii. Plan to form a subcommittee that can attend the interviews and make the selections
 1. KS and JR confirmed

VIII. Tournaments & Events – AG

- a. Senior night for 19U Girls
 - i. Friday Jan 31st
- b. Adele Banquet
 - i. March 3rd
 - ii. Space confirmed – Community Center
- c. Mite Jamboree
 - i. Positive weekend overall
 1. Really strong concessions and apparel sales
 2. Good local participation – Oak Creek and Craig
- d. Lodging partners
 - i. 2 potential new partners

IX. Old Business

- a. Second Sheet Update
 - i. User group quarterly meeting last week
 - 1. Dobson rink being under construction will increase rink usage even more over the Summer
 - 2. Meeting with Mike Buccino next week for further discussion
 - b. CAHA
 - i. No updates from CAHA Girls subcommittee
 - 1. Zero communication from Brian Smith (President)
 - c. Chix with Sticks Donation Update
 - i. Follow up meeting with Abby about potential usage for the funds
 - d. Mentorship Program
 - i. 19U's working with the 12U's to mentor at practices
 - 1. Also working to coordinate with Lift Up for those two teams to help there as well
- X. Next Month's Meeting
- a. Monday, February 24th
- XI. Adjournment - KS
- a. 1:47pm