

Minutes 10/4/2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 by Jared McCarty.
Board welcomes all guests.

Board accepts two resignations of the SYHA
President and VP of Communications. The board
accepted both in unanimous fashion.

Jared McCarty noted that all 116 travel players had
the best interests of the SYHA to accommodate the
bests interests of the teams.

The audience asked a question about why a player's
name was talked about by a specific name during a
July board meeting.

The board was also asked why Tiffiany was asked to
resign and who requested that she step down.

The board then was asked why a player was selected for a certain team and his hockey family would or wouldn't be choose. A specific players name who's guardian was not in attendance was brought up by a member of the audience.

The discussion then turned to the SYHA social media policy and it was read aloud. For the guest to hear. Jackie read the entire communication policy and who it applies too and where it applies on what social media policy. And what the repercussions would be for breaking the policy.

The board was asked about a specific violation of the board policy, and it was noted that the policy was addressed with the person who broke the policy and the post was taken down.

Members were also asking about the why moving players up to another team took so long – even as players were in the process of moving up. And why five players were left off travel hockey rosters when there was a possible team for them to play on.

Miller then talked about the hockey community that they wanted to join and why they were wanting to be part of the SYHA and have their children play.

Brandon Cullen – informed the crowd the Missouri Hockey Association was giving the SHYA direction and guidance on how the board should be moving forward with a Bantam team leaving to try and play independent for the 2021-2022 season.

Jeff Stoner addressed the board as a 12U coach.

He wants to address how he has seen the association from his viewpoint. Stoner says he's been happy to have the opportunity to be involved in youth hockey and the passion that he has as a coach for the sport. But he feels that behind closed door deals have been made about where players wind up and how teams are picked. Jeff says that he has noticed the board has changed the process for selecting the teams over the past few seasons and he appreciates that. And wants the association to

focus strongly on player development as few players will even make a college roster.

Jeff says that parents have too much control about where players are currently rosters and too much griping is going on as to what family is getting compared to another. He's asking for the board to continue to make the best decisions for the players and says there should be a zero tolerance for anyone who berates, yells at or directs anger at a board member or other members of the SHYA community.

Brian Davis – addressed the board about a private meeting of board members ahead of the current board meeting. Brian notes that by his feeling this meeting is out of order and should not be allowed to move forward. That the meeting can not be held without a sitting President.

And the bylaws aren't written clearly to allow the meeting to continue.

The September meeting minutes were approved.

The Goalie Clinic from 3E goalie clinic will not be moving forward because his contact with the SHYA never moved to a confirmed status to establish him to be here twice a month.

Admin update: The schedule is set for the Midget team, the other teams are being slotted for the rest of the travel teams, teams will be presented the option to purchase retro jerseys, raffle ticket sales are going well. Becky Douglas asked that the board consider allowing teams to host a dec game during the next season.

The Capitol City Freeze is not a reality this year given the fact that there is no official tournament director, that few teams have reached out to see if the tournament is up and running. Becky Douglas would like the SHYA to consider having Decatur brought in on the process and we could perhaps a host a tournament between the two associations.

The board is still actively looking for a tournament director for the Capitol City Freeze.

Competitive Teams:

We have three squirt teams, two pee wee teams and two bantan teams and one midget team and they have either started their seasons or began dec season.

Jeff Stoner asked a question about trying out for an upper team and why players and families were asked to pay for two tryouts.

ADM

Learn to play started on Saturday and 6U and 8U has started playing games, even noted that Afton came to Springfield to play. In Learn to Play one of the Park District employees is working hard at getting involved in the program and improving it.

HOUSE

House started scrimmages this weekend, they are selling raffle tickets. And 41 kids are in the house program.

FINANCE

Registration is almost open, the dues are approved by the board and ready to start with the crossbar

app. Head coaches and team managers will receive an email link to begin to pay. All teams are registered rostered and approved by USA Hockey.

Refunds through cross bar are going to work easily for getting a player or family back any funds.

MO HOCKEY Report

Dec season is underway, and MO Hockey has feedback set up on the cross bar app for team managers or coaches to give. All affiliate operations are now switched over Crossbar and no longer on Sports Engine. The switch should save the entire association about \$100,000 in associated fees with Sports Engine that aren't taken out by cross bar.

Mo hockey is working to build a girls only league in Mo Hockey. There will be a committee established to develop that plan and build girls only clubs by next season.

Blue Note weekend is too busy for all teams from ADM to 18U to be a part of that leaves two weekends for the two age groups to be a part of. Those weekends are on the Mo Hockey calendar.

New Business

There are three vacancies – the board president, vp of communications and vp marketing. The board will ask for personal nominations of President over the next seven days. The board president will be selected by the executive board with a 2/3 vote and the remaining board slots will be selected by the board when there is a new president selected.

Brandon Cullen says he plans on serving on the Mo AM hockey board through the month of November but is getting ready to step aside and wants the incoming board president to select the new MO

Hockey Advisor. That position should be noted as open and selected by the next President.

Gary Wells – past president of the SHYA took time to address the board to encourage new and young officials to be involved and find ways to grow the ranks of new officials. Gary says it's a hard job but if the board will stand behind officials that helps to encourage new officials come along and take their spot.

The USA hockey website has a portal for young officials to begin the process. Becky Douglas says that it's hard for new starting out kids who want to start have a hard time in getting to a ice time when a clinic is being held. Brandon says he will talk to Mo Am about expanding the ice times for new officials to make – thinking largely of how to get young people to a class and session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13

The next meeting will be November 1st.