



### July 18, 2024 SYHA Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm and quorum is met. No conflicts to report or abstain from.

Present: Chris Johnson, Curt Zins, Vanessa Breimhorst, MP Marschall, Jilann Luth, Becky Benson, Hillary and Dan McCarvel, Jon Radmacher, Erik Peterson, Danni Anker, and Jamie Grossman. Also in attendance were an estimated 20 parents for discussion around HDC and waivers., as well as Scott Reed for gambling updates.

1. **McCarvel Scholarship update and criteria decision.** Award to be given out on July 28 at 9:45a at 5k (someone from the Board will attend). Discussion around applicants and their answers. Winner to be announced at the race. **Motion for the first Mikayla McCarvel scholarship award winner to be applicant number two. Motion passes unanimously.** Discussion over placement of an annual display of scholarship award winners and possible placement at the rink tbd.
2. **Gambling update.** Scott Reed gave monthly updates about gambling donations, Scott County Fair information and Board training. July donation is \$4,000. **Motions to accept \$50,900 estimate and \$42,391.21 actual and acceptance of \$4,000 check to SYHA. Motions pass (all three) unanimously.** Any tips received are delivered to the SYHA. Scott County Fair has offered a 3 year contract to SYHA to continue to have a pulltab stand at the fair. Directions given for opening and closing of stand at the fair. Erik will pick up materials the weekend before the fair. Need to have a board member present at all times.
3. **Registration and Tournament updates.** MP Marschall-277 registrants as of today. Breakdown is 65 Bantams (5 goalies), 47 peewees (6 goalies), 44 squirts, 10U is 12 with 2 goalies, 13u 43 registrants, Junior Gold is 16. Jon started looking at people who had not signed up yet. Will send out an additional email/social blast in the next couple days.
  - a. Close to finishing up all tournament registrations but still have a couple openings due to difficulties finding tournaments, including forgoing one weekend due to Hockey Day MN being held in Shakopee. If we don't make it into the Fargo tournament, it is not due to registration as SYHA registered for every squirt level. Fargo conducts a lottery for teams to participate. Girls tournaments are all completed.
4. **Coaching updates.** Jon Radmacher provided updates of coaches and difficulty in finding/retaining coaches. Pretty set at most levels but still a few vacancies out there.

5. **Mite on/off ice update.** Becky Benson gave an update of mite jamboree registration and when it will go live. Swag was ordered and received for this jamboree. Need to still find a certificate of coverage for the Wild Block party as SYHA current insurance is through USA Hockey.
- a. Mite growth possibilities. Currently have low M1 numbers so SYHA is exploring any possibilities that exist and looking at what similar associations are doing. Reimplement a rookie mite program and make it free. Will run a 6 week THFF in collaboration with M1 practices and decide where they need to be placed. Some new guidelines have been established on levels and where evaluations will take place. Hoping this will lead to potential growth as well and educating potential parents on all that hockey has to offer.
  - b. Exploring offering a parental mentorship program and any potential grants that are available. Education with parents may be an opportunity to expand participants. Can we set up a communication/mentorship team who can be available for questions/concerns and as a welcome committee to new hockey families? Have to change the narrative on cost, informative and our “why”. Possibility of hosting an informational night, could hold it on a THFF night.
6. **HDC update.** Jon Rademacher gave an update on boys and girls. D6 recommends 15 players with 2 goalies on the highest level but no lower than 13 players and 1 goalie. Lots of Association members are present for this discussion on HDC and waivers. Please reach out to Board members to try to alleviate the disinformation that sometimes takes place when questions get attenuated. U13s will be 3 teams(a b1, b2), 1 team at 10U (10A), Bantams look like 5 teams potentially (AA, B1, 2xb2, and C), peewees 4 teams( a1 b1, b2, c) and 3 squirt teams (no A team) (current estimates in parentheses). Potential to move tryouts up to August but there are difficulties in that as D6 has specific requirements, still awaiting language from D6, which is overdue. Evaluations (including for safety purposes/size of participants) are done with many inputs and not done over one conversation.
- a. Shakopee is not accepting any waivers from other associations. One waiver in participant from last year (peewee) and asked to continue to have a waiver extended for this year.
  - b. Discussion from parents attending to persuade opening up the association for other participants be allowed to waiver in. Board is continuing with current policy, along the lines of guidance from D6, that there will be no waivers from other communities accepted into SYHA.
  - c. Discussion is taking place over the five association participants who have requested waiver ups. Reviewed each individual skater, criteria being as far as ability, size, safety as reviewed by the HDC evaluators.
    - i. First participant- requesting moving mite to squirt. Recommendation is to vote on letting participant move up as long as they make the top team, based on evaluations. Motion to try out for squirts contingent on making the top team. Motion passes unanimously.
    - ii. Second participant- requesting peewee to Bantam waiver. Recommendation is to play another year at peewee from HDC. Motion to

- remain at peewees for second year. Motion approved with 2 Board Members opposing.
- iii. Third participant- Waiver from squirt to peewee. (parent coach was not involved in any evaluation). Recommendation from HDC is to allow the participant to try out for Peewees. Motion for waiver is approved unanimously.
  - iv. 4th participant-Waiver from squirt to peewee. HDC recommends allowing participant to try out for peewees. Motion for waiver to allow participant to try out to Peewee contingent on D6's decision to allow SYHA to field a Squirt A team. If there is a Squirt A team, the participant will play on the squirt A team. Motion approved.
  - v. Fifth participant- Waiver from Squirt to peewee. HDC recommends they try out for Peewees, contingent upon D6's decision on a Squirt A team. Motion to waiver to allow waiver into peewees passes with 2 Board Members opposing.
7. **Presidents Update** Chris stated sportsengine was just updated for the year but will continue to explore other options. Accounting firm update, approved the move to Mended Accounting going forward. This will support the association both financially (year over year stability) and oversight. Erik will do a press release about the partnership with Menden to go blast to the association. Danni will send the Scott County Fair contract for board approval and a motion to vote on it.
8. Open discussion- Suggestion to create some incentive of potential free equipment to get for the first [X] amount of participants that sign up. Will possibly discuss in future once we have a budget created.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56pm. Next meeting is August 7th at Turtles.