

June 26, 2024 SYHA Board Meeting

Previous meeting minutes passed by motion via email. Meeting called to order by President Johnson at 6:04p.

1. Hockey Day MN update- President Johnson reiterated 2000 dibs hours (average of 8 hours a family) wanted in exchange for 50% of the profit, if any. One idea is to conduct a dibs drive, publicize this during Try Hockey For Free (THFF) and on Socials, and market this excitement of HDM. How to communicate this? Assistance with Marketing could be used to satisfy dibs requirements.
 - a. We are still awaiting further direction from the HDM committee as it relates to types of volunteering jobs that will be needed. Ticket takers, bus/parking assistance, and site clean up are known responsibilities at this time. Typically a 4 hour shift works the best and these are not exclusively for adults as there may be positions for kids as well. Hope to have a better idea/concept of shift needs in the next two months but final won't be until the week of HDM. Some of the requirements are contingent on ticket sales as volume will determine positions required. Chris will create a skeleton outline of plans to implement this initial marketing plan to socialize with the board to determine next steps. Will need to partner with the volunteer coordinator from the HDM board. This should be broadened to include not just hockey families but also the entire community of shakopee.
2. D6 updates-Conboy. Upcoming spring March of 2025 there will be elections for 3 new D6 board members, so if there are any recommendations, please bring them forward. Current positions are leading to a lot of time spent challenging their positions.
 - a. Discussed Bantam AA.
 - b. Discussed Waiver programs-anticipate less discretionary waivers this year due to changes made the past year. Still need to receive a waiver every year even if you have previously waived into the association.
 - c. There is a desire to pilot smaller nets for Squirt and 10U but may test and move on.
 - d. New Safesport agreement coming this year.
 - e. In House tournaments-Mite Jamboree and Junior gold. Any other tournaments need to inform Kurt and Joel at D6 and attend the tournament meeting in December.
 - f. Due to disciplinary events that took place in D6 last year there will be a new one page document shared with coaches and players for this year.
 - g. Coaches certification-need to be completed by December 31 with the last seminar on 12/15. Need updated background check and certification to be eligible to coach. If not met, coaches are not allowed on ice. 15 in person and 10 virtual sessions for coaches to be certified.
 - h. Fee increases for tournaments but the budget should be similar to last year for tournaments.
 - i. Ejections have to leave the arena, parent/adult or player. Player needs to stay in the locker room monitor/safesport manager and parent to enter the locker room and then will be removed. There may be a potential "chill" manager going

forward. Additionally, if associations are not following policies, disciplinary or otherwise, there are potential fines that the association could incur. Finally, any game misconduct needs to be reported by the coach and monitored.

- j. Game misconduct with match penalties with abuse of officials will have disciplinary reviews and will involve the coach(es).
 - k. Coaches are the only ones, not parents, to file reports on officiating.
3. Level Up Request- Presentation of two parents requesting waiver (Squirt to Pee Wee)
- a. Parent One has 3 kids in Association; Parent Two has 2 kids in Association. Request to waive up from Squirt to Pee Wee as they have been on squirts for the past 2 years. Waiver would be for any team that would potentially make following tryouts and an exemption from making the top 10% of the PeeWee program waiver precedent currently in place.
 - b. Precedential weight of any waiver needs to be considered as it is not a one player decision but an association decision. Because there are always outliers, it remains difficult to have black and white policies/parameters and try to make exceptions to any established rules/policies.
 - c. There still remains to be some discussion at D6 around having an A level team. Jon has an email trail back to April 26 regarding what will be the direction going forward. Need to present data of players returning and those who left to give an illustration of the board's position.
 - d. Calvin Simon spoke on getting teams and levels right and that is Shakopee's responsibility not D6 and that we should push energy towards D6 and getting the proper level correct. Not fun having unsuccessful teams with players that then may lose interest and will potentially lose players who become frustrated. Goal is to grow the association.
 - e. Association rules determine that the waiver comes to HDC and also that any waiver needs to meet the top 10% of the level they are attempting to waive into.
 - f. Waiver requests are needed by July 1, 2024. Decisions need to be made by August 1, 2024 and vetted out by the July 10 Board meeting.
 - g. Lots of discussion around waiver and decision around 10%.
 - h. Tabling decision for the July 10 2024 following HDC review.
4. Reviewed Prime Hockey demo on rink 1.
5. 10 U discussion-Pherson. Numbers look like 6B1/ 7B2 or 3 at THFF. Suggestion is to have a B1 team at D6 and not lose interest and then challenge them at A level tournaments. New Prague has been able to forgo an A team for the last two years. Will be an uphill battle convincing D6 to forgo a A team similar to their position. One problem is the number of goalies available, as there may not be a goalie now.
- a. Further discussion on Co-oping with Eden Prairie-Jamie Grossman will continue to follow up with the appropriate EP contacts, specifically needing a goalie. Goaling is truly one of the biggest impacts in any decision making.
 - b. Grossman addressed this issue and changing the culture of girls hockey and the work required to push them to the next level.
 - c. However this decision will need to be consistent with the approach taken on waiver discussed in bullet 3. Long discussion regarding 10U on how to approach D6 and whether to have an A team or a B team.
 - d. Tabling for further discussion with HDC coordinators.

6. Prime Hockey Presentation (PEP)-Scott Meyer.
 - a. PEP device gives variety vs edgeboss device
 - b. Contracted to run skills training and timing is dependent on ice availability. 1-2 times per week.
 - c. Cost proposal
 - i. Pep- Annual fee for equipment. Leased for annual periods. Need to know how much ice is available.
 - ii. Edgeboss- Fee for 5 years at an hourly rate
 - iii. Previously pitched the same product/ideas 2 years ago to the board. iv. 10-12 ice touches for each level from upper mites to bantams.
 1. Toms, Lucas Coles, Rogers are the staff who would be coaching but depends on which day of the week there is ice available. They appear light on Sunday nights. Monday nights are busiest.
 - v. Will continue to discuss options
7. Apparel-Megan Moon
 - a. Megan checking with Waggle for hats. Need 300 minimum hats ordered.
 - i. Non-compete with Edgetek needs to be explored
 - ii. Jerseys: 140 orders so far.
 - b. Need to send out Jersey registration for 2024-2025 registrations
 - c. Proposing move-up jackets store by August 5th.
8. Mite on/off ice Update-Mitch and Becky
 - a. McCarvel scholarship update. They will be the first board agenda item next meeting. Applicants have given us their answers to our criteria for us to review. b. Mite Off-ice coordinator-2 candidates (Steph is only commit so far)
 - c. Mite Jamboree- 12/26-28. Potential for 60 teams so need to explore the welcome ceremony. Ready to get registration out
 - i. **Motion to approve the Mite Jamboree cost at \$695. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - d. The Little Wild program is full for Shakopee at this time. Calvin Simon is going to help coach.
 - e. Rinktek is the company providing the rink for HDM. Becky is exploring a quote to rent ice for additional time during HDM.
 - f. Mite hockey and THFF will be the highlighted areas for the Wild to publicize during their block party.
 - g. Mitch discussed the Mite Guidelines that were discussed via email this week and distributed a page long written proposal with potential options for the Mite program as well as having A. Ness review coaching (progressions) plans. Lots of discussion around this and how to go forward with this. Chris tabled this discussion for next month for more feedback from HDC and will be added to the agenda for the July 10 meeting. The main ask is to review the two proposals and merge them into one document.
9. Agenda is tabled and will be extended to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm. Next meeting will be July 10 at the Bowl.