

May 22, 2024 SYHA Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.

Agenda:

1. **Hockey Day Minnesota.** Stacy Lagemo representative from HDM committee.
 - a. We need to keep communication going both ways
 - b. Want as many youth to have the opportunity to use the HDM ice this year. How do we plan for scheduling ice/lights etc. W/TH/F/S/Sunday want to have the highest age kids to play these nights. Jr. Gold Tournament is an option to explore and need to communicate logistics. Thursday will be (1/23) all girls. Hope to have ice in place by Monday prior to HDM. Unclear how long the rink will stay open, as of now the rink will be open for one full week. Wed-Sat rink is full of programming events. Possibility of SYHA renting the rink (and Zamboni) following HDM. (\$30k for an additional week). If the weekend is wanted, would need to rent for an entire week. Per HDM contract, need to have back ice rink(s) for this week. Requesting no youth games Wed-Saturday on primary sheet (rink 1) in the event of force majeure, and have tbd practices that could be canceled in the event of force majeure. Operating range of -15-49 degrees for sheets. Second sheet of ice will not be a full sheet of ice.
 - c. Volunteer time: HDM needs lots of volunteer hours but to this point the amount needed is unclear at this stage. SYHA is requesting an estimate of volunteer hours needed so that this can be discussed by the board and the information disseminated to SYHA families.
 - i. Possibility of merging some of the dibs requirements into the volunteer opportunities needed for HDM. Will need to discuss and confirm tracking of hours volunteered for HDM. Consider coaches and board members being included in this requirement.
 - ii. HDM committee needs to get the youth schedule to Josh for scheduling the week of HDM.
 - d. Is there an opportunity for a separate tab for HDM volunteers on the shakoeehockey.com for purposes of signing up and tracking hours? Need to discuss possibilities of using the website to manage this process.
 - e. If someone volunteers for early shift of any shift, do they get any perks such as free admission or HDM swag? HDM committee is still attempting to address this.
 - f. Key dates: Team announcements on 7/8/25 at valleyfair. On one of the stages at either 11a or 2pm. Bally will be there and local media. Tickets sales and final planning will take place after this. MN wild hosting block party on 8/8/24 (outdoor rollerblading and player autographs) unsure where it will be held at this time. (Parking lot of community center is possible location).
2. **Treasury Updates- Jillina Luth**

- a. No updates except banking information has been changed and updated and moved money to Old Republic to pay for tournaments. Trustone account still needs one final name added to the account.
- b. Ice bills are at Jillian's house and she is working on handing them out and do not want to leave at the concession stands for security reasons.

3. Coaching and THFF- Danni Anker

- a. Danni is meeting tomorrow with Thomas Johnson (similar to coach now app) as well meeting with coach now app (practice plans for specific age groups). Andy Ness has fully committed (unclear to compensation, if any) to running coach clinics on Sunday mornings this fall. (per John). In the process of developing a road map for all coaches to preach consistency per age groups. (per John) John brought in Jamie Grossman and Calvin Simon to help organize this.
- b. June 4, 2024 is Sweeney family fun night and SYHA will participate in this (Danni and Chris as of now).
- c. Booth for rhythm on the rails is available again as there is also an opportunity for a 15 second advertisement to be run before and during breaks of concerts. Try hockey for free on the following Thursday would be a great idea to advertise (Danni and Chris to be on point for this). HDM is also interested in participating in some of the booth rental during rhythm on the rails.

4. Travel/Girls HDC Update- John Rademacher

- a. Squirts 43-47 skaters with 4 goalies which leads to 3 teams. Need a minimum of 50 skaters for 4 teams. Keep discussing levels with District 6 about B1/B2/ and C. Ran two C teams last year which was a success. Need to communicate to parents how the decisions are made and that if there are two of the same level teams, remind the families/participants they wear the same sweater.
- b. 10U- no going to Co-op with anybody, want them to play A. Still trying to remedy the goalie situation as there is not one at this moment and will explore all avenues available.
- c. PeeWees- have enough for 4 teams: A, B1, B2, and C. There is a Team Declarations deadline which will be added to calendar.
- d. Girls 12/13u- 3 teams: 46-50 participants plus 4 goalies: A, B1, B2. 13yo has to play A and cannot make up more than a third of the A team.
- e. Bantams: 60 participants + 5 goalies: Bantam AA, B1, B2, and C with potential for a fifth team. If 5 teams are decided, there will not be two C teams. Discuss having tryouts at the beginning of September. May be time conflicts between HPs and other multi-sport athletes.
- f. Evaluator pay-in order to establish true neutral evaluators, \$40/ hours is the market wage. They will be outside of district 6 and more than likely district 8.
 - i. **John makes a motion to pay evaluators \$40/hr and provide food. Minimum 5 maximum of 7 evaluators. Lock the evaluators in by July. Motion seconded and approved unanimously. Payment to evaluators not to exceed \$10,800.** Devenir will conduct the goalie evaluations.

- ii. Girls HDC coordinator is still up in the air. Let's establish an application process for this position. Potentially take applications for 30 days post publication of position and position description, possibly published on website and to be decided by the Board. Idea is for someone to be at the top of the HDC pyramid, which still needs to be explored. HDC structure is a fluid movement with John and Mary Pat participating in this. NVB and Calvin and Jamie are also involved.
- iii. D6 updates (Kim Conroy): New requirement any double A (high school) schools need to have a double A bantam team. Squirts-MN hockey's direction would prefer an A team, are there any mites that could play on squirt C? Potentially meet/have a conversation with D6 discussing our position of not having a Squirt A team.
- iv. Safe sport protocol-if there is an issue go to Scott Grey.
- v. Waivers-biggest change-Mites have to play where their school property is. There is one opportunity to waiver outside your association, and then that is that, no going back.
- vi. Team numbers-Squirts-ideal numbers is 13-15 kids plus goalies. 13 is lowest on A team, 11 on any other level (excluding goalies)
- vii. PeeWees 13-15, 13 on A team lowest on 12 (excluding goalies)
- viii. Bantams-13-15, 13 on A, lowest on 12 (excluding goalies.)
- ix. JR gold 15-18 lowest is 15 skaters (excluding goalies).
- x. Waiver requests(John R.)- need to move to Shakopee in order to be considered to move. This excludes discretionary waiver in which Shakopee offers a certain team that other associations do not. Rumors that we are an open door to allow for waivers in, specifically for Bantams, are not true. We do not have a numbers problem at the time for Bantams. Some of these waivers will be considered case by case as there will be extraordinary situations which need to be explored. Could be considered if numbers are needed but at this point, there have been zero waiver requests.
- xi. Move up policy-need to further develop the process and policy for determining this. If there is a tryout, the current language is the player needs to be placed on the top level team (same goes for goalie); if the player is not on the top level team, they would be sent back to their age level, which they need to try out for. Top 10% of the level would eliminate any discretion. Lots of discussion around evaluations and scorecards as it relates to any waiver up. Many associations do not allow move ups but this is really a volume of participants dependent. Potential to release blinded scores is requested.
 - 1. Potential amendments needed to bylaws addressing Section V of the bylaws. John and Chris to explore. Need to make a determination of whether top team or a percentage. Need to take a vote on whether it is percentage or top team: Votes for top team: 4. Votes top 10% percentage: 5. Vote for top 10% controls

and will move forward. HDC still needs to make a determination and this will take place after July 1, which will be prior to tryouts.

2. Birthday move up discussion- need to amend bylaws to mirror the change in MN hockey which is now June 1 birthdays rather than July 1. Need to address the reverse waiver in which an older kid waives into their actual grade, which is currently not addressed. The waiver process, both in the bylaws and in MN hockey, only addresses the younger age kids playing with their own grade. Something that will need to be amended/proposed prior to the annual parent meeting to vote on bylaws.
3. HDC will be coming back to the board to develop a plan and budget for an opportunity to learn and skills sessions (players and coaches) with Butch and Moses (sat/sun skills session). Cost at this point is unknown. No deadline at this point but would prefer to get this moving asap. They run at an hourly rate. Proposed to match the similar cost spent on devenir goalie training or something similar. Need to look at available ice time and cost and compose a budget. More to come on this at next meetings.

5. Mites update-Mitch Benson via zoom

- a. Many other situations have a rookie mite program. Is this something we want to explore? Rookie mites don't begin until January, so if they wanted to start earlier, they go to M1 as that starts in Sept/Oct. Should we explore two sessions of rookie mites, possibly Sept/Oct through January? An earlier session with possibility of transitioning into second rookie mite training or joining M1 for the remainder of season.
- b. Explore limiting cost or free for Rookie mites and then the option to join M1, which may or may not be prorated the cost. If pre-k or Kindergarten there may need to be some criteria for participation and they could register for M1 rather than starting in rookie mites. To be discussed at the June 26, 2024 meeting, Chris will add to the agenda with Mitch and Chris Stanek providing an outline by June 10. Could be a grandfathered rule if already played at a mite level.
- c. Need new mini nets and black pad dividers among other possible equipment needs.
- d. Ice reserved for the Sabre Showdown. Potentially Dec 26/27/29. (Becky Benson)
- e. M. McCarvel Scholarship will be sent out to high school coaches and distributed and open for applications.
- f. Player photography- Becky Benson- proposals to move onto other photographers, multiple options available but have chosen to explore moving to Sportsline. Moving to Sportsline for 2 years which

1. **Motion to move to Sportsline for photographers for 2024/25 season and sign a 2 year contract. Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Tournament updates- Mary Pat Marschall

- a. Currently registering for tournaments. No other updates.

7. Fundraiser/Sponsors/Concessions - Chris Johnson

- a. Golf Tournament will be open for registration on June 1. Sponsorships are all finalized.
- b. Concession agreement will be finalized, no changes from previous year's agreement. There will be a request forthcoming for some new equipment in the concession stand.
- c. Sponsorships- Upper mites-Veil and wild, Enclave, and VF
 - 1. Mouthguards Veil and wild
- d. Edgetek wants an opportunity to try new things and improve the operations going

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forward. They want an opportunity to bid anything going forward.

8. Open Discussion- Josh

- a. Sportsengine discussion
- b. Helmet stickers-options and cost for next year. Mites and Travel will have different options based upon cost.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Next meeting is June 12, 2024 at The Bowl