**SRYHA Annual meeting**

**May 17, 2025**

**Attendance: Valerie Bailey, Ben Roberts, April Wickersham, Darby Heyrend**

Financial

* Financial Summary: will be emailed to the board minutes. $16,771.82
* Pending Purchase Approvals: none pending, all ice paid through end of season.

League

* USA Hockey Denial
  + The SRYHA application was strong in several areas, but ultimately the Board voted to deny the application primarily due to the following:

• SRYHA’s target recruitment area overlaps the area served by other IAHA associations and the Board is concerned that the proposed association could adversely impact other IAHA member associations.

• Evidence that SRYHA has not upheld core values of respect, integrity and teamwork in their interactions with other IAHA Member Associations.

* AAU acceptance
  + We plan to have competition and play here in eastern Idaho.
  + Planning to attend some high end tournaments similar to the Utah Cup
* End of Year Summary – Ben
  + Per bylaws, end of year summary. Feb 2024 concept of creating a new association to a successful season. IRS approval in June and became an official association. 60 registered players, 13 registered coaches. 3 skills camps throughout the year. Attended the girls jamboree and the tournament in Utah.
  + We participated in the community throughout the season. Shelley Spud days, Rapid Scrimmage in the spud kings games, Ammon Pumpkin walk, and many smaller events.
* Gear pick up in DC – Valerie will be driving out, trailer is secured.

Community Involvement

* Events:
  + Whoopee Days rodeo
  + Roaring Youth Jam
  + July 4th Parade
    - Trailer/shop secured – Thanks Sydnee
* I’d like to welcome anyone to bring ideas or any non profits that could use our help in the community over the Summer.

Advertising

* Starlight Skating Rink - $300 for a whole year of a banner up in the rink
* Possible WarBonnet ad - $250 for ¼ sheet ad

Overview of AAU

* Mitch Craven: USA Hockey has changed over the years and you don’t have the option of playing non contact hockey.
  + AAU began in 1880 for all sports. They are athlete focused and are very cost effective. Insurance covers twice as much vs USA Hockey.
  + Coaching clinics focus on how to coach, how to be attentive, and how to raise good athletes.
  + More organizations are moving away from USA hockey and towards AAU; if you are AAU you can play other teams and other affiliates. If you are USA Hockey you cannot compete outside of that affiliate.
  + We will be able to coach the kids how they should be coached and properly. We are able to provide a place for those who want to play and not necessarily compete; but have the option to compete for those who want to.
  + Background and Safe Sport training for AAU. $75 for a two year membership, players membership is $20.
* Next Season plan: Mammoth Hockey will be coming and bringing all the gear for each registrant and do a learn to skate for our association.

Nominees 3 min speech:

* Derrick Bellmore
* Jon Stubbs
* Mitch Craven
* Staci Farnan
* Liz Gillespie
* Kayla Miller
* Valerie Bailey
* Trad Heyrend
* Krystina Cotrina
* Kaylee Fennern
* Lacey Roberts

Review of the amendments of the bylaws:

Ben went over the amendments to the bylaws. Each member serves a two year term with up to a three year term. Committees will be seated by the new board.

**New Board elections**:

President – Ben Roberts

Vice President – April Wickersham

Treasurer – Darby Heyrend

Secretary – Krystina Cotrina

Registrar – Staci Farnan

Coaching Director – Mitch Craven

Hockey Operations Director – Valerie Bailey

Fundraising and Scholarship Director – Kaylee Fennern

Communications Director – Kayla Miller

Ben motioned to have all of those that were nominated for Coaching Director to be on the coaching committee; April second, all in favor.

Coaching committee will be comprised of: Valerie Bailey, Mitch Craven, Jon Stubbs, Josh Girard, Trad Heyrend, and Derrick Bellmore.

Ben Motions to close meeting, Darby seconds, all in favor.