

SYHI Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5th, 2025 7:00pm

Location: Rec Center + Virtual

In attendance: Hanson, Kelly, MacNaughton

Virtual: Bashford, Chatham, Ellis, Fitzpatrick, Kauth, Mulledy, Solek

Absent: Comora, Forguites, Garrett, Underwood

Overview:

1. Kelly called the meeting to order, asked approval of the minutes from the May meeting and planning meeting, motion by Hanson to approve, second MacNaughton, all in favor.
2. Recap of planning meeting: Kelly provided a high-level recap of the planning meeting. Asked if the board had any feedback on the 1-3-5 year goals discussed. No further discussion.
3. Committee Reports: Kelly encouraged all committee chairs to schedule a committee meeting before the July Board meeting. He also requested that committees share with the Finance Chair (Kelly) the budget needs (if any), ahead of the July meeting, as be prepared to discuss goals for the upcoming year.
 - a. Executive Committee:
 - i. The major discussion was finalizing summer programming. Hanson provided an overview of the summer programming schedule and registration numbers to date. The organization will continue to push for registrations, and upload the schedule and roster kids into “teams” within crossbar by June 23rd.
 - ii. EC will hold a meeting to discuss the structure and operation of the mites program for 25-26. Mites registration will go live mid June.
 - b. Finance
 - i. MacNaughton shared in advance the updated 25-26 budget and reviewed it with the board.
 - ii. Kelly noted, goalie skills are open to rostered goalies only. Mulledy is reaching out to Lauren Kelly regarding skills for new goalies.
 - iii. Kelly recommended that registration for mites clarify the registration fee supports entry costs for jamborees/tournaments.
 - c. Governance
 - i. The committee has not met, but will in advance of the July meeting. Noted the need to fill the open spot on the board. Kauth will reach out to convene

a meeting.

d. Marketing & Communications

- i. The committee met last week. Looking at pricing around getting advertising back into the rinks. Perhaps moving away from boards to advertising on the glass behind the bench.
- ii. Looking at drafting new emails/materials welcoming new families to hockey and creating a team manager manual.
- iii. Brainstorming on fundraising that will continue. Early ideas include: crowdraising, 50/50/50. The committee will reconvene to discuss.

e. Scheduling & Facilities

- i. Hason provided an overview of the scheduling process for the season, including start dates for the different age levels.
- ii. Kelly noted the some challenges in scheduling - in particular back to back practice schedules for two teams.
- iii. As soon as the practice schedule is locked, it will be uploaded into crossbar.
- iv. Hanson flagged that tournament dates have been locked. Registration has been built out and will be launched.
 - 1. 14U: November 7-10
 - 2. 12U: December 19-21
 - 3. Mites: January 17-18
 - 4. 10U: February 13-15
 - 5. Girls: March 28-29
- v. MacNaughton put together pricing on tournaments to ensure the organization is doing a better job of reducing costs, and having less fiscal loss. Every level has an increase - 14U the largest, but still in alignment with other tournaments.

f. Coaching + Player Development Committee

- i. Looking for a 12UC coach, and interviewing candidates for 14UB.
- ii. Next project is to get assistant coaches registered, and through the vetting process and getting organized for coaching credentials for the upcoming season.
- iii. Goalie Skills: The organization can pay Mac or Austin in one lump sum, when we identify which kids will attend either instructor. MacNaughton requested clarification on the best way to bill the skills coaches. Mulledy will outreach to coaches on the skills budget and confirm next steps on signing kids up for skills with Austin or Mac.
- iv. The committee will be scheduling a coaches meeting for the end of August/early September.

- v. Ryan Podell of the St. Louis Blues is willing to do a virtual presentation for parents and players on conditioning. Ellis has offered to have a followup conversation. If anyone has thoughts on timing, please share. It will be a virtual presentation this summer.

g. Tournaments Committee

- i. Chair and Hanson meeting next week to set up time for the committee to meet.
- ii. Registration will be pushed out next week, and prepare for the first tournament, which is 14U.
- iii. Hanson asked that folks share ideas on tournament swag.

h. Girls Committee

- i. Ellis shared an upcoming meeting with local ADs to discuss HS girls hockey. Interest and desire to create another HS team, which impacts our girls program. Ellis will report back after the meeting.
- ii. Hanson uplifted plans for another girls wrap program - registration will open over the summer. Girls try hockey will occur October 17th, along with two girls games (Mites + 10/12U)
- iii. Question about gear swap * for all skaters: Hanson uplifted that Marketing and Communications typically leads - but tentatively scheduled for early September.

4. New and Old Business:

- a. USA Hockey Rule Changes: Still waiting for full transcript from the spring meeting.
 - i. Proposal for finable adult misconduct in the stands has been voted down.
 - 1. There may be a new code of conduct to adhere to. Will need to determine how to weave this into registration moving forward.
 - ii. 18U + 16U reverting back to delayed offsides and icing on penalty kills. Plan is every two years this rolls down an age group.
- b. Planning for Board meetings for the remainder of the year:
 - i. Plan for July meeting, identify a date and send calendar invite
 - ii. September 2nd: need location
 - iii. 1st Thursdays October - December

5. Kelly called to adjourn, Hanson seconded, all in favor.