

Saratoga Youth Hockey INC.

Board of Directors Meeting

July 17th 2025 / 7:00 PM / Rec Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call –
In attendance – Kelly, Underwood, MacNaughton, Fitzpatrick, Garrett, Kauth, Solek, Mulledy, Bashford
Absent – Chatham, Ellis, Hanson
2. Kelly called for approval of [June Meeting Minutes](#). Motion to approve Garrett, seconded by Kelly, all in favor.
3. Reports
 - a. Executive Committee
 - b. Finance – Outreach from Mark Payne family, would like to donate \$3-\$5k to the scholarship fund. Need to update the scholarship like on the website. Outreach to Woodcock's have not recently been successful. Questions were raised regarding how the organization handles applications and how people know about the scholarship? Each year a handful apply. Offered a scholarship to a family this coming year – which they accepted. Next year – align scholarship application with tryout process.

Meeting with the Mark Payne foundation to finance two clinics – Christmas break and winter break. Scheduling and finance will handle. More to follow at Sept. meeting. Expenses approved for jerseys, however, needs to come out of operating funds. Has not yet been removed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Update scholarship section on website
 2. Give Underwood organization email to access third party tournament sites.
 3. Email Kelly any finance requests for committees.
- c. Governance - Met twice in the last few weeks. Discussing primarily the open board seat. The president can name a candidate for 2 months (trial) then they are voted on permanently. Or, Fitzpatrick can present her suggestion to the board and we can vote them in. Two candidates presented – Tim O'brien – has coaching experience, personable, HS teacher, knowledgeable in multiple sports including hockey. Multiple positive comments for other board members.

- d. Marketing + Communications – has not met since last meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for next Monday. Working on welcome letter for new (6u/8u) parents. Working on social media, replying to messaging, but have not posted yet. Looking to start newsletter in the next few weeks. Need to focus on budget.

ACTION ITEM: Kelly needs to know who the social media coordinator is – NYS request needs to be fulfilled.

- e. Scheduling + Facilities – Everyone is asking for schedules. City has not been able to lock them in. Practice schedule with Mondays is an issue. Still in line with when we typically get the schedule out – SYHI has been diligently working on this. Already have a good portion of this complete and will have schedules out ASAP. We want to ensure everyone utilizing the ice is having their needs met.

Changing combo locks on the sheds. Things have been disheveled or things aren't being put back, equipment getting lost/ruined and we need to find a way to track who has access to what. Nothing should be on exposed cement because when the ice melts it will saturate anything on the ground.

- f. Tournaments – note was made to be aware - no food items in kids giveaway baskets. Secured vendors – First Bite, Kona Ice, Brian Brown. Reviewing additional vendors for photography and clothing printing.

MacNaughton noted \$600 of credit with Walsh's? Decided to do 1st and 2nd medals. First also get banner.

ACTION ITEM- follow up with Hanson about Walsh's.

- g. Girls – Hasn't met recently. Registration for wrap is live. Girls Summer program has been well attended. Mel Greene is supporting the program (former D1/RPI) has both son and daughter in LTP.
- h. Coaching + Player Development – Open items: they're looking for a coach for 12uC. Garrett has been talking to Ty Bolster, but he's unsure of his ability to commit. The committee will keep the board posted. Kelly shared Skip's number with Garrett – she will reach out ASAP. Potentially could work together.

Coaching cert's – portal is open for coaches to go get their CE's.

A question was raised about the process for when a player resigns. The organization retains them until financial obligation has been met. President of the organization would have to sign a form to release the player. Decisions to backfill the spots start with the coaches.

Goalie guide – in progress.

Budget – prepped – needs to go to finance before the board.
Goalie helmets – need budget to include dangler.

Leagues – teams should align with red, white and blue. Two separate people needed for ACE/TB coordinator and league coordinator.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Kelly and Fitzpatrick will work with Kim White (state registrar) on the portal access.
2. Coaching meeting – will be virtual, shooting for a Sunday in August. Rusty Gallagher, Abby Temple and Kim White need to be invited.

2. New/Old Business

Need to form an ad-hoc committee for LTP. Randall will be running the program. Solek volunteered to chair the committee.

Fitzpatrick made a motion to appoint Tim O'Brien to fill the open board position. Underwood motioned to second. 10 in favor; 0 opposed.

Garrett motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17, Kelly second.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 2nd: 6:45-8:45pm Saratoga Springs Public Library, Glasby Room
October 2nd 7-9pm, Rec Center
November 6th 7-9pm, Rec Center
December 4th 7-9pm, Rec Center