

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 3, 2010 – 6:30pm - Sanford Hospital Meeting Room A**

Vice-President Vince Jones called the Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting to order. Board members attending were Nikki Gronli, John Ford, Zoe Knutson, Amy Miller and Jon Carroll. Also attending were Nancy Preston, Terry Johnson, Heather Johnson, Mike Appeldorn, Teri Appeldorn, Greg Erickson, Chris Nelson and Executive Assistant, Cherry Hunter.

Amy Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 Meeting and Between Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and carried. Nikki Gronli made a motion to approve the January 30, 2010 Treasurer's Report showing a balance on hand of \$213,816.33. The balance reflects scrip inventory, Hockey Booster checking and rink funds. Motion seconded and carried. Amy Miller noted the net income YTD is \$7695.91 and sponsor budgeted dollars are down but actual income is ahead of last season. Amy also noted the \$20 monthly fee will be deleted from the savings account and SFYHA should receive credit for prior monthly charges on the next statement. Zoe Knutson made a motion to accept the Hockey Booster report showing a balance of \$8871.88 as of January 30, 2010. These funds are reflected in the SFYHA Treasurers Reports. Motion seconded and carried.

**Travel League Advisory Council Report** - Zoe Knutson – Worked on Feb ice schedules for practices and games. Zoe will compile calendar for each travel league's use. Members were reminded of various practice schedule changes on February 11 and February 15 due to state league games to be hosted on those evenings. PW League Manager, Bruce Bettmeng and PW B coaches have sent out emails to the PeeWee B families requesting good sportsmanship for the remainder of the season. Midwest League is doing great and Squirrt C1 picked up a March 5-7 tournament. Travel Ad Council requested End of the Banquets be split to two groups: PeeWee and Bantam at 5:30pm and Lady Flyers and JV/Varsity at 7:30pm. Members viewed many options for end of the year participation items to replace trophies. Request mesh type drawstring back pack be provided to each player (sample available).

**House League Advisory Council Report** – Bert Post – No changes have been made to the Squirrt in-house team rosters. Ad Council members are finishing up collection of Fundraiser Fees. Discussion was held regarding inequality of in-house league teams, end of year functions and recommendation for Atom/Mite League Manager be assigned the task of Stampede Program sales coordination. Members viewed many options for end of the year participation items to replace trophies. Request mesh type drawstring back pack be provided to each player (sample available). Atoms will receive participation trophy.

**Executive Assistant Report** - Cherry Hunter

**Sam Tronnes Memorial Scholarship** – Assuming the scholarship program is continuing, SFYHA has \$500 budgeted as contribution to the fund. **Board members confirmed payment of \$500 for scholarship fund.**

**Sports Clip Promotion** – Sports Clips provided coupons for \$2 off for a haircut, good thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. For each coupon redeemed with SFYHA information on back side, we received \$1.00. Great Clips donation for Fall 2009 to SFYHA was \$16.00.

**Online Directory** – Provided list of team sponsors, golf sponsors, tourney sponsors, SFYHA dasher board sponsors and list of business who have provided raffle items for various SFYHA fundraisers.

**Qdoba Coupon Sheets** – Coupon promotion to begin Feb 5 thru May 31. Applied for 150 coupons, but were limited to 50 coupon sheets. Players sell the coupon sheets for \$10 each with \$8 credit per sheet. Promotion and availability will be done via email blast.

**End of the Year Participation Items** – Advisory Councils were provided with possible options for End of the Year participation items. Focus was on something players can use and possibly order extra for Spiritwear sales:





If the grievance is to be communicated to the Grievance Committee (the “Committee”), it will be the duty of the appropriate League Manager and/or the Executive Assistant to assist the person making the written complaint, concern or grievance. Every effort should be made by the person submitting the written complaint, concern or grievance and the League Manager or Executive Assistant to ensure that the grievance contains enough facts for the Committee to properly consider the matter.

All written grievances must identify with specificity which rule or policy of SFYHA or SDAHA has been violated or should be changed. Any grievance that does not allege a violation of SFYHA or SDAHA rule or policy may be rejected without further investigation. **USA Hockey Rule??**

### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

The Committee will attempt to bring resolution to all grievances communicated in writing. The Committee may do so by working with the parties involved or making a recommendation to the Board of Directors for action. Whatever action the Committee takes must be supported by a majority of the Committee.

Upon receipt of a written grievance, the Committee must conduct an investigation. It may do so by appointing one or more of its members to perform the investigation and generate a report for the rest of the Committee to consider. The Chair of the Committee will appoint the member(s) of the Committee to conduct the investigation but no member of the Board of Directors will be involved in the investigation at the Committee level. **(Too busy)**

The Committee may hold a private hearing with those persons involved in the grievance. The Committee may dismiss a grievance without further action if, after investigation, a majority of the Committee determines the grievance to be without merit.

The Committee must meet to consider every grievance, but ~~may~~ **must** wait until after the investigation is complete to do so. In order for the Committee to meet, a quorum must be present. For purposes of meeting to consider a grievance, a quorum of the Committee is \_\_ of \_\_ members. The Committee may hold a meeting in person, hold a meeting by teleconference where all attending members may hear each other, or may hold a meeting utilizing some combination of the two. ~~The Committee may take action through a vote by email in lieu of the required meeting so long as all members of the Committee participate in the vote by email and so long as all voting members of the Committee have reviewed the report generated following the investigation.~~

If the grievance is not resolved at the Committee level and the person submitting the grievance wishes to bring the matter to the Board of Directors, the Committee will furnish any reports, materials or recommendations to the Executive Assistant. The Executive Assistant will bring the grievance to the Board of Directors.

Any decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Action on the process was tabled until the March meeting. John Ford made a motion to change the bylaws to reduce the number of board members on the Grievance Committee from 4 to 2 members. Secretary and Director of Coaches would remain on the committee, but Travel League Manager or House League Manager would not serve on the committee. Motion seconded and carried. A bylaw change will be voted on at the March board meeting via Bylaw resolution. No change to committee structure can take place until the resolution is voted upon.

SDAHA Girls Varsity Tournament – Lady Flyers parents are meeting once a week to plan for the upcoming SDAHA Girls Varsity Tournament to be hosted at the EXPO March 5-7, 2010. Nikki is working very closely with Girls League Manager, Tara Bradley and Girls Team Coordinator, Amy Mutschelknaus on plans for the tournament.

End of Year Events – Board members approved purchase of drawstring backpacks for players Mites thru High School instead of the traditional participation trophy. Atoms will receive participation trophy. A lanyard will also be given to the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams. After discussion on various venues for the end of the year events, Zoe made a motion to continue hosting the events at JFK Elementary on four nights. Atoms & Older Rec will be one evening, Mites another evening and Squirts a week later. For the PeeWees, Bantams, Lady Flyers and High School teams, we will host 2 banquets in one evening. 5:30pm will be PeeWee and Bantam families with Lady Flyers and High School teams at 7:30pm. Motion seconded and carried. TJ will update Coach Survey for End of the Year Events.

Let's Try Hockey Sessions – Cherry will secure date for Let's Try Hockey session and work with Squirts and Lady Flyers for publicity and coaches and helpers at the session.

Elections / Nominating Committee – Vince Jones, Jon Carroll and Zoe Knutson will serve on the nominating committee. Board positions up for election include President, Vice-President, Travel League Program Director and House League Program Director. Vince will be running for office of President. Jon Carroll will be available should conflict arise with the Nominating Committee for Vince. Nominating form and open position info with description of duties will be posted on the website.

Other

- SDAHA Varsity Tournament – John Ford announced Midcontinent Cable TV will broadcast the boys SDAHA Varsity Tournament in Brookings on Channel 23. The tournament will be held March 12-14 at the Larson Ice Arena. Vince requested John prepare report for SDAHA Spring Meeting regarding Midcontinent coverage.
- EXPO Skates & Skate Sharpener – Vince plans to take pictures and inventory – unless a volunteer comes forth. Skates need to be boxed and put in storage.
- Level 5 CEP Status – John Ford noted he has completed Level 5 Master CEP requirements – which included thesis due by February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Equipment Return – Dates for Rental Equipment return are Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30pm and Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:00am – both times at SFIRC.
- Volunteer Points – A letter will be sent to SFYHA families including information as to their status for Volunteer Point requirements. Cherry will format and print letter for Julie to complete information for points earned by each family. Zoe will remind League Managers to forward any Volunteer Point sheets they may have to Julie no later than Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Vince noted families need to earn their volunteer points as required.

Reports & Materials Submitted

- Grievance Committee Procedure & Action
- Little Caesars fundraising report
- Skate-a-thon report
- PreSeason Clinic report
- MiniCamps report
- Squirt Tournament Financial Statement – Admissions and registration down \$1300 with same number of teams. Gate fee was charged this year and not at the door admissions. Board members requested Gate fee charge not be utilized next season and go back to admissions at the door.

**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, March 3, 2010  
6:30pm – Sanford Hospital Meeting Room A**

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

## **Between Meetings February 4, 2010 – March 1, 2010**

EXPO Ice - Informed spot on the floor is 32 degrees while rest of rink surface is only 19 degrees. Rink Tech and SF Arena ice manager called to access situation. (2/5/2010). Games for Feb 7 postponed. After 2 games on February 13, game officials called off further games to be hosted at the EXPO due to unacceptable ice conditions. Games on February 14-15<sup>th</sup> at the EXPO were also cancelled. Special board meeting held February 17 at SFIRC to determine plan of action. Attending were Vince Jones, Bert Post, John Ford, TJ Reinsch, Zoe Knutson, Nikki Gronli, Cherry Hunter and Paul Beninga. Rink Tech has determined possible plug in lines or leak at the EXPO Ice. Zamboni to the ice softens the stressed spot. Rink is suitable for practices (with heat turned off), but not recommended for games. TJ noted ice is available at Sioux Center from 1:30-5:30pm on Feb 20 for two Midwest games and on Feb 21 from 9am-1pm for two Midwest games. Per call to Luverne, Blue Mound has ice available from noon to 4:30pm on Feb 20 and at 9:30am-noon on Feb 21. SD JV and SD Varsity games will be moved to Luverne. SFIRC gave up Open Skate on Feb 19 to host 2 Midwest games at 5:30 and 7:30pm. Lady Flyers vs Yankton will be hosted at SFIRC on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Practice ice time will be moved to the EXPO to accommodate games. Bantam C game with Sioux Center will also need to be rescheduled from the Feb 19-21 game schedule. (Scheduled to 3:15pm on Feb 21 at Sioux Center). Discussion was held regarding the Girls SDAHA Varsity Tournament. It was determined to make request to host at SFIRC, possibly sell to another local or co-host with another association. Due to unplanned, unavoidable and necessary repairs, the EXPO Ice was shut down for the remainder of the season on February 25. February 28<sup>th</sup> JV/Varsity games scheduled for the EXPO will need to be rescheduled.

Thank You to Coaches– Received email from SFIRC rink manager noting thanks for coaches taking their job seriously and doing a great job off the ice as well as on the ice. Feb 7, 2010

Gannett Foundation Grant Application– Nikki completed work on the application to add comprehensive, off-ice teaching through technology in addition to on ice coaching. Objectives: to provide coaches and players with game footage as learning tool and to provide electronic educational materials. Grant request for Digital Camcorder, storage system for video library and blank CD's for approximate cost of \$2800. Feb 12, 2010

SDAHA Girls Varsity Tournament– SFYHA informed SDAHA President, Tom Hitchcock that we would not be able to host the SDAHA Girls Varsity Tournament March 5-7 at the EXPO Ice facility due to mechanical ice problems. The SDAHA Executive Board met via conference call on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> to determine options for venue for the tournament. The state board did not want to allow SFYHA to host the tournament at SFIRC, but no official motion was made to that effect. The state board voted unanimously to allow SFYHA and Sioux Center host the event on the same weekend in Sioux Center. Girls Varsity team coordinators at the local association levels were informed of the change and options for motel accommodations. Vince and Cherry participated in a conference call with Tom Hitchcock, Dave Tronnes and Brian DeBoer on February 22. Concerns regarding accommodations have been received from Aberdeen Hockey and All Seasons has Open Skate Friday 7-9pm and Saturday 6-8pm. The Friday schedule was adjusted to 2 hour time slots to avoid early morning games and travel on Thursday night. Saturday ice schedule results with 8:15pm game. Discussion was held regarding accommodations. Determination was rooms are available and teams may have to split to different motels – much like other associations have done this season for other SDAHA tournaments. Feb 18-22, 2010

Commercial Approval– Midcontinent is preparing an ad for Ness Tax. Approval was provided after review of the script and permission granted for use of our jerseys. Vince noted consent for players in the commercial would need to be secured by Midco from the parents. Feb 26, 2010

### Miscellaneous

- Mark Arndt and Barry Solomon were appointed as SFYHA reps on the SFIRC Board.
- Sink not working in men's restroom at EXPO. Feb 9, 2010
- Positive Pat to PeeWee A – from player escort during the Bemidji tourney. Received a nice thank you and message from the family. Feb 10, 2010
- Scoreboard operation instructions sent to board members, team coordinators and board members. Feb 11, 2010
- SDAHA memo received: SDAHA Varsity Tournament television coverage will be during semi-finals and Championship game on Midco. Feb 16, 2010

### Broadcast Emails

- License Decals/Curtains/EOY Planning – Feb 3, 2010
- License Decals/Curtains – Feb 5, 2010
- Volunteer Opportunities/Board Nomination info/License Decals – Feb 11, 2010
- EXPO Ice Games & Practices cancelled for Feb 13-14 – Feb 13, 2010
- EXPO activities cancelled until further notice – Feb 14, 2010
- Ice Schedule Updates – Feb 14, 2010
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- Practices Added – Ice Updates – Feb 16, 2010
- Game Changes for upcoming weekend – Feb 18, 2010
- Nominations / Photo Contest / Decals – Feb 22, 2010
- Camps / Photo Contest Voting / Nominations / Decals – Feb 23, 2010
- EXPO Ice Closed for Season – Feb 25, 2010
- Curtains / Camps / Nominations / Decals – March 1, 2010

Approved March 3, 2010

Cherry Hunter, SFYHA  
Executive Assistant