

**St. Catharines Female Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 16, 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Rosie Warner, Jill Davis, Karen Bowen, Mikayla Guarasci, Christian Parise, Leah Fenwick, Jenni Bauer, Amanda Karner, Mike Kulawic, John Sykes, Allison Radko, Drew Cullen, Dave Whitty, Gord Bell, Cory Burnarski, Steve Bowen

Regrets: Grace Nardini, Emily Caldwell, Trish O'Neill, Peter Hill

Ryan Robitaille MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2024 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Guarasci 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Bowen All IN FAVOUR- Carried

**1. Administration- Grace**

- Please send Grace current roles and any updates or suggestions

**2. Social Committee– Sue, Grace & Karen**

- Positive feedback from the banquet
- 500 in attendance for Rep
- 400 in attendance for HL
- Some ideas for next year: accommodate more people, digital tickets using an app

**3. 2023/24 Rep season – Steve & Drew**

- positive provincial weekend for the Badger teams in attendance
- upcoming coaches in line and prepared for tryouts
- growth and development was made throughout the association

**4. 2023/24 HL season – Trish & Mike**

- Good season, great development
- Some challenges with registrations with U18 and U22, but overall it worked out
- 15 teams in total this season and could be the same for 2024/2025 season
- A goal is to try and have more consistent ice times, but it has improved
- Try to encourage the Rep teams to AP House League players
- Positive female players helped to support and foster a positive environment in HL this season

**5. Super Sunday -Trish & Mike**

- Successful, well organized and positive feedback

## **6. Tryouts – Front of the house – Sue**

- Lists of responsibilities and schedule for volunteers:
  - Players will begin to arrive one hour before tryout time
  - Volunteer schedule starts one hour before so please arrive 10 minutes before your start time
  - Setup the sign by the arena office indicating where the table will be located to check in for tryouts
  - Setup tables and binders for when players arrive
  - Drew has asked coaches to provide their list and numbers so jerseys will be ready
  - Sign in players and verify if they have paid, if not they have to do it online with ramp, must have PTS to get on the ice
  - A tryout number will be provided to each player on a card, that is the number they need for the entire tryout (remind them of this -suggest taking a picture)
  - Write their tryout number on the list beside their name
  - Hand out jerseys
  - Check the info sheets from the coaches with jerseys to correct jersey colour and number
  - Once all players on the ice, take the binder to the office so Karen Bowen is ready for the coaches
  - Hang up and organize jerseys so they are in the same order and ready for the next tryout
- A reminder Live Barn is active recording audio and visual at all times
- Jerseys will be washed throughout the tryouts using the Falcons washing facilities

## **7. Tryouts – Back of the house – Steve & Karen**

- Please only send one person to the back of the house -she will be in the office
- please use discretion during tryouts and be respectful of the admin and their roles

## **8. U15 – Ryan**

- Request to review having 5 teams at U15
- A discussion took place: current registration numbers at U15 are 68 enough to have 4 complete teams, currently not enough numbers for 5 teams, ice time challenges to accommodate a 5<sup>th</sup> team

## **9. Social Media -Mikayla**

- Mikayla spoke about a media day, options of doing on ice and just hire a photographer
- Further discussion on the topic of a media day as an association to enhance the Badger presence

## **10. Treasurer report & needs – Cory Burnarski**

- Not-for-profit contact information has been updated
- E-transfers have been setup and we can now accept this as a means of payment
- Goalie refunds (2 outstanding)
- Ice Scheduler payment was returned and was donated to the Shawn Wales fund
- 4 outstanding jersey payments
- Approximately \$200,000 in the account
- All accounts reconciled
- Looks like a projection of a slight surplus

## **11. Second Shift – Jill**

- Second shift begins Saturday 22 players registered and paid \$100 and funds also generated from Hockey Canada
- Caitlyn running all but one session, a coach is needed for April 27<sup>th</sup> @5:15
- Extra IP jerseys can be given to Second Shift (Jill to connect with Ali)
- Jill to send info to Mikalya to promote more registrations

## **12. May SCFHA meeting – Ryan**

- Come to the meeting with ideas to improve SCFHA
- “Think Tank” format

## **13. Additional Items**

- Mike Kulawic- anonymous donor at the HL Banquet -donated \$7000 for HL goalie development
- Jenni Bauer- requested update on HPDP
- Ryan Robitaille -a contract was given to Evan McGrath for HPDP and Mia will be a part of the development team, 23 development practices have been scheduled and connected to session with Athlete Farm, collaborative program on and off ice, initial schedule has been made, orientation day May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> players will have one hour of ice time with Evan and Mia

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Meeting was adjourned by Ryan Robitaille at 8:43pm – (1<sup>st</sup> Sue Guarasci 2<sup>nd</sup>– Alison Radko -ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED