

St. Catharines Female Hockey Association
Board Meeting
AUGUST 7, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Jill Davis, Rosie Warner, Derek Funk, Steve Bowen, John Sykes, Darryl Dionne, Allison Radko, Matt Cooper, Emily Caldwell, Mikayla Guarasci, Cory Brunarski

Regrets: Trish O'Neill, Christian Piraise, Gord Bell, Leah Fenwick

1. Ryan Robitaille MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes from July 3, 2024, 1st Sue Guarasci
2nd Jill Davis All IN FAVOUR- CARRIED
2. Ryan Robitaille made a MOTION via email July 25, 2024 to appoint Kevin Kelly to fill the vacant role of Coaching Director. The following board members VOTED in FAVOUR: Sue Guarasci, Jill Davis, Trish O'Neill, Mikayla Guarasci, Leah Fenwick, John Sykes, Rosie Warner, Darryl Dionne- CARRIED

Ryan to notify Kevin Kelly

3. Mikayla Guarasci made a MOTION via email August 3, 2024 to hire TS media to provide professional media services to the U15AA and U18AA teams for \$3390. The following board members VOTED in FAVOUR: Ryan Robitaille, Rosie Warner, Gord Bell, Derek Funk, Darryl Dionne, Jill Davis, Sue Guarasci, Trish O'Neill, John Sykes, Ali Radko, Matt Cooper, Emily Caldwell- CARRIED

4. Rep Update – Jill
U11 AA would like the camera for August 24th,
Steve has the renewal for the cameras to submit for payment
50% payment has been made to Front Row
Waiting for the ice schedule to then determine Athlete Farm schedule

5. HL Update – Trish
Reminders and social media have been promoting HL

Beginner (IP) - 24

U9 - 29 (2 teams)

U11 - 32 (3 teams)

U13 - 39 (3 teams)

U15 - 41 (3 teams)

U18 - 41 (3 teams) updated

U22 - 10 (1 team)

Ice request:

Sept 14/15 weekend - warm up skates

Sept 21/22 weekend - evaluations & team selection

Sept 28/29 weekend - team practices start

Coaches are in place - Darryl, Sue, Derek & Trish met a few weeks ago to make sure we're ready to go.

GHGHL scheduling meeting is the week of Sept 30 (Steve & Trish)

Team Snap - invoice is payable in a few weeks - we will do it again for HL - works really well to keep parents & coaches informed.

Pre-season coach meeting scheduled for Thursday September 5. **Steve - can we book Meridian Room**

Tournament Update

U9 Festival - Sat Sept 28

Jill will be in charge of volunteers for the day. We will need 2 people at check in, 2-3 people for lunches.

Boards will need to be brought to CGP from SH & put up - do we have 2 sets so we can run 2 pads simultaneously? I can ask CYO if we can borrow theirs if not.

Food - Ryan is contacting Boston Pizza. We will also hit Costco for snacks & drinks

Waiting for Brock Women's game time. Currently have 7 teams registered, waiting for an 8th. Plan is to have 2 games on Pad 1 & 2 games on Pad 2, followed by lunch & Brock game. 2 games per pad after lunch. This is also dependent on game time & refs (they have their mandatory training that day, so we will have to work our schedule around that).

Ryan or Steve - if we can contact CGP to get the upstairs Atrium meeting room for the lunches, that would be awesome.

Sportsheadz has been working with a few of the teams for hotels, so we will also get a small kickback from those.

Rep Tournament - Nov 1-3

We have 83 teams registered. There are 3 waitlisted that have been moved off this list-Sue to discuss with Grace about payment, Steve recommended that the parents are notified

Players registered for both U9 and IP will need to be rostered, but they may have some conflicts and overlapping with ice times- parents will be notified of this

Raffle table for the tournament:

HL can do a Rep raffle and Rep can do HL raffle was suggested

Straight Smiles sponsor a division U11 and U9 for \$500 each

Looking for a tournament sponsor and Trish sending out letters

Asking board members to please send out the letters for additional sponsorship

Also looking for items for swag bags and coupons for local restaurants

Trish working on photographers and vendor (Front Row) sweatshirts

6. Registrar Update – Sue

All rosters resubmitted and it updates while it is awaiting to process

7. Administration Update – Grace

Payments updates sent to Cory and Jill

Cory to email coaches with those outstanding

Grace is recommending that everyone use their association emails when corresponding (Ryan and Grace to work on this)

Only 10 emails can be used with the account -Steve is able to make the adjustments to emails and the logo tag for each email

8. Ice Schedule Update – Steve

All ice from the city and Meridian Centre has been given

All ice has been logged and balanced between teams and should be out in the next couple of days
U15AA and U18AA to have 2- 1.5 hours of ice team (working on balancing the other teams with ice times)

August 15th more ice will be released and should help with the distribution

Steve to send ice times to Ryan to review and align with Athlete Farm

Steve to work with Leah to ensure there is referees and timekeepers

9. Ref and Timekeeper Update – Leah

10. Hockey Canada and SCFHA Update – Emily/Mikayla

U18AA team and development camps coming to St. Catharines

3 game series against USA at Canada Summer Games

special events with the badgers

U11 and U13 teams have been invited Friday to the U18 camp (54 players) who will participate in a variety of games and activities

Mikayla working on a post for the games on social media

Jill to send out a message to all Rep coaches to get as much representation as possible

Grace to send out an email to those that have registered to HL to invite to the games

11. Social Media Update – Mikayla

TS media has been notified and dates will need to be secured for the media days

Please send anything that needs to be posted on social media to Mikayla or Emily

12. Equipment Update – Matt

Mc Donald's jersey have been received

Pylon costs have increased -Cory has been notified

\$2000 GC from Front Row to be used at alter date for potentially goalie equipment

Darryl to send Matt the HL Coaches meeting date so he can attend to discuss equipment with coaches

13. Open discussion topics

- a. Dates for SCFHA board meetings – vote (September) TBA depending on ice times
- b. Presentation at end of season from Jenni – re discuss with action plan-looking for someone to take the lead on the actionable items
- c. Coach Meeting planning needed for HL and REP also including our developers (Ryan to take the lead)
- d. Developers and “employees” meeting with SCFHA
- e. Boston Pizza Glendale-Ryan
- f. Community involvement -Grape and Wine Festival, there is an Assistant Coach interested in being a part of the festival

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned by Ryan Robitaille at 8:35 pm– (1st Jill Davis 2nd– Sue Guarasci

-ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

Meeting Minutes submitted by: Rosie Warner

