

St. Catharines Female Hockey Association
Board Meeting
February 13, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Rosie Warner, Jill Davis, Karen Bowen,
Leah Fenwick, Grace Nardini, Amanda Karner, Mike Kulawic, John Sykes, Drew Cullen, Grace
Nardini, Dave Whitty, Gord Bell, Christian Parise

Regrets: Steve Bowen, Trish O'Neill, Jenni Bauer, Alison Radko, Emily Caldwell
Mikayla Guarasci, Peter Hill

Administration Staff present: Carolyn Nowe

Ryan Robitaille MOTION to approve Meeting Minutes from January 16th, 2024 2nd Drew Cullen
All IN FAVOUR- Carried

January 30th, 2024 Sue Guarasci made a motion via email to purchase end of the year
player banners for \$2625.00 and \$723.54 to purchase graduating player banners for
senior game, motion approved.

1. SCFHA Banquet plan and needs – Sue

- Tickets ordered- player names will be added on the back of each ticket before
distribution -Karen and Rosie
- Banners orders
- Alumni and wall of fame is being worked on
- Mikayla to send out email to coaches to send her pictures so she can work on the video
as well as pictures for senior biographies
- Drew will work on a thank you to be distributed to coaches- Carolyn to work with Drew
on this project

2. Coaching selection and Updates – Drew

- All coaches applications in for all teams
- U9A Jesse Scazzano will be the head coach for 2024-2025 season

3. Rep Update – Steve via Drew

- Playoff and playdowns have started
- top 4 going onto first round
- timekeepers and refs are being organized
- no APs during playdowns, only for a goalie and must get permission

4. HL and Super Sunday Update – Mike

- HL games scheduled
- HL allowing APs during playoffs
- Trish working on Super Sunday April 7th
- We will need volunteers for this day
- Mike Kulawic coaches application online, all coaches confirmed just working through the process, June 5th will start rostering teams, there must be a coach and female trainer
- HL tournament went well, less teams this year (other associations also in the same situation with less teams participating in a tournament)
- More of a presence at the arena for the tournament next year and solicit sponsorship
- More advertisement to generate more teams
- Pete H. to provide financials at a later date

5. Women's IP program Update – Steve via Carolyn

- Cancelled remaining ice time as attendance was low and ice time was given to teams that would use it
- Refunds will be issued for those that paid

6. First Shift – Update and feedback – Jill

- 45 skaters with equipment
- Remainder of equipment has been distributed
- Katelyn Calona supporting the First Shift Program for the remainder of the sessions on ice

7. Treasurer Update – Grace & Carolyn

Outstanding Balances total: \$24 663.50

- HL DS \$1125.00
- HL \$2437.50 outstanding
- Misc \$290.00
- Jersey fees 42 players have not made payment and reminders have been sent \$8400.00 outstanding
- AA fees outstanding \$8575.00
- Rep \$1336.00 outstanding fees
- Rep deposit fees outstanding 5 x \$500 = \$2500.00

Ryan Robitaille Motion that players cannot participate in tryouts, no releases will be given, no player transfers can occur until all fee payments are paid in full 2nd Drew Cullen - all in favour-CARRIED

Ryan Robitaille Motion that U18AA players must make full payment of fees by March 1st 2024 in order for players to participate in the Senior Game March on March 7th 2nd Mike Kulawic all in favour-CARRIED

Mike Kulawic Motion to pay 2 HL player fees of \$975 each to be drawn from the Sean Wales fund 2nd Doug Whitty - all in favour – CARRIED

- Fees outstanding for Pete H., a payment that was promised for an ice scheduler position of \$7000, the position was filled by Pete for approximately 2 months, Steve eventually took on this role
- Outstanding balance of \$3600 for player fees as a result

Sue G. Motion to pay Pete Hill for this time in the role as Ice Scheduler for two months based on the role being 10 months at \$2500, therefore paying Pete \$500 to be removed from his balance owing and Steve Bowen to receive the remaining \$2000 if Pete agrees on the time he has committed to this role 2nd Gord Bell -all in favour- CARRIED

- 2022-2023 books being closed and completing the financial statements
- Social media advertising has created interest for the treasurer position, two applicants to be interviewed

8. Additional Topics

- Gord Bell- discuss the call up policy and procedures
- Policy in place and will be restructured with Sara in both Rep and HL
- Ryan Robitaille and Drew Cullen to share the policy regarding callup players
- Moving forward any call up requests must be via email and include Sara Bauer in the email request

Grace Nardini Motion to add \$65 annually to the current insurance policy for a 2 million director's liability above Hockey Canada's policy 2nd John Sykes- all in favour -CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned by Ryan Robitaille at 9:03 pm –2nd –
John Sykes -ALL IN FAVOUR - CARRIED

