

Waconia Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2010

Waconia Ice Arena 7 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mark Appelgren
Tom Battis
Dan Benham
Chad Bijou
Toni Christopherson
Marvin Denzer
Dawn Genz
Duane Haus
Brian Hoernemann
Marc Huebner
Joe Kalenberg
Dale Laumann
Steve Nagy
Terri Lee Paulsen
Brian Tasson

Summary of Meeting:

Call to order by President Brian Tasson.

Review of Minutes from Dec. 4, 2009, meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes made by Mark Appelgren, seconded by Duane Haus.

Motion carried.

Future projections for the competitive team levels for 2010–2011.

High School Hockey Coach Dan Benham was present to discuss next year's high school hockey plans. For the 2010–2011 season, there are plans for a junior varsity as well as a varsity team. 25 players would be the minimum number of players to support these two teams. Dan is excited that Waconia will be able to field both teams next year.

Current status with the city of Waconia and our current ice contract

The WHA is still patiently waiting to hear from the city of Waconia regarding the date of our next contract meeting. To date, we have had three meetings with the City of Waconia (July 21, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19). Based on the most recent meeting on Oct. 19, the city was going to set up a meeting in November to coincide with their November calendar. We have made numerous attempts to confirm a date but have not been successful.

The primary issue with the ice contract is the WHA's obligation to purchase 1,650 hours of ice from Sept. 1 through May 15 each agreement year. The hockey season typically only goes from Oct. 1 – March 15. There are fewer than 1,000 hours available to purchase during the hockey

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season. There is virtually no demand for ice from March 15 through May 15 and minimal demand from Sept. 1–30. As a result, the WHA is obligated to purchase approximately 500 hours of ice that is not utilized. Based on the current \$220/hour rate, it is costing the WHA in excess of \$100,000 a year. As we are well into the second year of the ice contract, this issue has put a significant strain on the condition of the WHA.

A secondary issue with the ice contract is the current \$220 hourly rate. Virtually all the competing arenas sell their prime ice between \$170 and \$195 an hour. These rates are significantly reduced (\$115 to \$135) for early morning and late evening hours. These reduced rates also apply to “off-season” hours from March 15 through Sept. 30 as well. The WHA is required to pay the current \$220 rate regardless of the time of day or whether it’s in-season or off-season. These prices are well above market rates, coupled with the fact that our location is on the outskirts of the metro area which completely diminishes the marketability of the hours.

IP REPORT

Currently working on securing the additional 12 hours of ice time promised to the Mite group.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Still working on collecting unpaid fees from certain families. Final letters will be sent out again to these families regarding immediate payment.

Checking Account - \$54,505.97

Arena Savings - \$51,488.84

Capital Campaign - \$9,916.88

Accounts Receivable - \$15,171.02

Motion made by Joe Kalenberg to not sell any ice time to a person or business who has not paid their prior ice bill. Seconded by Steve Nagy. Motion carried.

New Business

The WHA has decided an AED device should be present in the arena. The Board will contact Ridgeview Foundation to discuss obtaining one.

Next Meeting

Set for Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, Waconia Ice Arena at 7 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Toni Christopherson, seconded by Duane Haus. Motion carried.