

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 8 Oct 2012

Attendance: John Dondelinger, Tim Blinkhorn, Steve Bertossi, Chris LaDouceur, Andrea Gohman, Eric Jones, Bob Roeser, Jeff Balow, Randy Peitz, Joe Kalenberg, Gerard Hanson, Zach Stamson, John Wood, Chaz Larson, Derek Siddons

Non Board Members: Andy Long, BIG Athletics

Absent: Pat Shea (Excused).

Call to order: Dondelinger

Equipment Coordinator

Short presentation by Andy Long representing BIG Athletics with respect to apparel sourcing capabilities. Andy emphasized web ordering, in town store try-ons and apparel pick up.

Discussion and agreement on partnering with BIG Athletics as a provider of apparel items for the 2012-2013 season through a WHA web presence and email communications.

Motion by Peitz. 2nd: Gohman. Motion carried.

Further discussion of brand consistency across all apparel types and vendors for WHA apparel. Agreed on two elements of consistency: 1) wildcat/stick logo and 2) the WHA 'W'.

President's Report

Chaz Larson was formally introduced to fellow board members as the Communications Coordinator for the 2012-2013 season (replacing Shelly Hodge, who had to step down due to personal circumstances).

Dondelinger introduced the SKATE (Skaters Keep Achieving Through Education) program to the board members. SKATE is an academic recognition program designed to encourage association youth to strive for academic excellence in the classroom. It has been adopted by many associations in the state. Discussion centered on the potential benefits of implementing the program in the WHA and the practicality, value, and timing of doing so. It was agreed to table the topic, gather more information, and discuss in more detail at a future board meeting.

Discussion on potential reduction in fees for Bantams given it was decided that given the number of Bantam level skaters registered there would be two vs three Bantam level teams and some savings (reduced total ice time, etc) are realized.

Motion by Bertossi to reduce fees by \$150/skater (\$75/goalie). 2nd by LaDouceur. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report

Discussion was held on the practical application implementation of the USA Hockey/SafeSport Co Ed Locker Room policy at the IP level. Considerations included the age of players, level and necessity of parent involvement in child preparation, etc. It was decided that the implementation would remain consistent with last year but with added emphasis on parent choice with respect to dressing prior to arrival at WIA.

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve meeting minutes of 9 Sep 2012: Dondelinger. 2nd: Peitz. Motion carried. (email vote 10 Oct 2012)

Update and general discussion on status of registration was held. Emphasis on submitting preliminary rosters for Bantam, Pee wee, and 12U teams prior to any early season scrimmage or tournament.

Treasurer's Report (not available at time of meeting)

Fundraising

Follow up discussion on previous agreement and logistics of having calendar sales be a team fund raising activity for the 2012-2013 season.

The board acknowledged a donation from the Minnetonka Jaycees.

IP Program

Jeff Wood provided an update on Rookie Camp participation and expected conversions to the IP program, including number of girls anticipated in the program at the IP level.

Girls Program Update

Balow updated the board on expected number of girls at each level for the coming season. Noted some 8U players would need to play up to field the 10U team. Impact on 8U and lower teams will be determined after registration at all levels is complete.

Motion to adjourn: Stamson. 2nd : Hanson. Motion carried.