

January WHA Board Meeting Minutes  
January 16th, 2013 -6:30pm @ Waseca Community Arena

Attendance: Kelly Heitkamp, Mike Rolling, Trent Morris, Al Kunz (non-voting), Jeff Herbst, Amy Roessler, Brian Weller, Teresa Schumacher, Sharon Monshaugen, Darla Dahnert, Martin Eberling, Brian Weller, Nikki Dulas.

Called meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Approval of January's meeting agenda and December's regular meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the January's meeting agenda and the December's regular meeting minutes by (Not recorded) and seconded by (Not recorded). Motion passes 10-0

Gambling Report: Al Kunz

Approval of December's Expenses       X       Lawful purpose expenditures       X      

Pre-approval of February's       X       Lawful purpose expenditures       X      

Checking Account balance       x      

Motion to approve gambling report by (Not recorded) and seconded by (Not recorded). Motion passes 9-0 and 1 abstaining.

Financial Report:

General Account Balance       x       Concession Account Balance       x      

10U/12U tournament: Netted \$4617.60

Motion to approve financial report by Amy Roessler and seconded by Martin Eberling. Motion passes 10-0.

Reports and Updates:

- District 9 update: District 9 will have 3 teams move to regions. Region will play District 4 and 5 teams. Top 5 teams will advance to regions from these 2 Districts. District 9 PeeWee A season was extended to February 9<sup>th</sup> due to 22 game schedule. Top 8 teams play in District 9 playoff. PeeWee B top 2 from East and West will go to Districts with 4 play-in games. Bottom team in each league will not qualify for Districts. U12 will be the same as PeeWee B with no exclusions.
- Presidents Report:

Topics:

Fighting on the bench incident. Coaches have initiated a solution and reprimand for the players involved. WHA Board concurs with the coaches decisions in regards to this incident.

Instigator will be suspended 3 games and must apologize to Parents, Players, coaches and opposing team. Player's attitude will be closely monitored and will not be allowed to play unless the player's attitude has changed.

Retaliators will be suspended for one game. Same as if you were on the ice.

All parents have been contacted over the situation and are aware of the reprimands.

Squirt tournament: The association does not want to lose money. We want every team to have a tournament but this does not always happen. The arena charges \$135.00 per hour for a tournament. We have reduced our entry fees to get teams to come. PeeWee "A" and "B", Bantam tournaments were cancelled but played games instead. The Squirt parents reached out and found 4 teams to come and play at \$400.00 a team. This ends up with a shortfall of around 650.00 dollars. This does not include what the concession stand would bring in. The concession stand usually brings in about \$700.00 a tournament. The decision was made based on the fact the concession stand would cover the cost and if we would not sale anything the WHA had resources to cover the cost. Plus there has been \$450.00 in donations made. Props out to Squirt parents to get donations and teams and for making the tournament happen.

Discussion on other home tournaments. Make action item for next meeting to discuss tournament committee for each level.

Calendar update: Drawing went well. 1100 calendars sold (\$22,000). Still waiting for checks for some advertising in the calendars. As of now WHA has \$10,453 in profit.

Process of Academic ineligible player: Parent signs a consent form, Brian receives it and he hands it in to the school district, it goes to the AD. The AD collects the information and he then notifies Brian. Brian reaches out to the coach and then the coach reaches out to the player/parent. This cannot be done until the AD gives the official letter of ineligibility. This is 7<sup>th</sup> grade and above. High school follows MSHSL rules. This is all confidential between school, coach, player and parent. This process will continue to be upheld.

Board focus and state of the board: It's good for board members to discuss the issues amongst themselves. We want to be open with each other.

#### Committee Reports:

- Registration – No update
- Volunteer hours- Going well.
- Equipment report HEP – No update
- Fundraising – Looking into Hockey decals
- Tournaments – see Squirt Tournament in the above discussion
- Website – no update
- Ice scheduler- One of the toughest jobs to coordinate. A lot of emails back and forth on changes. Schedule goes from coaches to Jeremy, from Jeremy to Kyle, Kyle to another person then back to Kyle and then Kyle approves back to Jeremy. The WHA would like to have a different system in place but it would have to be approved thru the Arena Board. Thanks to Jeremy for keeping all this organized. There has to be a better way to perform this task.
- Concession stand- Going well.
- Recruitment – no update
- Arena Liason - Arena: Advertising \$2350 so far. Getting more in. YouthFirst will continue to sell for us. Talked about grants with YouthFirst. Will have a plan for the next 8 months.
  - Tracking gate fees. High Schools Girls Gate fees: \$4429.81, Boys Gate fees: \$4840.81. Girls average \$632.83 and the Boys average \$605.10. Questions: Where does the

money for the High School player fees get used? Why is it so much higher than the other sports?

- Skate sharpening – Kyle put on website dates that skates will be sharpened.
- Coaching coordinator – No update
- Officials coordinator – no update

#### Discussion Items:

- Home Tournaments- Bantam tournament turned into just games. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> rated teams coming to play.
- Do we have Tournament Committee- Try to get a volunteer by the end of the year. Idea to have team coordinator follow team all the way through the summer. Do some cross training with new coordinator. Action Item for next month.
- What to do to increase participation in the 2013-2014 Home Tournaments- new dates
- Goalie Training/what to do to increase goalie participation at younger levels. Talk to other associations. More proactive to promote goalie development at the younger levels. Have just a goalie clinic. If the advertising takes off maybe we can purchase goalie pads for each level.
- How to increase girl's hockey numbers-Kyle couldn't be here due to a girl's game. One way would be to host a WHA sponsored girl's free clinic on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from 7:15pm to 8:30PM. Kyle would be willing to conduct and organize. This would be a great time to promote. WHA board said go for it.

#### Action Items:

- Purchasing necklaces for Squirt Tournament: Motion to pay for 50 necklaces and charge \$10.00 and be refunded for all that doesn't sell by Teresa and seconded by Amy. Passes 10-0
- Lobby \_phone/cell phone - Most times kids can ask to borrow a phone to make a call. Maybe start next October, why start paying now when we are almost thru the season. No motion.
- Locker room supervision- Minnesota Hockey has rules on locker rooms and leaves the implementation up to the individual association. Some examples are: 1) Up to players to be responsible for themselves. 2) Volunteer hours for a locker room supervisor. 3) Put up signs that no recording devices are allowed in locker room.  
Questions: If we have parents do this, they will need to have a screening? Where would the parent be? (Inside or out). What do they do at the high school level? What legalities and liabilities are involved? We need conversations with parents at the parent meetings. How do we protect our young players? Brian will reach out to the coaches of a certain team to address some issues. Tabled
- Add board minutes to hockey website – Motion to add board minutes minus the financials on the website by Sharon Monshaugen and seconded by Teresa Schumacher. Motion passes 6-3.
- Anonymous donation: Motion to accept anonymous donation of \$1000.00 to be put towards the coaches clinic expense by Nikki Dulas and seconded by Martin Eberling. Motion passes 8-1
- First National Bank Grant donation for \$359.60 for Helmet Beanies: Motion to accept donation by Brian Weller and seconded by Amy Roessler. Motion passes 9-0. Thanks Chris Prescott.

- Junior board members (non voting) - Idea to get younger people the experience of being on a board. We are an open forum and they can attend any meeting. Tabled
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm by Martin Eberling and seconded by Mike Rolling. Motion passes 9-0

Next Meeting January 16th, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Waseca Community Arena