

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

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

Called meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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

Motion to approve the February's meeting agenda and the January's regular meeting minutes by Trent Morris and seconded by Darla Dahnert. Motion passes 8-0

Gambling Report: Al Kunz

Approval of January's Expenses _____X_____ Lawful purpose expenditures _____X_____

Pre-approval of March's _____X_____ Lawful purpose expenditures _____X_____

Checking Account balance _____x_____

Things continue to do well. This has been another good month. Some machines were audited and no issues were found. Eide Bailly informed us that they are discontinuing gambling audits. I will check out our options and make a recommendation to the board at the March meeting.

Motion to approve gambling report by Mike Rolling and seconded by Marten Eberling. Motion passes 8-0 and 1 abstaining.

Financial Report:

General Account Balance _____x___ Concession Account Balance _____x_____

Rent for the concessions stand is paid. (\$2250)

Squirt tournament: Netted \$68.75 plus what the concessions (approx. \$1200.00), necklace sales, chuck a puck and Hat sales earned.

Motion to approve financial report by Jason Attenberger and seconded by Sharon Monshaugen.

Motion passes 9-0.

Work on having the budget ready for April meeting.

Reports and Updates:

- District 9 update: No meeting since last WHA board meeting. District games need to be played before any other games unless rescheduled.
- Presidents Report:

Topics:

1. How Teams Finished in District Play

- Bantams will advance to Region play in Rochester starting March 1st. Squirts are playing in the District tournament starting March 1st in Kasson. The 12U girls opted out of the District tournament but are playing in a Jamboree February 23, 2013 in Austin.
- 2. Calendar Fundraising Amount-\$11,253, may have some advertising checks coming in. Great job Julie Sommers! We thank all the girls High School players for selling all their calendars. This all helps pay for ice.
- 3. Zero Tolerance Arena/High School program.
 - a. The arena is a Zero tolerance facility. WHA pays for the High School ice time. The Arena is on school property and coaches, referees and players of both home and visiting teams should be treated with respect. The out of control behavior is seen by other teams and should not and will not be tolerated. Out of town teams will refuse and are refusing to come back to the Waseca Arena when these types of incidents come up. The WHA board is very disappointed in some individuals actions at the arena. We all need to keep the atmosphere positive, after all it is just a game.
- 4. Number of families who still have remaining volunteer hours to fulfill.
 - a. Please get your hours done. We will be invoicing for hours that are not worked and the players will not be allowed on the ice at the start of the next season. If the player becomes a High School player they are still obligated to pay for any hours not worked.
- 5. Aprils board meeting.
 - a. Board meetings will move back to Sundays at 7pm.
 - b. We need a key to get into the arena.
 - c. Budget needs to be ready.

Committee Reports:

- Registration – No update
- Volunteer hours- Going well. Most families have their hours.
- Equipment report HEP – Idea of having Play It Again gather hockey equipment for us. They really don't want hockey stuff right now so they may be willing to collect items for us. Example: (We could pay \$5.00 for a pair of used skates).
 - Why are the hockey association skates getting painted blue? They are being painted for open skate.
 - Equipment collection. Coordinators will be collecting jerseys. The last game everyone should turn in their jerseys. No holding onto jerseys for the next season. The WHA needs to assess the condition and inventory the jerseys and equipment.
 - Looking into sponsorships for jerseys.
- Fundraising – Do something that people want to do. Parent's banquet or beginning of the season party.
- Tournaments – Squirt tournament went well. Thanks to all the Squirt Parents!
- Website – See Anthony Martens letter to the Board; last pages.

- Ice scheduler- Any team that is advancing in playoffs will get precedence on ice time. The process is too complicated. Too many emails going back and forth.
- Concession stand- Going well.
- Recruitment – Flyer for free Girls hockey from Kyle. Community Ed brochure.
- Arena Liaison - Arena: Not a lot back from H.S. Budgets from other teams?
 - Advertising Banners brought in around \$2300
 - Advertising- Kyle did send email out to local businesses to advertise at the arena.
 - Need to decide about October Ice. It will cost approximately 30% more for these 2 or 3 weeks due to higher outside temperatures. Potential for open ice at 6:30am to 7:30am for the public. If temp is 55 degree or higher it is impossible to make ice.
 - Arena feels there is less seepage along the bench and feel they have this under control.
 - Next year is the 20 year anniversary for the Arena and would like more community involvement.
 - WHA board feels we should start sooner to be competitive early in the season and would pay the extra cost to have the ice in earlier.
 - Email will be sent to Youth First asking them to write for a grant.
 - WHA Board would like a 3 to 5 year contract.
- Skate sharpening – Arena staff is sharpening skates. They will always put getting the ice cleaned before any skate sharpening so don't expect skates to be sharpened 10 minutes before a game.
- Coaching coordinator – Coaches are meeting every Monday. Skills were a success and will be back and the deficiencies will be corrected. Coaching was good overall. Of course there were some bad situations but all was handled nicely. Coaches feel there was very good progression from the skills, mainly at the lower levels. WHA would sure like to see a female coach step up for the girls program.
- Officials coordinator – Tom and Tyler have been selected to do State Tournament. Tom and the district are trying to put something together to rotate refs so you don't see the same refs over and over. This of course will cost more due to the travel expenses.

Discussion Items:

- Community Ed Brochure – Make sure this flyer gets in.
- WHA Banquet (Start Time and agenda) – Easter falls on the traditional day of the banquet so we need to set another date. Discussed the agenda.
- Board vacancies: There are 4 openings for the board. Please email Kelly Heitkamp if interested in serving on the board. We will need to put together a pamphlet for the banquet.
- Volunteer of the year – Will be presented at the banquet.
- Coach of the year – Will be presented at the banquet.
- Goalie Training/how do we increase the goalie participation at younger levels (Erik W.)
 - WHA may pay for some goalie coaching. WHA board thinks it is something we need to do. "You are only as good as your goalie". WHA board will do some research on cost.
- How to increase girl hockey numbers (Kyle Collins free clinics).

Action Items:

- Volunteer of the Year – Voted on and will be presented at the banquet.
- Coach of the Year – Voted on and will be presented at the banquet.
- Girls SCC Conference Champion Banner – WHA will pay for the banner to be put up at the arena.
 - Motion by Jason Attenberger and seconded by Sharon Monshaugen. Motion passes 11-0.
- Banquet Date/location – Motion to have the banquet on Monday, March 25th at the VFW by Jeremy Brown and seconded by Darla Dahnert. Motion passes 9-2.
- Notify WHA members of vacant board seats – no motion needed, just send out notification.
- Set May Registration date – Sunday May 19th, 2013.
 - Motion to accept the registration date by Sharon Monshaugen and seconded by Jeremy Brown. Motion passes 11-0.
- Code of conduct form for players/parents at registration
 - Motion for a code of conduct form to be signed at the time of registration by Mike Rolling and seconded by Jeremy Brown. Motion passes 11-0.
- Setting up a tournament committee
 - Motion to set up a tournament committee to be determined for the next season by Jason Attenberger and seconded by Teresa Schumacher. Motion passes 10-1.
- Accept \$130.00 gift certificate from the Crossings Inn-Accepted
- WHA locker rooms-No action taken.
- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm by Sharon Monshaugen and seconded by Brian Weller. Motion passes 11-0.

Next Meeting March 20th, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Waseca Community Arena

February 19th, 2013

Hello board members,

I had whole heartedly planned on being at the February meeting but I have to attend a mandatory Fire Department training. I have been meaning to give you an update on the website stuff so I thought I would write up something so that you know what is going on.

- DIBS
 - The DIBS function seems to be working well. The only thing that I am not impressed with is the lack of reporting function. I have spoken with NGIN (our website host) and they have assured me that they are working on an easier way to get reports.
 - I was a little overzealous when I setup the DIBS function on the site. Currently there are 8 different DIBS sessions (Volunteer hours – WHA Member, Concession Stand – WHA Member, Fair bingo, Open Skate guards, WHA Golf Tournament, WHA Salt fundraiser, Super Bingo, HS Hockey) which requires me to run 8 different reports to get current up-to-date hours for families. I had set this up prior to me understanding that you could “tag” all of the DIBS hours by event. Next season there will simply be 2 sessions, WHA Volunteer Hours, Concession hours. Each shift will be tagged so that you can sort by what you want, ie: fair bingo, squirt, concessions, ect. This way we will only have 2 reports to run and make things easier on everyone.
 - I have added a DIBS aggregator to the home page of our website. It will show the next 5 DIBS shifts that are available and give people an easy way to click on them and accept them right from the home page.
- Website – Permissions
 - I would like permission to clean up the website permissions at the end of the season. There are currently 20 people on certain pages that are labeled as Admin’s. I would like to keep editing permissions only for those who are associated as board members or team coordinators/coaches. It is really easy for me to add someone by just checking a box.
- Facebook Page/Twitter
 - I was wondering if we could possibly be utilizing our Facebook Page and maybe a Twitter account. I just recently came back from effective communication training and one of their main pushes was “Harness Social Media”. It is quite possibly the quickest way to get information to the masses. I was thinking during the 12U DIB thing that we could have blasted out to many in a short time. I know that some people don’t check their email everyday but are “addicted” to social media. I think that the website and Facebook/Twitter should function together. I would like ideas/direction from the board. I would be happy to merge that into the website coordinator position.

Finally, I am always looking for comments, suggestions, ect. If you see something that could be beneficial on the website or have ideas of how things could look better or maybe something that would be better utilized in a different location, please feel free to call or email.

Have a great meeting!!

Sincerely,

Anthony Martens
Website Coordinator