

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 8 September 2013

Attendance: John Dondelinger, Eric Jones, Todd George, Charlie Vacek, Andrea Gohman, Derek Siddons, Brooks Rankin, Chaz Larson, Zach Stamson, Steve Bertossi, Gerard Hanson, Amy Schneider

Absent: None.

Visitors: Randy Peitz, Dan O'Brien (Key Volunteers - Equipment Coordinators), John Bruellman (Key Volunteer – Tourney Coordinator)

Call to order: Dondelinger

Equipment Update:

Randy and Dan updated the board on jersey status and plans for Rookie Camp, IP, and competitive teams. Discussion and agreement to make WHA apparel available through BIG Athletics again this year (non-mandatory, members and teams are free to source apparel through other options as well). Will have two windows of opportunity for ordering, first for competitive level teams and later for IP teams. Emphasized using the same two WHA logo's as last year for consistency.

Tournament Update:

John B. updated the board on progress in selecting tournaments for the upcoming season. Emphasis is being placed on identifying and registering for tournaments on all levels that will involve similar sized associations and that will provide a fun and competitive environment for participating teams.

President's Report

Discussion on future of WHS Girls Hockey program as discussed by Dave Kuehn in a conversation with Dondelinger. WHS intent is to stay with coop agreement with Holy Family in the 2014-2015 season but is subject to mutual agreement by Holy Family.

Further discussion on options to secure outdoor ice for the coming season. Little progress made since previous board meetings. Must keep working the issue with the city and WHS.

Equipment Coordinator Report

Randy Peitz (Equipment Manager) gave an update on jersey's purchased. 29 Squirt and 2 U10 jersey's were purchased.

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve meeting minutes of 5 Aug 2013: Hanson 2nd: Bertossi Motion carried.

Treasurer Report –September 8, 2013:

Checking Account: \$48,122.13

Deposits: \$19,003.76

Expenditures: \$5,269.70

Capital Savings: \$33,086.33

Accounts Payable: \$0.00

Accounts Receivable: \$26,292.96

Past Due: \$4,104.14

2011-12: \$2,545.00

2012-13: \$1,559.14

Fundraising/Marketing Update:

The WHA was represented with a table at all recent Waconia school open house sessions and numerous new family contacts were made.

The recent WHA Golf Tournament results were discussed. Final numbers were not yet available but preliminary financials and multiple anecdotal comments confirmed the event was a significant success. Also discussed improvement opportunities for next year.

Discussion and agreement to change the number of ice out tickets to be made available to families from 6 to 10 to allow for more flexibility on a member basis and potentially greater turn out at the event.

Discussed potential to get involved with the Schwan's organization in fund raising activities. More information gathering is required to evaluate the opportunity so the topic was tabled for a future discussion.

ACE Coordinator Update :

Discussion on and motion by Bertossi to strike language in WHA Guidebook relating to fee reimbursement for coaches as this is not a budgeted item. 2nd: Rankin Motion carried.

Update on HDC clinics was positive – large turnouts and running smoothly.

Tryouts being actively scheduled with numerous volunteer opportunities to be posted to DIBS shortly.

Discussion on and motion by Bertossi to nominate Mark Hazlett and John Conlin as Squirt A coaches for coming season (specific team placement TBD). 2nd: Gohman Motion carried.

IP Coordinator Update:

20 skaters reported to first Rookie Camp. Further discussion on number of coaches and how to utilize effectively during the camps. Also involving Bantam level skaters to assist. Emphasis on skill development and fun.

Motion to adjourn: Roeser 2nd: Bertossi Motion carried.