

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2 December 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: Cammie Holcomb, Melanie Evelbak, Kip Rakos

Call to order: Dondelinger

President's Report

Cammie and Melanie addressed the board regarding their interest in hosting a U8/U10 girls hockey tournament this summer at the WIA. A well thought out plan was presented and met with support by the board. While the WHA would not be sponsoring or funding the event we agreed the association could play a useful role through endorsement, provide access to the WHA website and NGIN functionality to post and track the tournament, help spread the word, volunteer, etc. Additionally, it was agreed that Charlie Vacek, as the girls program coordinator, would serve as the liaison between the tournament organizers and the WHA.

Motion by Vacek to endorse the tournament and assist as outlined above. Bertossi 2nd. Motion carried.

Kip Rakos addressed the board regarding a general concern about potential conflict(s) of interest arising from the fact that some WHA coaches are also members of the Hockey Development Committee (HDC). While no specific cases of this potential conflict or its potentially detrimental effects were offered, in extended discussions the board generally agreed that it would be ideal to avoid having active coaches on the HDC. It was also discussed and acknowledged that this level of independence will be difficult to achieve in an association of our size unless several more qualified members of the association would be willing to volunteer to serve either as coaches or HDC members to minimize or eliminate the overlap of each. The board agreed to review the process of recruitment and staffing of the HDC for the 2014-2015 season (Dondelinger, Bertossi).

Kip also expressed concern about tryouts with respect to parent-coach involvement in the process. While there are policy restrictions in place to regulate and minimize parent coach involvement, Kip strongly indicated that he felt there should be no parent coach involvement whatsoever in the tryout process. While that may not be practical given the significant number of parent coaches in the association and in light of written (and typical) policy of allowing some level of discretion to head coaches when establishing teams, the board is interested in ways to improve the tryout process so it was agreed to review the tryout policies, including the opt out policy, prior to the 2014-2015 season (Dondelinger, Bertossi).

Secretary's Report

Motion to approve meeting minutes of 4 November 2013: Hanson. 2nd: Roeser. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report – 2 December 2013:

Checking Account: \$127,129.19

Deposits: \$25,949.69

Expenditures: \$45,912.89

Capital Savings: \$33,090.46

Accounts Payable: \$0.00

Accounts Receivable: Registration fee collection in process.

Past Due: \$3,967.01

2011-12: \$2,545.00

2012-13: \$1,422.01

Fundraising/Marketing Update:

Schneider provided an update on status and final calendar sales push for this season. Also updated the board on Ice Out planning. Discussion was had on a suggestion for potentially holding a card tournament as a fund raiser. While there was some interest, the idea was tabled pending more detailed information.

ACE Coordinator Update :

Assistant coach approvals:

Motion by Bertossi to approve Dave Montgomery as Asst Coach for Bantam A w/ one half typical reimbursement for a non-parent coach since he is limited in participation due to schedule (he is also coaching at the Bantam B2 level). 2nd: Siddons. Motion carried.

Girl's Program Update:

Vacek reported that 5 skaters in the girls program waived out of the association following high school tryouts to co-op with Prior Lake at the U14 level.

IP Coordinator Update:

Discussions on and research into outdoor ice for the WHA have been ongoing. After evaluation of alternatives for outdoor ice (Lola's, other city rinks, ponds, etc.) it was decided for this season to optimize the use of the WIA to provide maximum ice time to the IP program by full utilization of available ice over Christmas and New Year's break (when the HS is using less ice time), and in late Feb and late March as the season winds down for the various levels. Cumulatively this will afford approximately 9 additional hours of ice time to the IP program.

Masog updated the board on the most recent Rookie Camp. Discussed possibility of moving some skaters into the mite program at a reduced rate schedule vs attending a third Rookie Camp.

There was general agreement from the ACE Coordinator and board on this approach for appropriate skaters.

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