

# **WHA Board Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date: 6 April 2014**

Attendance: John Dondelinger, Bob Roeser, Eric Jones, Charlie Vacek, Derek Siddons, Brooks Rankin, Chaz Larson, Zach Stamson, Amy Schneider, Steve Bertossi, Gerard Hanson, Tom Masog

Absent: Andrea Gohman (excused)

Visitor: Cristal Norling

**Call to order: Dondelinger**

## **President's Report**

Motion by Dondelinger to seat Cristal Norling on the board to replace Andrea Gohman as Team Manager Coordinator. (Andrea is resigning as she will no longer have a player in the association.) 2<sup>nd</sup>: Roeser. Motion carried.

Discussion on establishing a key volunteer position of Past President. Topic tabled pending further definition of role and responsibilities.

Recruitment for open board positions was discussed. Dondelinger urged all current board members to personally reach out to the membership to identify and encourage potential candidates.

## **Secretary's Report**

Motion to approve minutes of 3 March 2014 meeting: Hanson. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rankin. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer Report –April 6, 2014:**

Checking Account:	\$13,014.30
Capital Savings:	\$13,093.32
Accounts Payable:	\$ 0.00
Accounts Receivable:	\$15,226.51
Past Due:	
2011-12:	\$2,545.00
2012-13:	\$ 1,422.01
2013-14:	\$11,259.50

Total ice costs (including Breakaway, Velocity, WIA ice cost increases) were approx. \$19,000 higher through the course of 2013-2014 season. Information to be used in planning/budgeting the 2014-2015 season ice costs.

## **Fundraising/Marketing Report:**

Ice Out update: General assessment was that Ice Out was again very successful in all respects with preliminary net proceeds of ~\$43K.

Schneider to provide summary of all 2013-2014 fund raising activities and results in future board meeting and will be captured in the minutes of meeting.

WHA member Cammie Holcomb and others are in preliminary planning stages for a Waffle Breakfast on September 14, 2014 in conjunction with an Open Skate, season registration, and potential equipment swap. Strong support from board to move forward with this initiative.

Continued discussion from previous meetings on structure of calendar sales for upcoming season.

Schneider approached by VFW for a potential volunteer partnership in supporting and executing their weekly meat raffles. The VFW requested two volunteers for ~3 hours each Friday night in exchange for splitting proceeds from the raffle. Strong interest from the board in pursuing this. Schneider to continue conversation with VFW and evaluate how the WHA could participate in this to the benefit of all parties.

### **Ace Coordinator Report:**

Discussion continued from previous meeting with respect to the WHA tryout process and opt out policy.

With respect to the tryout process:

After substantial discussion of alternatives, motion by Bertossi to:

1. Remove coaches from evaluation portion of tryout policy and
2. Grant limited discretion to coaches (starting at the A or AA level) to exchange up to 3 of the lowest scoring players on the higher level team with up to 3 of the highest scoring players of the next highest team. Final roster approval would reside with the ACE Coordinator. Criteria to be considered in player moves include (but not limited to): 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 1st year player, knowledge of a player's previous performance, player attitude, team chemistry and roles, etc.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Stamson. Motion carried.

With respect to the opt out policy:

After substantial discussion of options and impacts, motion by Bertossi to establish a more defined opt out policy with two main provisions:

1. Players not wishing to tryout must notify the ACE Coordinator prior to tryouts and will be placed on the lowest level team for that age group.
2. Players wanting to tryout but not wanting to be placed on a team above a certain level for their age group must submit a request to the ACE Coordinator at least 10 days in advance of tryouts and include their rationale for the request. These requests will be reviewed by a Placement Request Review Committee and a determination will be made and communicated prior to the first scored tryout session. This Committee will consist of 2 HDC members (one being the ACE Coordinator), the WHA Vice-President and a second WHA Board member. The committee may request an in-person meeting with the player's parents. The Committee's decision will be considered final.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Roeser. Motion carried.

These policies will be in effect for the 2014-2015 season and the Guidebook and tryout process instructions updated accordingly.

**Girls Coordinator:**

Vacek and Roeser recently met with WHS AD to review the season and to begin discussions and planning for next season.

Vacek raised the point of potential interest on the part of some WHA members to field a U14 team for the upcoming 2014-2015 season. There were extended discussions around the potential implications of this, with significant concerns expressed relative to the potential long-term impact to the WHS-Holy Family Co-op generally, and potential impacts to JV, U12, and U10 teams (depending on the actual number of players and player movements involved). Discussion tabled pending a better estimate of player numbers at each level for 2014-2015.

**High School Liaison Report:**

Roeser confirmed the WHA will have a person(s) involved in the hiring process for the new WHS Head Hockey Coach. Participation to be led by the ACE Coordinator (Bertossi) and/or other HDC members.

Discussion opened on potential desire of WHS to ask WHA and the City to accommodate schedule changes to facilitate moving more WHS games to Saturday. No decisions taken.

It is estimated that WHS will have 42 players in the boys program for the 2014-2015 season.

Discussion opened on ice utilization and the desire of WHS for more Wildfire games at the WIA. No decisions taken.

Motion to adjourn: Bertossi. 2<sup>nd</sup> : Roeser. Motion carried.