

WHA November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 3, 2014

Attendance: Brooks Rankin, Bob Roeser, Dan Atkinson, Mark Larsen, Chaz Larson, Amy Schneider, Tom Nessa, Tom Masog, Steve Bertossi, Cristal Norling, Charlie Vacek

Absent: Jeff Bauer - Excused

Visitors: None

Call to order: Brooks Rankin President

Motion to approve October minutes: Roeser, 2nd Bertossi, motion carried.

President's Report:

All Coaches and Managers need to be aware that every tournament or jamboree must be sanctioned by MN Hockey or their team will be fined.

Division 6 has \$7K available for associations to use for recruiting and development. They are currently taking bids for these funds and will disburse them to those with the best ideas. The WHA is seeking ideas from members so we can submit bids to receive some of these funds. Some ideas presented at the meeting included a pre-k breakfast and skate, skills demos, etc. Please submit any ideas you may have prior to the December meeting.

SafeSport training is required for any members that interact with skaters.

There are no more L4 coach registrations available. We can, however, receive a waiver for this calendar year pending an immediate registration in 2015.

Score sheets can be scanned and e-mailed.

If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding tryouts please feel free to contact Brooks.

The association needs a Girls Coordinator. If anyone would like to apply for this position, or if anyone would like to suggest someone, please reach out to Brooks.

Vice President's Report:

The Donation Board is back up.

The ice at the rink will be out this year from March 18th to May 18th. The city has approved our use of the arena for Ice Out activities during this time.

Treasurer's Report:

Not in Attendance – excused

Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

Ice Coordinator:

The association needs to come up with a better way to manage “short notice” practice cancellations. Coaches and managers should engage each other when there is a cancellation and offer the ice to other teams or try to swap times.

Mark should be notified immediately if there is a cancellation so he can work with teams to fill the vacancy.

The city requires a 7 day notice for cancellations.

Communications Coordinator:

All board e-mail accounts have been updated.

A Suggestion from board members that some sort of appreciation be noted by the WHA regarding the donation of the HH stickers by Performance Apparel.

Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator:

We have 296 out of 1400 calendars left to sell outside of those given to teams.

Suggestion to pick a few nights for each competitive team to canvass Waconia to sell the remainder of the calendars. Each team would be responsible for (32) calendars each. The nights chosen should take into account giving the IP teams time to sell theirs.

Ice Out will be Saturday, March 28th.

High School Liaison:

Suggestion that the board take over ownership of chuck-a-puck. Team managers would then decide what high school games to cover. Teams would be allowed to retain the money raised for their team funds.

Suggestion from Bertossi that parents of WHA Honorary Captains be allowed in to high school games at no cost. Currently, the skaters get in free, while the parents have to pay. This should extend to Ice Mite scrimmages during games as well.

Other suggestions include getting the U8's to skate out during WildFire games. Having high school players come to locker rooms to talk with the players about their experiences, as well as requesting the high school coach to attend a practice with each team.

The girls program at the high school level is not yet a crisis but is an issue that requires more focus. Attention needs to be paid to decisions regarding the organization of the JV team, with an emphasis on communication.

IP Coordinator:

In the process of getting the IP teams and managers arranged.

We are currently looking for managers at the IP level. This will be addressed in e-mails and at the parent meetings.

ACE Coordinator:

Tryouts at all levels have been completed.

Competitive Team Manager Coordinator:

The meat raffle has been a huge success with the November volunteer hours already claimed. Our share of the raffle is 50% of proceeds.

The WHA's portions of the proceeds will be given in the form of a check to Roeser.

Suggestion to continue our association with the VFW and extend our volunteerism at the raffle due to its success, the amount of funding it provides to the WHA, and the level of support it is receiving from WHA members.

Girls Coordinator:

The U12 team currently has (10) players.

The U6 and the U8 teams will be combined.

Suggestion that we bid for some of the D6 funds mentioned above to recruit more girls at the IP level.

Other suggestions to increase participation on the girl teams included:

1. A "Try Hockey for Free" event specific to girls
2. Some type of incentive to pull girls into the program from Rookie Camp
3. More focus on how mature girls hockey is in MN. Simple things like putting a girl on the Rookie Camp flyers.

IP Coordinator:

Open position – Contact Brooks if interested.

New Business:

Any questions regarding coach decisions can be directed to the Board.

Vote taken on the following coaches.

Motion by Bertossi to approve; seconded by Roeser – Motion carried with no opposition

SQC

Head: James Grant

Asst: Jeff Nelson

Asst: Robert Scala

Asst: Eric Soderholm

Asst: Tom Masog

SQB Purple (Denzer/Martin)

Asst: Steve Fleck

SQB Gold (Nessa)

Asst: John Brandt (non-parent)

Asst: Brooks Rankin

Asst: Chris Johnson

PWC

Asst: Mark Grundhofer

Asst: Eric Wenger

BC

Asst: Brian Hoernemann,

Asst: John Wood

BA

Asst: Cal Delaney (student coach)

Termites:

Matt Schneider

Derrick Avelar

Mini Mites:

Andy Puchner

Ted Kelley

Intermediate Mites:

Steve Bertossi

Andy Puchner

Advanced Mites:

Barton Adams

Derek Siddons

U8:

Matt Schneider

Old Business:

Need to update the WHA Guide Book. Specifically, in the section with the advanced levels broken out, we still have A/B/C bullet points. These should be the same regardless of level and be common among them all. Any verbiage regarding tournaments should be removed as well.

Motion to adjourn: Rankin, 2nd Roser.

Next meeting December 1, Waconia Ice Arena.