

**West Fargo Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
November 17, 2014
Veterans Memorial Arena
West Fargo, North Dakota – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: President Nissen called meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.
2. Attendance: Board members in attendance were: Lance Belisle, Matt Bradley, Ryan Clouse, Joel Cummings, Scott Krank, Tim Nissen, Robb Peterson, Mike Prochnow, Stephanie Strand, Jay Ystebo and Business Manager, Mark Lester. Absent: Matt Weber. Guests: Dave Benson, Jade Nelson, Jason Triplett, Perry Vetter.
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2014, Meeting: Joel Cummings made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Prochnow seconded motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.
4. Unfinished Business: None
5. Financial Report & Gaming Update:
 - A. Financial Update – Mark Lester: Current cash balance as of November 2014, is \$512,985.79. Scott Krank made a motion to approve the cash balance and financials. Mike Prochnow seconded motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Gaming Update – Tina Iverson: Absent, no report.
 - C. Financials: Mark Lester stated checks for the month of November have been processed (i.e. ice fee, apparel/jerseys, tournament fees). Gaming is trending \$80,000 lighter compared to last year. Rookies is new and will grow. A new gaming sight for WFHA is Pub West (located next to Spicy Pie). A bar in Kindred is interested in having WFHA take on gaming. More information will be available next month. The recent audit is going well. Gaming needs help, (Nonnie Tangen can assist--something for board to consider and need board approval). President Nissen stated Center Ice will net roughly \$20,000.
6. Hockey Operations: Mike Prochnow stated, Dryland room has no ventilation. A local company will install an exhaust fan at no cost; the installation was approved by Jamie Olson, Rink Manager.

7. Coordinators Updates:

- A. Termite & Mite – Jade Nelson: Off to a good start--133 Termites, 18 teams, 30 coaches. Currently Termites have one practice per week with one game per week. Working on incorporating an optional skills that will be held on Sunday mornings. This year there are 4 mini sets of pads for goalies. Thank you to Stephanie Strand for work she's done with registration and to Keith from Play It Again. Mites: 106 skaters, 8 teams, practice 1-2 times per week, 1-2 games per week, with 14 games against Fargo. Developed an 8U league last year with other associations, will try to do that again this year. Shortage on referees. Will train Peewees and Bantams in the next couple of weeks, this is part of growing the game.
 - B. Squirt - Ryan Griggs: Good first weekend for all levels. Coaches have things to work on moving forward. Numbers are good this year, games will be competitive. New goalie coach has been hired and will work with Squirts, Peewees, Bantams and high school.
 - C. PeeWee – Jason Triplett: Good start to the year. All games at all levels were competitive. Half of the coaches are new there will be a learning curve but normal for those new to coaching. Good numbers this year.
 - D. Bantam – Dave Benson: Going good, ended up with a total of 50 skaters. One new skater, teams compose of 16 on A and 17 each on both B1 teams. There are about 3 to 4 kids that could be on a B2 team. Level of play will increase throughout the season; level of competition is good; like what I see. Dryland is going well, about 95% attendance.
 - E. Girls Teams - Pat Johnson: Young team, only two second years on all levels. Slowly growing, hoping to increase numbers yearly.
 - F. Dryland – Parker: Absent, no report.
8. Future Ice: Mike Prochnow stated the offer for half a rink at UPC is \$350,000. The facility will be stadium style with bleachers (500 flip down seats, pre-cast concrete). The project would be completed Fall 2015. The West Fargo School Board is not interested at this time. President Nissen stated the School Board's current focus, is building a new high school (third high school to be built by 2020). WFHA would be in charge of ice rentals (high schools would rent ice through the association). Discussion held. Mike Prochnow made a motion to spend up to \$350,000 to be put towards a new rink at the Scheels Arena; assuming contract language suitable for WFHA is included in the agreement. Scott Krank seconded motion. Motion carried. (List of donors need to remain confidential per President Nissen).

9. 10,000 Shot Club (Joel Cummings): Dasher boards will be delivered soon; shirts will be made this week for those that completed the challenge.
10. Registration (Stephanie Strand): All is well, have registered a couple of Termites and Mites recently. Mike Prochnow stated WFHA should have a new deadline for registration next year, for returning players (something to keep in mind for future discussion).
11. Board Member Expectations/Assignments: No report.
12. Volunteers: No report.
13. Fundraising:
 - A. Host Tournaments – Jay Ystebo/Ryan Clouse: Jay Ystebo stated trophies and brackets are done, one more Squirt team needed for tourney.
 - B. Fall Raffle – Matt Weber/Matt Bradley: Matt Bradley stated prizes have been bought.
 - C. Pizza – Joel Cummings/Lance Belisle: Lance Belisle stated a blast email will be sent to remind families that pizza packets can be picked up if they have not received it.
 - D. Gun Raffle – Mike Prochnow/Mark Lester: Mike Prochnow stated an email will be sent to the association when tickets are available.
 - E. Center Ice – Tim Nissen/Robb Peterson: No report.
 - F. Marketing – Jay Ystebo/Matt Bradley: No report.
 - G. Grow the Game – Robb Peterson/Jay Ystebo: No report
14. New Business:
15. Adjournment: Jay Ystebo moved to adjourn the meeting and Ryan Clouse seconded motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Next meeting will be December 15, 2014, at the Veterans Memorial Arena, at 6:00 p.m.