

WHA December 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 1, 2014

Attendance: Brooks Rankin, Bob Roeser, Dan Atkinson, Amy Schneider, Chaz Larson, Tom Nessa, Steve Bertossi, Cristal Norling, Charlie Vacek, Jim McNulty, Mike Wozniak, Derrick Avelar

Absent: Mark Larsen - Excused

Visitors: None

Call to order: Brooks Rankin President

President's Report:

Thank you to the following new board members:

Jim McNulty – Treasurer

Mike Wozniak – Girls Coordinator

Derrick Avelar – IP Coordinator

We need to reiterate how important calendar sales are to the Association. Each family is responsible for selling their allotted number of calendars. There will likely be team calendar sales needed as well. Calendar sales should be considered part of our volunteer requirements.

We need to reexamine how practice times are laid out for the remainder of the year and determine if we have it scheduled properly.

The city is requesting up-to-date financial information from the Association.

The on-line team schedules are still in a state of flux and need to be remediated. The remediation has been started manually and should be complete soon.

Vice President's Report:

The initial planning for the Ice Out event has begun. The event is one of the largest fund raisers for the Association and everyone is encouraged to help where they can.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a meeting scheduled with the bank to provide direction on instituting our on-line banking effort as well as updating our QuickBooks records with missing entries from the summer.

An additional meeting has been scheduled with the Association's accountant to help develop a plan to tie all our financials together.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve November minutes: 1st Rankin, 2nd Roeser, motion carried.

District 6 Representative:

District 6 November/December meetings will be combined.

The District is accepting ideas from each association regarding promoting growth within the sport. They have \$7000.00 that will be granted to those associations that they deem have provided the best ideas.

Ice Coordinator:

Absent - Excused

Communications Coordinator:

Continuing to work on manually fixing the calendar.

Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator:

About half of the required chairpersons for the Ice Out event have been determined. There is a need for at least (4) more chairs.

Investigating working with The Wild to sell programs as an additional fund raising source.

A suggestion was made to create a sub-group to work on additional/different fund raising sources for the Association.

High School Liaison:

The Honorary Captains schedule for the IP program has been decided and will be distributed to managers.

WHA players will only be allowed in free to (1) game per season.

The WHA can do Chuck-a-Puck at the games. Each team will be allowed to retain the proceeds. This opportunity is available on a first come, first serve basis.

IP Coordinator:

Teams and managers have been decided and the program is moving along.

ACE Coordinator:

Nothing to report

Competitive Team Manager Coordinator:

Request to centralize team photography for next year. Agreed we would solicit "bids" next year and commit to one photographer.

The meat raffle is continuing to be a success as part of our fund raising plan.

We are required to have locker room attendants at all games, scrimmages, practices, etc. This needs to be strictly enforced.

We need to make an effort to recruit new parents to manage, join the board etc. next year. The manager role request process needs to become more formalized vs. the current process.

Girls Coordinator:

Engaging WildFire to arrange for Junior Captains.

We are a little light at U8 and under. As an Association, we need to brainstorm ways to facilitate the growth of our girls program. Our best resources are the existing girls' team parents, and Mike will engage them to come up with ways to recruit additional players.

Several suggestions were made including; free Rookie Camp for girls, advertisements in the Patriot, Try hockey for free, etc.

New Business:

Clarified payments to non-parent coaches. The Association will pay up to \$2000.00, with the team being liable for up to \$1000.00. All coaches need to submit their expenses to the board for approval.

Old Business:

Validate the guide book changes that were requested in the November meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Rankin, 2nd Roser.

Next meeting January 5, 2015 - Waconia Ice Arena.