

Worthington Hockey Association
September 8, 2014

Members Present: Kevin Black, Richard Fellows, Chad Henderson, Jason Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Scott Langerud, Tracie Luinenberg, Sarah Nickel, Darrel Ponto, Joe Vosburgh, Josh Wasmund

Absent: Cindy Voss, Jesse Flynn, Deb Olsen, Cliff Shreiner

Others Present: Alex North & Phil Benson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kevin Black.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Joe Vosburgh, seconded by Kyle Johnson, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting.

Project 2015: Phil Benson was present to speak about some of the work that a group he is involved in has been doing. They have named this group Project 2015. Phil expressed that the hockey arena is a community building not just a hockey building. He handed out a formal brochure listed some updates that Project 2015 would like to see done at the arena. There would need to be a person to head this to raise the money and Phil is willing to do it. This would be face to face meetings. The group has a plan as to what resources may be tapped. Feasibility for a new building is “out there” but would be difficult to raise the amount of money needed. They will want to ask for association members to contribute \$1,000 to \$2,500, but understand that not all families will be able to do this amount. This would be where to start so that others see that we have skin in the game. The Worthington community is an economic benefit to our community. The list of improvements given is not in any particular order as far as priority. Phil believes that it should be the board’s decision as to what should be first. Joe asked if Phil has spoken with the Fair Board and Phil has. Phil is looking for the backing of the board. A motion was made by Scott Langerud, seconded by Tracie Luinenburg, and unanimously approved to allow and support the efforts of Project 2015. Scott Langerud volunteered to serve as board representation on Project 15. Phil Benson left the meeting after his presentation

Meet & Greet Alex North: Alex introduced himself and gave a brief history of his past. Alex went to Shattuck St. Mary’s and was a grad assistant coach at Winona for two years. He was an assistant coach in Iowa for 1 year. He is interested in making the program grow and is happy to be a part of the efforts. He has been working on some of the projects that the Arena Operations committee had listed. Alex has also been hired as the Assistant Boys Varsity hockey coach. Kyle Johnson reported that he, Alex North & Paul Olsen will be meeting tomorrow to look at a strategy for next year. Kyle will invite Eric Milbrath, the Head Girls Varsity coach, to be a part of the conversation. There will be a coaches meeting in late September. There was a discussion on what should be focused on for the building this year and what shouldn’t be. Alex also has a lot of ideas for the dry land space. He would like to make it a more usable space for the student athletes to want to work out. www.skiz.com is a website that has portable workout equipment. Kyle Johnson made a motion, seconded by Josh Wasmund, and unanimously approved to give Alex \$1,000 to put towards the dry land room.

Finance Report: Richard has put together a budget and reviewed it with the board. There were some changes suggested. There are no other updates at this time. There was a motion made by Jason Johnson, seconded by Chad Henderson & unanimously approved to approve the budget as presented with two changes, being the arena maintenance and an addition to the utility income to explain that it is actually coming from the gambling fund. Richard also stated that Sam will not be playing for Worthington next year. It has nothing to do with Worthington Hockey. Sam is moving on to play Triple A in Sioux Falls. Richard stated he would like to remain on the board.

Pull Tab Report: The pull tab report was reported at the last meeting on August 25th.

Committee Reports: Tracie is having difficulty finding information for what a parent coordinator's responsibilities are and still has not secured a volunteer.

Ace Coordinator: Kyle presented that he is having difficulty securing coaches at the Bantam & PeeWee level. He has prospects and is working on them. Mini Mites, Mites, Squirts, 12U girls are finalized. There are five or six volunteers who are willing to be assistants at the PeeWee & Bantam level but nobody as of yet willing to step up at the Head coaching position(s). The Bantam team was brought up again. Darrel has heard concerns that Bantam B is considered with the age and size of kids. This was discussed for some time with opinions both for A & B. No decision will be made until after registration and after tryouts for Varsity are complete.

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Concession Stand Contract Approval: There were some questions brought up about the contract. All were answered after further review of the contract. Alex would like access to the concession stand in the case of an emergency. Darrel Ponto made a motion, seconded by Scott Langerud, & unanimously approved to approve the contract as written with an amendment that Alex North have a key for emergency purposes

Flooring Estimate: Not including labor, to complete the lobby, two bathrooms & hallways all the way to locker rooms 1 & 5, the estimate from Becker Arena Products, Inc. is \$8,206.22 for the rubber matting & \$2,517.50 for the glue totaling \$10,723.72. This is a 3/8" thick product. A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Josh Wasmund, & unanimously approved to do the flooring project with Becker Arena Products material, pending a second bid of similar material is not lower in cost. Alex North will get a second bid for similar material.

New Business: Deb Olsen has the final net from the golf tournament. It was \$3,279.38. This is about double what the net was from last year. Joe Vosburgh worked hard to get new hole sponsors.

Kevin had a note from Cindy Voss. She has sent in her letter of resignation due to the fact that the Okoboji players signed on with Windom. A potential replacement member was discussed. Deb clarified that there does not have to be fifteen board members due to the gambling license. She was told prior that there must always be fifteen board members but that is only relevant to the number of association members. Therefore, Cindy's term does not need to be filled. It was decided not to fill the position. Jason made a motion, seconded by Josh &

unanimously approved to accept Cindy's resignation & leave the spot vacant for the present time.

Eric & Tonya Bumgardner are moving from Worthington. They sent a letter of request that the board release their two children from the Worthington Association so that they are able to play for Luverne before they move there. Their home is for sale now. A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Darryl & unanimously approved to sign release of Bumgardner's.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 6th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jason Johnson, seconded by Josh Wasmund, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason M. Johnson

Secretary