

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 8th, 2016

**Board Members Present:** Justin Metcalf, Mick Haddemann, Amy Schaefer, Kaara Latusick, Brent Westphal, KC Doland, Travis Jones, Ken Shock, Craig Cowell, Christi Samuelson, Brian Orwig, Ben Kutz, Sean Morrissey, Ben Buckley, Darin Johnson, Travis Jones, Todd Burch

**Board Members Absent:**

**Guests:** Andy Wolter, Joe Greene, A Warrior Player

**Meeting called to order:** at 6:04pm by President Justin Metcalf

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** None

**Guest Comments:** Please see Appendix A

**Approval of Minutes:** January 2016. Motion to approve by Mick Haddemann; seconded by Ken Shock, Board voted in favor.

**Financial Reports:**

**Warriors- Samuelson:** January statement. Motion to approve Ben Buckley seconded by Mick Haddemann passed by board.

**Jr Hawks- Latusick:** Ice bill has come in. Peewee raffle income. Payment for sponsorship plaques. Increase in insurance has been paid. January Statement. Motion to approve by Ben Buckley seconded by Ben Kutz. Passed by board.

**Committee Reports:**

**Development Committee- Orwig:** Had meeting January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parents to help with confidence crease.

Dry land facility to sublease from fighter body. A fee due for players to cover rental cost must be determined.

Coach Cook presented idea of a playbook implementing philosophy/strategy to see in HS and seeing it all the way through lower levels.

Moving Bantam practice with JV warriors to help with House and travel league schedules.

Focus on getting House coaches.

Player movement. Keep eye on Kids moving up. Parents meeting for kids moving to travel.

**Promotions Committee-Johnson:** Nothing to report.

**Fundraising Committee-Bushbaum:** Nothing to report.

**Disciplinary Committee-Doland:** Nothing to report.

**Special Events Committee-Bushbaum:** Jen Seifried is organizing the End of the Year Banquet to be held at Isaak Walton \$250. Morrissey to DJ with photo booth. \$600. Motion to approve Ben Kutz seconded by Brent Westphal. Board approved.

**Affiliate Reports:**

**High School (MHSHL)-Cowell:** Nothing to report.

**Midwest League (MWAHA)-Burch:** Nothing to report.

**Other Reports:**

**Apparel-Terhune:** Nothing to report.

**Website-Seifried:** Nothing to report

**House league-Jones/Westphal:** Include House league manager in Managers meeting for weekend ice time and to extend season.

**Sponsorship-Jones:** Nothing to report.

**Registrar-Schwickerath:** Nothing to report.

**Safe Sports-Metcalf:** 100% compliant and submitted to MWAHA.

**Referee in Chief-Brecher:** Nothing to report.

**Ice Scheduler-Haddemann:** Nothing to report.

**Tournament Director-Seifried:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**High School:** 5 players removed for the remainder of the season this past weekend. MSHSL policy is a minimum suspension of 4 games and 1 year probation. Coaches removed them for the remainder of the season and will require proof of substance abuse counseling before returning to the team. MSHSL has been notified. Informational letter regarding this action has been sent.

**Camps for August:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm Motion by Sean Morrissey seconded by Brent Westphal**

**Next Board Meeting scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday March 14, 2016**

## Appendix A

**Guest:** Cassidee and Andy Wolter and Dominic Pechota an attorney and friend of the Wolters.

Brent Westphal was surprised by Andy Wolters comments in an email and feels attacked personally. Andy Wolter wants representation on board and wonders about the money brought into House league and how it should stay in House league. These funds should never be touched by anyone in the travel league.

Brent Westphal agrees that the U10/U14 needs more ice during their practices.

Andy Wolter wonders why travel and house are double paying for one sheet of ice during practice.

Sean Morrissey says wait are you are you giving us an ultimatum regarding starting your own league. If you don't like it then take your toys and leave.

Brian Orwig mentioned how no one is forced to move to travel league.

Andy Wolter states that the house league is just a feeder program for the travel league. A coach mentioned to his child last year that this isn't real hockey what his child is participating in. This has never been brought up to Brent Westphal.

Brian Orwig the coaches who are representing are for the kids not the parents.

Brent Westphal stated that house league is an introduction to hockey. They are creating hockey players and not just for travel. He also mentioned that when looking at numbers from previous years, we didn't realize how many kids would be signing up for the U10/U14 program. Also if you don't tell me there is a problem, I cannot fix it.

Darin Johnson mentioned that a lot of money was invested into an UNI student to be Brent's right hand man, who eventually left right before the season was to start.

Andy Wolter wants a subcommittee to represent older kids.

Cassidee Wolter stated their main priority is a goal for all children to play and with good sportsmanship.

Justin Metcalf stated that there could be a U10/U14 Select team that could have limited travel to play squirt b/c teams.

Darin Johnson stated that there are kids from house league that have blossomed and end up coming out and playing for the Warriors.

Brent Westphal stated that second session has been smoother. And main objective again is to make hockey players.

Andy Wolter mentioned getting private ice. And his main goals are representation for everyone, how finances are handles, coaches' assessments and creating a sub ledger.

Darin Johnson mentioned the house league is not funding the travel leagues. Travel league actually ends up funding the house league.

Justin Metcalf mentioned that dues for house league have only been raised one time in 5 years. The Budget also shows a loss for the House League and that dues will most likely need to be increased for the upcoming season to at least break even.

**Guest:** A Warrior Player

Apologized for his actions. He had left the hotel from and proceeded to do drugs along with some other teammates.

Darin Johnson brought up the danger of the area they were in and hoped he has learned his lesson.

Brent Westphal stated that they are the face of Waterloo and hoped a lesson has been learned. He is a good kid and it is time to straighten out now.

Sean Morrissey talked about steps to correct situation. Like pick better friends.

The board appreciates him coming in. It takes a big man.

Brian Orwig stated that what he said was good. And how to pick better friends, but still be you and know your parents till love you.

**Guest:** Joe Greene

Joined the Blackhawks Organization back in June and has two kids in the house league.

Has had USHL league meeting and presentations about youth hockey. And how the Waterloo Blackhawks are committed to help grow the WYHA organization.

Stated that for every one U8 player we have they can gain 3.3 fans. This helps them get ticket sales. New programs need to be discussed on how to get the USHL more involved with the introduction of hockey.

Mentioned gear for a year through USA hockey. Mentioned how they like the skate between periods and the shoot outs.

Opportunity for the players to mentor and coach.