

Worthington Hockey Association  
February 6, 2017  
YMCA Conference Room

Members Present: Ryan Como, Chad Henderson, Jason Johnson, Scott Langerud, Sarah Nickel, Deb Olsen, Joe Vosburgh, Lonny White, Chad Wiener

Excused Absent: Cliff Shreiner

Absent: Tracie Luinenburg

Others Present: Eric Pederson, Rich Pederson

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Scott Langerud

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Joe Vosburgh to accept the minutes of the January 2, 2016 meeting, seconded by Josh Langseth and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Finance Report: Jason Johnson reported. For the month of January there was a Total Income of \$29,687.87, Total Expense of \$15,061.55 with a Net Income of \$14,626.32. Bank balances as of January 31, 2017 were as follows: General Fund \$37,698.17, Savings \$49,720.58, Capital Campaign \$42,948.35, Fundraising \$26,733.84, Wombats \$2,405.68. A motion was made by Chad Henderson to accept the finance report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Ryan Como and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Pull Tab Report: Deb Olsen Reported. Allowable expenses for February 2017 were \$2,465.00, which includes games, maintenance, & rent, deposit books. Lawful purpose expense was \$500 (3% tax to the city of Worthington) plus gas & utility bill. December 2016 profit and loss were as follows: the Tap had a loss of \$3,552.99, Hickory Lodge had a loss of \$5,294.95, calendars had a profit of \$23,000.00 for a total profit of \$14,152.06. (The sites show a loss due to the purchases approved last month) The bank balance as of December 31, 2016 was \$27,257.14. There is \$10,175 to be paid out for calendars leaving an available balance of \$17,082.14. The City of Worthington has been overcharging on the tax owed to them. They will make the adjustment for future billing. A motion was made by Josh Langseth to accept the pull tab report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Joe Vosburgh and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Ace Coordinator: Ryan reported. He spoke with Cory at the YMCA about incorporating hockey skills into his summer camps. He is also thinking of an end of the year clinic. He asked when the ice was going to be shut off. It will be shut off right after the Mini Mite & Mite Jamboree. (March 12) Marshall & Sioux Center have mini mite and mite tournaments on the first weekend in March. This is when we usually have ours. Ours is a weekend later this year due to the 12u regional tournament. These other towns should be checked with during the off season to see if they plan the same weekend for next year. If so we may need to adjust.

Committee Reports:

Chuck – a – puck has been doing well. People like that there are more opportunities to win.

Arena Manager Update: Eric reported. There has been an estimated \$3,000 in revenue for skate sharpening plus \$1,000 in punch cards for the year. Eric would like to upgrade our skate sharpener. The holders for skates previously discussed are \$2,041.00. Eric feels this number may be for too much of the product. He thinks we can get it cheaper. Eric has experience with these holders and they work very well. He has a bid for changing locations for the janitors closet. (currently too small) This would be

\$2,758.00 for the project. It includes slop sink and venting of radiant heat. The Peewees want to have a game on Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Eric wanted board input as to whether this should be allowed due to its interference with Open Skate. The floor scrubber is on its last leg. His goal is to have the arena look great. The main board on the scrubber is starting to fail and the deck is not level. New scrubbers are \$18,000-\$17,000. Refurbished units run \$9,000-\$8,000. We are expecting two circus events this off season and a wedding on April 22 and church event on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Public skate on Friday and Saturday nights has been a nightmare. Eric would like to switch the public skating hours. This will be added to the off-season discussion list. Sound system update: our speakers are blown. They are being rebuilt. They are a quality speaker. Our amp is undersized. This was part of the issue. It is a \$1,400 cost to rebuild. A new amp is about \$1,000. There is a temporary system being used for free. Isaac Jones is going to build a cabinet that can be locked for the stereo equipment. Chad Weiner asked Eric to prioritize needs. #1 Skate shelving, #2 Floor scrubber, #3 Skate sharpening etc. A motion by Josh Langseth to purchase a new amp for \$1,000 or under, seconded by Chad Henderson and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

End of the Year Banquet: Scott Langerud has ordered sticks for the auction.

Background Check & Safe Sport Training: Scott didn't have luck finding out how to verify that the background check is cleared for volunteers. He will continue to pursue this.

Videos on website: Jason will work on during offseason

Website: Calendar, Volunteers: Calendar still seems confusing. This should be changed to one calendar to avoid confusion. This will be looked at during the offseason.

Grants/Donations Received: Scott checked on pricing for the temporary board for the middle of the ice. They are approximately \$10,000 and currently there is a \$2,500 MN Hockey grant for them. Scott will break down the recent grants and what the money are earmarked for and what has been spent. Eric will get prices for temporary boards and intermediate nets.

### New Business:

Tournament pay for Teams: Jason Johnson made a motion that WHA pay \$650 for each teams tournaments, plus districts for Bantams, PeeWees, 12U and year end tourney for Mites and Squirts.

Winterfest Pond Hockey Recap: Nai did a great job!

New Arena Discussion: Rich Pederson & Scott Langerud presented. There is a committee that has been formed to look into a cost for a facility similar to Marshall's. They have met with Marshall representatives and learned their successes and pitfalls. The committee consists of Mike Kuhle, Steve Robinson, Don Linssen, Troy Appel, Amy Ernst, Greg Raymo, Rich Pederson, Scott Langerud, Nathan Holt and others. This facility would be multifunctional. Marshall charges \$65 an hour to rent ice, which seems very low. This group is in the beginning stages. Scott wanted to make the board aware that this is out there. If the WHA became a tenant of a new building without ownership we would lose control but the burden of the facility would be lifted off of the association and there could be more focus on the program. Rich has spoken with many potential donors.

Expanding our Reach to Everyone: This is part of the discussion above.

12U Regional Tournament: This is a big deal. We need all hands on deck. There are committees set up for this. MN Hockey has guidelines of how to run this. The warm weather may be an issue. Eric will look into temporary dehumidifiers and keep his eye on the weather.

Lonny White and Chad Weiner met with fair board. It was positive. They will get together and approach the City and County about paving and county for fill on the South side. Larson Crane Services would take out current parking lot and replace with crushed concrete for \$22,000. It was unclear if that was all the way to the grandstand. They will figure out a plan with the fair board and Present to city and county with numbers.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Lonny White to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m., seconded Chad Wiener and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jason M. Johnson  
Secretary