

Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 07-Sep-2025

6:00 PM @ 338 N Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Call to Order – 18:17

Roll Call/Secretary Report – Rachel Lee

- Board Members in Attendance: Kyle, Jon, Rachel, Tricia, Ryan, Abbi, Tonia, Amanda, Laura, Shannon,* Stephanie, AmyBeth, Kaelyn.* Via Zoom: NA. Absent: Chris, Mitch,* Kathryn*
 - * denotes board members whose attendance was not required at Sep meeting
- Motion to approve Aug 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Abbi. All in favor, approved.
- Raffle license renewal – Rachel to submit for renewal end Sep/early Oct
 - Will work with Abbi to determine number of registered families and number of Big Kahuna raffle ticket books to purchase, distribute in Nov
 - Shared idea to add QR code to ticket books to reference why the fundraiser is important to us, what we will use the money for, and to provide talking points to our players trying to sell the tickets
- Webpage updates needed for 'Board Meeting Topics/Deadlines/Events Calendar'
 - Minor edits to timing and updates to events listed in the calendar; send updates related to your responsibilities to Rachel, and Rachel to share a list with the board by Oct
- Agenda – USA Hockey code of conduct added. Motion to approve agenda. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Abbi. All in favor, approved.

Non-Board/Association member Comments (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes).

- Mark Bender, requesting player release
 - Would like for his son Luke to play for Dubuque. Luke could not be present himself because he was working.
 - Luke previously played for the Kohlman Cup and enjoyed the competitiveness; offered a spot on Madison Capitols in the past and financially was not able to commit.
 - Trying to find something more competitive for his son and said he was looking out for him.
 - Vote to approve release – Rachel and John, yes. Abbi, Tricia and Ryan, no. Release is not approved.

President's Report – Kyle Levetzow

- Further update on Lydic release
 - Kyle informed the board that Brayden's player release form was altered after the Ice Wolves' signed the form for approval, without consult from or notification to the Ice Wolves at the time it was altered; the form's Accepting Association was changed from release to Verona to release to Polar Caps
- Approval of Ty Marklein and Jason Ley as co-head coaches for 8u. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.
 - Abbi to submit coaches roster using Ty Marklein as the head coach (system only allows one coach).
- Approval of Spencer Gregerson and Chayse Gilbertson as Bantam assistant coaches. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.
- Approval of newly registered coaches – Bill Lydic as 8u head coach. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Rachel. Nay: Abbi, Tricia, Ryan and John (4). Abstain: Rachel. Approval as coach was not passed, on a vote of 0-4, 1 abstained.
- Update on WIAA proposal
 - Kyle sent letter to superintendents: Mt. Horeb, Mineral Point and Dodgeville. All responded and are interested in further discussion.

- According to one superintendent, paperwork would need to be submitted by Feb for WIAA approval for the following season (2026-2027).
- Ice Wolves booster club formation would be needed; loss in registration fee of approx. \$15-20K, with greater opportunity for players and growth in the organization overall
- Update on rink improvement planning (short term and long term)
 - Continuing to talk to the City
 - Met with an engineer at the rink last week; would like to meet with another as well
- Update on Driftless Cup
 - West Salem and Viroqua are confirmed to host, Nov 2
 - Squirts in Viroqua, Pee Wees in West Salem
- WAHA will provide 10 sets of Mite player equipment

Vice President's Report – Jonathan Olday

- No topics

Financial Report – Tricia Ley

- Financials are lower vs prior year due to lower number of players registered at this time; tournament registration money coming in
- Motion to approve Aug 2025 financials. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.
- Work Hours: 4 families left to pay
- Johnson and Block almost done with taxes
- QuickBooks not started yet
- Paid rink insurance last week for the year

Registrar – Abbi Trainor

- Learn to Play dates were determined
 - National Days are set for Sep 13 and Mar 7
 - Discussed options, taking into consideration games, tournaments and holidays, and chose Saturdays Nov 15 through Dec 20, and Jan 17, 24, 31 and Feb 7, 21, and 28
- Try Hockey for Free dates – discussed options and chose Nov 8 and Jan 3, one week ahead of each LTP session
- Volunteer USA hockey numbers
 - WAHA requires board members' USA Hockey numbers this year, therefore be prompt to complete SafeSport and background checks if you haven't already
- Photographer/date
 - Abbi to contact same photographer we've used in the past, and will consider a second option as well; will connect with Ryan to confirm team rosters have been set before picture day
- Grassroots grant was submitted, requested funds for goalie equipment
- Other grants submissions
 - Coach Saur grant will be submitted this week
 - Iowa County Business Boost grant will be submitted in the next two weeks requesting funds for locker room infrastructure improvements
- Squad Locker – new items were added including sublimated sweatshirts
 - No change to uniforms and logos at this time; we may consider moving from reversible jerseys to separate jerseys
 - Abbi to add white game day socks
- Clothing orders from local company – Abbi accepted the responsibility of working with local clothing companies to offer special ordering closer to the holidays

Director of Hockey – Ryan Currie

- Pre-season team event: would like the team reps to attempt a get together of the teams prior to the start of the season (for something fun)
 - Encourage team building
 - Coaches and team reps may need to coordinate on this, as we will not know player team designations until we have ice
- Power Skate update: In talks with Claudia with Hockey EDU
 - Currently in discussion regarding shooting and power skate options
 - Wednesday is most open day for her, could do Monday though that would be later in the evening
- Report on Coaches meeting and team sizing – need to meet an additional time and expects to have path forward in the next week or two

Cultural Liaison – Kaelyn Martin

- Finalized core values poster with input from the board
- Core Values Agreement form is completed
 - Cultural Liaison Kaelyn to attend Parent Meetings at the beginning of the season and will share agreement with families at that time
- Finalized document summarizing our improvements and changes we've made based on feedback from our members, to be sent to the association with the Welcome Letter
- New from this year USA Hockey: Code of Conduct forms, created for implementation within organizations
 - USA Hockey has code of conducts for players, parents, spectators, administrators, officials, etc
 - Coaches to share the player form at one of the first practices, Stephanie to do so with officials, plan to hang a sign at the rink for spectators, and Kaelyn to work with coaches and team reps to distribute to others at the beginning of the season
- WAHA information – Kyle shared documents obtained during WAHA meeting to give awareness to the board; Kyle will send us copies
 - Legal Responsibilities of Board Members
 - Team Manager Handbook

Equipment Manager – Tonia Smith and Amanda Aide

- Sign-up Genius will be created for in-season fittings
- Equipment purchase and WAHA gear – new equipment purchases needed will be updated based on equipment information provided throughout the meeting (grants, etc)
- Need to coordinate time for Learn to Play fittings – coordinated based on information shared earlier in the meeting
- Shelving for equipment racks is in progress by Ryan; Alex Fruit to create a steel frame for the bottom

Ice Scheduler – Laura Anderson

- Confirm practice schedule and Open Skate schedule
- Working with Mitch on game schedules

Team Rep – Laura Anderson

- Confirm team reps for season – the following have shown interest
 - Squirts: Tressa Proctor
 - Pee Wee: Megan Currie
 - Motion to approve these two people as team reps. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.

Tournament Director – Shannon Jones

- Tournament update
 - 7 teams signed up across all levels; no sign ups for PeeWee C or Mite yet
 - Plans to reach out to Illinois teams next

- Tournament Director Facebook account creation will be made to be used specific to tournaments; will link the account with Ice Wolves Facebook page

Referee Manager – Stephanie Pasker

- Update on referees
 - Multiple referees from previous years are returning, however concerns with high school level coverage
 - Made adjustment to game times, with consideration of referee availability, to help ensure adequate referee coverage
- Ref rate – Stephanie to review and report back next month

Marketing – Kathryn Schaaf

Updates by AmyBeth

- Golf Outing recap – netted \$12,600
 - Raffle ticket sales were great, silent auction items generated less financial impact than expected; considering eliminating silent auction from future outings
 - Thank you to all the people that supported to make the outing possible!
- Taste of Madison recap
 - Successful event and would like to do again next year
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- Season sponsorship update
 - Christina to complete contacting businesses for sponsors by end of Sep; goal is to ensure banners are printed and hung by start of season
- Report from Marketing Committee meeting held in Aug
 - Communicated expectations for social media posts, i.e. types of content we support
 - In upcoming season, for any team level without representation on the Marketing Committee, the committee plans to identify one person from each team to be a social media post creator
 - Will work with schools to raise awareness to Try Hockey for Free and LTP

Concessions Manager – AmyBeth Levetzow

- Request to purchase new popcorn machine – specific machine information was provided during meeting
 - Motion to approve purchase. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.
- Additional equipment request: iPads, as they've been problematic in operation. Motion to approve purchase of two new iPads with cost of less than \$500 each and an iPad stand for concessions. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.

Rink Manager – Chris Rusch

Updates by Kyle

- Report on Rink Committee meeting and planning status
 - Official move-in date: 20Sep; Trailer will be delivered to the rink Friday, 19Sep
 - Email to the association was sent out 03Sep to inform of our move in date to create awareness for the need to support our move in and set up
 - Majority of the meeting discussion focused on improvements to visitor's locker rooms, with the goal of completing updates for use this season, as well as the addition of a girls' locker room
 - Current visitor's locker room set up has been in use for ~30 years
 - An option identified is a pre-fab wall setup with potential cost for improvements estimated at \$15k each, similarly sized to our current visitor's rooms
 - Muskeego uses the same setup; Kyle would like to see them in person and wants to take someone with him
- Paid the City for rent for rink

Committee Updates

Rink Committee: Updates provided as above

Marketing Committee: Updates provided as above

Policy & Procedure Committee: no discussion; see previous meeting minutes

Future Action Items for 2025/2026 Season

- Additional locker rooms – see above
- Trophy Case – no discussion
- In ground coils – see President's Report (improvement discussions with City)

Next Meeting – October 5, 2025, 6:00 PM @ Ley Pavillion, Dodgeville, WI 53533

Adjourn – Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.

Meeting Adjourned – 20:32