

Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Board Meeting at 4:30pm

Harris Park

(All discussions shall not exceed 10 min. If more time is needed, we will table the discussion for follow up at the end of the meeting)

Call to Order – Bill Lydic, President at 4:35pm

Roll Call / Secretary Report – Katie Batton

- Board Members in Attendance: Bill, Chris L, AmyBeth, Katie, Abbi, Christina, Chris R(zoom), Andie(zoom), Jarret(zoom), Darci(zoom), Allison, Mitch (4:45 via Zoom). Absent: none

MOTION to approve December Board Meeting Minutes: Abbi, seconded Allison. All in Favor.

Incident Reports- There was an incident on January 14th and January 6th during open skates that will need to get reported to the City of Dodgeville. Katie will take care of this.

Fundraising Updates

- Big Kahuna Raffle-Ideas of what to use this funding for. Last year's funding was used to purchase skates & rubber mats. There are still tickets left if families want extra booklets. Katie is still waiting for Squirt A forms/checks, as well as Bantam Team.
 - Ideas so far brainstormed for Raffle proceeds: Girls Locker Room, Sign/Logo outside of Building (Home of the Ice Wolves), Handicapped Accessible Ramp for Wheelchair seating, Heaters, Nets. Discussion that the Heaters will need to come later in the future due to codes etc. Adult walkers for people that have disabilities or are adults just learning to skate in general.
- Fundraising Opportunities with the Capitals- (Will table for next meeting. These were missed on the agenda)
- Butter Braid Fundraiser- (Will table for next meeting. These were missed on the agenda)

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

- Senior Photo Banner Update/ Senior Gifts Reimbursement-Discussion earlier in season that association would pay for banners, however since no invoice was received then will approve paying the senior canvas gifts of \$35x4. Allison has the invoice/receipt from one of the senior parents. In addition, association paid for the cake. For years going forward, the association will pay for the banners and cake. This will be added to parent handbook.
- John Doe (Bantam level)-Discussion of a skater in Dodgeville that would like to play hockey, but have some financial issues/parents not sure if they want him to play. Bill will talk to the parents about applying for a scholarship through Kelsey Fenton foundation. He could be allowed to practice with the team to see if he likes it, if he gets a USA hockey membership and signs the appropriate paperwork. Rosters are done for the year, so could not play in games etc.
- Locker Room 4 Heat- may not be working. Chris will look into this.

President's Report – Bill Lydic

- City of Dodgeville- Will continue to work with the City on improvements to make on the rink and collaborate.
- Region 4 Meeting Update-Play Downs have been decided. Peewee will need to beat Monroe to make it to state, Squirts A will need to beat Monroe & Stoughton to make it to state. Squirt B needs to beat Stoughton.
- Open Board Spots to start thinking of nominations for next season (Party/Parade Coordinator, Director of Hockey, Ref Manager)-

- Rink Committee- We would like to get this going again. An email will be sent out to the association to start making future plans. Do we add on to our building, is our goal to build a new rink etc
- Association Day at Governor Dodge- This will be February 12th from 1:00-5:00pm. An email was sent out to Team Reps last week about this event. Discussion on having Raffle Baskets, donation of \$10 from families to go towards Volunteer of the Year. Decided instead of Baskets, will do Simple Gift Cards.
- Try Hockey Event-Christina shared an email from a parent that helped the last two times with this event. She had a lot of helpful feedback for future to make sure it runs smoothly. The January event was chaos due to not having online registration information turned over from a prior board member. There were 53 kids that showed up. Ran out of equipment, not enough coaches etc. Thus, Chris Larson will reach out to see if contact information can be switched over. Abbi completed the questionnaire to receive grant funding of \$1,000 for this day. This was due January 20th.

Financial Report –Allison Batton

- MOTION to approve finance report for the months December 2022. Abbi, seconded by Christina. All in Favor.
- Discussion if Referees need a 1099. If they made over \$600, they will need one. Allison will reach out to accountant.
- Association Debit Cards- There is a prior board member that has a card that has to be turned over as they are no longer on the board, as well as a person on the board that is in a position that does not require use of a debit card. Thus, It was decided that Treasurer, Concessions, and President are authorized to utilize and have a card. The bank the association uses does not have electronic signatures, so these people will need to go into the bank.

Vice President's Report – Chris Larson

Windows need to be replaced. Received a bid for \$177x 4 windows. Chris made a motion to get them ordered. Abbi seconded. All in Favor. These will be installed after the season.

Equipment – Chris Larson

- Grassroots Grant- Chris Larson is working on this. Items need to be purchased and receipt turned in. Discussion of new goalie helmets being purchased due to not having any for younger RWB skaters.

Registrar – Abbi Trainor

- Learn to Play- Had a few that were new skaters that registered after the "Try Hockey" event.

Director of Hockey – Vacant

- Learn to Play/Coach slots on DIBS- Reminder to coaches to please sign up for these sessions. Also will be looking for nominations to fill this. These will be voted on in April at the Annual Meeting.

Ice Scheduling – Darcy Hesseling

- February 19th- Pee Wee Tournament the whole weekend. There was a RWB game that was scheduled at 11:45, but then moved to 2:30pm. After further discussion, the PeeWee Tournament will not be done until after 3:00pm. Steph Marten (Team Rep) will reach out to teams to see if they can move the time. Otherwise, will need to cancel. If this works out for teams, then Open Skate will be moved from 5:00-7:00 on 2/19.
- March 4th- Katie indicated that there was a 4H Club that reached out on Facebook about having about 20 kids come for Open Skate with a private room. No other parties scheduled this date, so this will work. Katie will reach out to the Club.

Tournament– Jarret Hesseling

- Tournament Updates:
RWB- was canceled due to lack of sign-ups.
Bantam- will occur 1/27-1/29 with 5 teams signed up.
PeeWee- will occur and is FULL with 8 teams signed up. This will be February 17-19th
Squirts- will occur and is FULL with 8 teams signed up. This will be February 24-26th

Jarret reiterated what the policy says for teams holding home tournaments. At the conclusion of the tournament, the treasurer will calculate an income amount. The income is divided 50/50 and split with the tournament team host. The team will only use this funding for state tournament or other team tournaments they attend that year. Any remaining funding after that will go to the association.

- Picnic B License- Squirts would like to be able to offer alcohol during the tournament. They need to have a licensed city of Dodgeville bartender on premises the whole weekend. They are able to accommodate this. In addition, association will allow if the purchase liability insurance. Insurance and Picnic license will be purchased by squirt team.

Rink – Chris Rusch

- No updates for the rink right now. Chiller is doing fine. Zamboni has been slow to start some mornings, otherwise working fine.

Team Rep Update – Andie Benish

- No update at this time.

Officials - Andie Benish

- We have Referees arranged for PeeWee, Bantam, and Squirt Tournaments. Special shout-out to our 3.1 Refs that have been helping all season (Robert, Alex, Trevor, Chris R). Andy wanted to remind teams and coaches to now approach refs after games whether it is our home rink or other rinks.
- Future Refs- Association needs to recruit more. You have to be age 12 and the courses usually take place over the summer months.

Concessions Update – AmyBeth Levetzow

- Reminder that it is not a choice to open concessions for games, open skates etc. Each team must run concessions. The association brings in a lot of profit from concessions and it was reported that it may not have been opening due to teams not having parents to work it. Katie will send out an email to Team Reps about this. It's best to show up 20-30 minutes beforehand to allow plenty of time to set up.
- Discussion of getting a digital menu

Marketing -Christina Weitzel

- Try Hockey Event- Parent Email/suggestion was shared with the board.
- Newspaper Articles- Team Reps/Coaches please continue to send these in.
- Christina would like to get a picture of our Referees & new skates that were purchased with last years' funding from Big Kauhuna.
- Lots of ideas from various rinks to get some posters up in the rink. For example, "Hockey 101" etc.
- Discussion of new party planner board member to also assist with parades during the summer months.

Web Design – Mitch Morey

- AmyBeth wondered if all of the teams on the website could have their schedule added. Their schedule shows up on the calendar, but not the scrolling events. Mitch will work on this.

- DIBS- Abby spent a lot of time adding work hours from summer on there. Mitch would be willing to help out with this as needed.

Committee Updates

Rink Committee Updates

- Long range rink planning committee: An email will be sent out to get this going again.

Future Action Items for 2022/2023 – 2023/2024 Season .

- Additional Locker Rooms- Need a female locker room. For this season/tournaments, will use the Referee room.
- Trophy Case- Abby has a connection and working on this.
- Referee Class and Rates
- In ground coils
- WIAA Committee- Discussion of this vs. staying Club. More to come.

Next Meeting – February 26, 2023

Adjourn