



**WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** Meeting called to order at 6:03PM
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Tom G., Chris K., Patti E., Kurt H., Mike C., Emily H., Patrick K., Jaime R. Jason M. & TJ G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** NA
4. **Membership in attendance:** Dave Welsch, Jon Keller, Kristin Darwin, Jen Barker, Josh Wichrowski, Sarah Luedke, Brandy Kukurba, Levi Boehrig, Traci Mangini, Tyler Breckenridge, Rick Callies, Nicholas Danko, Alison Garney, Kurt Semandel, & Mike Rathje
5. **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES- REVIEW AND APPROVE.** Mike approved & Patti seconded.
6. **DECEMBER TREASURER REPORT: Balance Sheet:** Overall this is a slow time of the year; Still have some Kwik trip cash to collect; Still working on customer credits; **P&L:** Slow time as well; to date the organization has realized \$2,300 in revenue from winter classic and jamborees registrations; first installment paid to the hockey directors and the rest paid at the end of the season; tax return will be filing for an extension and will be complete by end of Feb. Will send out 1099's afterwards. **REVIEW AND APPROVE.** Mike approved & TJ seconded.
7. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: Brandy Kukurba – AMFAM –** Brandy will be hosting an informational meeting on January 23rd @ 6PM at Nag and a ZOOM Call on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. The code for the call is 804-347-3491. Pass Code is HOCKEY. Brandy can also be reached at 773-759-1783 or via email at amfamcoord@gmail.com. An email will be sent out to the organization with details.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Moving into the final months of the season with good momentum towards playdown.
  - B. Grassroots grants have been awarded to the organization again this season. The funding will be utilized to help grow the game at the early age groups. The organization is looking to purchase new mini nets and other supporting training equipment.
  - C. 50<sup>th</sup> year Celebration planning is off to a great start – (2) planning meetings have taken place with good momentum. Still looking for people to participate in the planning.
  - D. Open board positions will be posted at the rink in February.
9. **UPDATES**
  - A. **PRESIDENT:** Overall, the organization is finding success at all the levels. Our hockey directors have provided positive impact on the organization.
  - B. **VP ON ICE:** Admirals players attended our younger skater's practice, and the kids had a wonderful experience; KMMO has reach out and provided student coaching assistance at various levels. Looking to build this earlier next season; Coaches meetings – have been good and looking to have two more meetings this season. Great dialog and interaction; Jason Herzog and Chris K. will have February practice schedule set in coming weeks.

- C. **VP OFF ICE:** Rosters are final; game sheets feedback has been positive across the organization.
1. **Scholarship Winners:**
    - i. **U6/U8 Why I chose Hockey winners:** Ryker Wierzba, Conor Schacht, Connor Hubbard, and Lewis O'Donnell
    - ii. **David Maurin U14 'How hockey makes me a better individual':** Caden Staufenbeil
    - iii. **Joe Raymond 'What Waukesha Youth Hockey Means to me':** Kira Klein
    - iv. **Spirit of the Sport on 'Teamwork':** Lauren Hermsen
    - v. **'Why girls should play hockey':** Ellie Kaptur
- D. **SECRETARY:** Panoramic team photos are coming out to the team managers, please make sure you have all your team members accounted for in the team photos. Contact your respective team manager with any questions.
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** The season is going well for all teams and finding strong success; sharing of ice is doing well. Teams are working together.
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** A team is doing well and finding a lot of success; There were a couple roster changes between B1, B2, & C due to an injured player on the B1 team; B1 is having a successful season losing to only one B level team so far this season. B2 is also finding success, recently taking second in Cedar Rapids tournament as well as second place in a tournament in Tomah. The C team is working through some challenges, but they are starting find some momentum. Ken Wake and his coaches are doing an excellent job with the C team.
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Seeing a lot of growth with big learning curve across the board; Preparing for hosting the state tournament, things are progressing well. Ice fees are being reviewed and hotel blocks are being set up. Booklets, bag tags, and other tourney essentials are in the planning stages. Not much in the way of expenses. Looking for game time volunteers and fundraising games; Patrick to talk to the planner to ensure we have game pucks. Volunteers are still needed for the tournament.
- H. **8U/6U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** (2) Tournaments this year, twenty-one teams at the PDP level and looking like a strong turnout; winter classic: thirty-two teams and looking to add a few more teams to round out the schedule; once this is set the planning will take place around the event. Early forecasts are looking favorable to realize a strong profit from the tournament; Competitiveness has been great and looking to have a strong future for the U6/U8 level; The teams recently competed in a Wisconsin Dells tournament this year and it was wonderful way to get the new parents to bond. There were (135) people got to start building their hockey family; Mite whites won their respective level.
- I. **GIRLS PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** PDP seeing positive girl progress, had a few parents step up to head the jamboree; THFF conversations have taken place and developing; Mary decker power skating program in development is in the planning stages; WAHA has reclassified U10 & U12 levels, if you have two teams at each level, they will participate in a gold and bronze pilot program. WAHA is taking steps to move this forward positively.

**CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:39PM**