

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
continued June 2<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Board Members Present:** Amy Knoll, Amy Schaefer, Charlotte Bushbaum, Katie Reicherts, Katy Harbaugh, Lisa Schwickerath, Jenette Jebe, Jen Seifried, Trent Duniven, Mike Wirtjes, Jason Verbraken, Brian Cook

**Phone:** Dan Bumblauskas

**Absent:** Shawn Monroe June 12th, Seifried June 21st

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00pm 6/12, 5:30 6/21

**Guests:** Phil Axtell, Jessica Niedert

6/12 - Prostart presented information regarding partnering with the WYHA for the 2023-2024 season for dryland training. There would be a impact to dues per player with current projections at about approx. \$250 per player based on 8 months, but pointed out fundraising opportunities we have not taken advantage of to help offset costs as well. Would be involved in initial scheduling so there would be no need to shuffle between both facilities in one evening which was a previous concern. Knoll raised a concerned would like to make sure that this would be no different that any other purchase made by the WYHA to a for profit organization affecting a 501c3 status. Motion by Wirtjes for an accountant opinion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Knoll, motion carries, Seifried abstains. Motion to approve by Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verbraken, to approve partnership upcoming season based upon outcome of opinion. Motion carried with Seifried abstaining.

6/13 Confirmed we would not be violating non profit status, partnership approved.

**Financial Reports:**

- Warriors – Lisa Schwickerath – Keep funds for state next year in budget? Yes, along with Prostart for upcoming budget approval. Considering going back to drive for player toiletries, also discussion of upcoming ice costs. Motion to approve Reicherts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Knoll, motion carries unanimously, Seifried abstains.
- Warhawks - \$500 addl dues for players at both Jr Gold and Bantam, only looks to potentially be 4 eligible. Alliance league will have \$1000 dues for participating. Tabling the rest until Monroe is available as Jr Gold rep. Unanimous approval with Seifried abstaining.
- Jr Hawks –Amy Knoll – Not budgeting for skills coach, Cook stated Dev committee will address. Discussed options for meeting space with needing more room potentially. Learn to skate with figure skaters or rolling with option to have house league evaluate at higher levels discussed.. Prepping for upcoming budget vote. Motion to approve Verbraken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunivan, motion carries unanimously with Seifried abstaining.

**Approval of Minutes:** May Meeting Minutes – motion to approve Verbraken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wirtjes, motion carries unanimously, Jebe and Seifried abstaining.

**Committee Reports:**

- Development Committee: Lead coaches interviewed and selected. Luck at Bantam, Shaw at Pee Wee, Wirtjes at Squirts and Taylor at Mites. Will meet with all in Aug and September, talking with Mike Brown on potentially some further interaction this year with the Waterloo Black Hawks. Raisty back in as goalie coach. Update 6/21 – Going to have Jr Gold coach be a rolling position for 3 years with annual check in by Development committee – Alliance starts early with planning and allows for continuity at HS level Motion by Jebe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monroe, motion carries.

- Disciplinary Committee – nothing to report
- Fundraising/Special Events Committee: Sarah Kutz previously appointed as Volunteer Coordinator, other people interested in helping are Sami Riley, Phil Axtell & Mindy Gordon. Talked about splitting Volunteer hours this year into on ice and off ice. Reaching out to Kutz to keep track for now.

#### **Affiliate Reports:**

- High School (MHSHL) – Continued talks regarding goalie from CR, no final decision on that end yet. 6/12 Waiting for BH schedule, then Alliance then can schedule Warriors. Cook, Kutz, and Wirtjes to attend annual meeting and coach clinic last weekend in June.
- Midwest League (MWAHA) – Metcalf/Bumblauskas - Nothing to report.

#### **Other Reports:**

- ACE Coordinator – Get safesports and background checks completed as board requirement.
- Apparel – Mark Styve – will start looking into Jersey options for quicker turnaround
- House League – 2 applicants, will interview. Update 6/21 Seifried withdrew, Nicole Christopher appointed, will start attending meetings in July.
- Ice Scheduler – 2 applicants, will interview. Update 6/21, interviews completed, Danielle Humpal voted in unanimously with Schaefer and Wirtjes abstaining.
- Referee in Chief – nothing to report
- Registrar – 2 applicants, will interview. Update 6/21 Adam Block appointed, other applicant involved otherwise with volunteering.
- Safesport / Compliance – going forward combined with Registrar.
- Sponsorships – Harbaugh: Mindy Gordon working on peelers
- Webmaster – Harbaugh: Sent out camp info Update 6/21, sending out registration sign up June 22 – July 7<sup>th</sup> with a late fee of \$100 to help with budget and projections.

#### **New Business:**

- Newsletter – want to have a newsletter emailed out highlighting news and dates. Shawn Monroe and Katy Harbaugh to spearhead.
- Annual Meeting – we will disburse answers from survey conducted in April via email, and then will hold an open house meeting in July. Key staff and executive board members are expected to attend. This is separate from the Informational meetings held at beginning of season where dues, etc, are covered.
- Rick Reicherts asked for some of the equipment purchased for dryland with Benevity funds to go to Prostart. Objection that then any member could ask to borrow training aids, but ok with during season. Motion Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunivan, motion carries to allow only during active season. Katie Reicherts abstained.
- Harbaugh – been approached by Tracy MacCausland for some board team building – will discuss next session.

Meeting Adjourned 6/12 9 pm, 6/21 at 8:30

#### **Online Votes: 2022-2023 board:**

- Vote to put new board in place as of 5/23/23 – 12 votes Yes
- Disciplinary Committee for House League – 7 votes Yes, 4 votes No, 2 Abstain
- Executive Board for 23-24 of below: 8 votes Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain

Amy Schaefer President

Jenette Jebe Vice President

Amy Knoll Treasurer

Lisa Schwickerath Treasurer

Katie Reicherts Secretary

- Sending Justin Metcalf and Mike Wirtjes as MWAHA representatives with Dan Bumblauskas as alternate – 11 votes Yes, 2 Abstain

Online Votes: 2023-2024 board:

- Move application deadlines for Jr Gold position to May 26<sup>th</sup> to put a coach in place May 27<sup>th</sup> as requested by Alliance league - 13 votes Yes, 1 No
- Put Coach Mike Brown on selection committee for Lead Coaches at Junior Hawk/Little Hawk levels – 11 vote Yes