



# RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## October 2020 Agenda

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DATE: Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Jody Christensen, Frank Linn, Chad Flanagan, Paul Bloodhart, Carrie Torgersen, Kaylan Wilson, Catherine White, Kevin Hare, John Linehan and Nicole Ralston.

ABSENT: Kristin Jepson

Meeting called to order at 6:05

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review** **Wilson**
  
2. **Consent Items** (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Wilson**
  - A. Agenda Approval  
**Action Item:**  
Approve Agenda and any supplementary
  - B. Approval of Materials  
**Action Item:** Liaison Jody Christensen for Peewee C was added. Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all consent items by John seconded by Frank. All in Favor.

3. **Guest Comments** **Guest**
  - ✓ Neil Accola was present
4. **Other Business** **Wilson**
  - ✓ COVID Committee Updates have been emailed to all Association members. Currently members are following the guidelines, no additional measures needed at this time. Concessions will be open, but items will be limited. MAHA has stated that coaches must wear masks while on the bench, no current restrictions from WAHA
    - Policy handbook has been updated, Board reviewed changes.

- Executive Board had conversations with WAHA and WAHA Attorney regarding the resolution of policy 4.4.5. Kevin made a motion to remove all language, Frank seconded; all in favor.
- ✓ Conversation regarding at having a coop/girls policy handbook for the future, this will be reviewed after the season.
- ✓ Questions regarding the renaming of the Blackcats to the Fusion. Jody will bring this item along with new jerseys to their next meeting and report back.
- ✓ Building group did a walk through the varsity locker room with head Coach Brent S, HS will be taking responsibility for the damage from last season. They will also be putting in new flooring and painting. RFYHA will supply cleaning sprayer kit for cleaning. The updated language in the contract was discussed.
- ✓ River City stich contacted Rolle regarding the use of the wildcat logo for RFYHA. Roll gave permission to River City Stich. Kaylan will reach out to Rolle to confirm. Our current logo still exists.
- ✓ It was brought to the Boards attention that youth in Prescott have ben registering with Hastings Association. Prescott home association is River Falls. Kaylan has had a conversation with the Hastings President to prevent these situations in the future.
- ✓ Hockeyville payment has not been received. It is unsure at this time if we will receive \$10K cash plus \$10 Cash for equipment or \$10K cash and actual equipment. Conversations on where the money should be used such as possible gutters, crack in the building which is causing leaking issues and mold.

#### **5. Hockey Operations - On Ice**

**Hare**

- ✓ Coach numbers are set for the season
- ✓ Tryouts will be conducted by an independent group

#### **6. Hockey Operations - Off Ice**

**Christensen**

- ✓ Peewee level needs an additional set of jerseys, there are three teams this year. Options discussed would be to use the older ones that are in good shape (old logo) or we could order a new set that would cost \$1500. Mark DeBoe is looking to see if we can size down some of the bigger new jerseys. Jody will follow up with Mark to see how many we have, if there is enough, Peewee A will receive the old jerseys.
- ✓ Jody is suggesting that skaters buy their own jerseys for next season.
- ✓ Ice schedule is updated thru October 2020. Highschool has decided to have a season, we are waiting on their game schedule.
- ✓ Registrar Bobbi Stanley is working wit the new online registration and has found it to be a huge time saver
- ✓ Tournament Updates
  - Nov 20-22<sup>nd</sup> U10/U12 - 8 teams
  - Dec 4-6<sup>th</sup> U14 - 4 teams
  - Dec 12-13<sup>th</sup> Mites - Are we offering this tournament, no one is signed up. Should fee be charged to our members?
  - Jan 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> PW (B WI) & PWB2 (MN) - 3 teams
  - Jan 15-17<sup>th</sup> PW A (WI) B1 (MN) - 1 team (RF). PW C - 9 teams...looking for 1 more
  - Jan 22-24<sup>th</sup> - Squirts A/B - 1 Team (RF). Squirt B/C -7 teams (looking for 1 more). Squirt C WI Only - full at 4
  - Feb 5-7<sup>th</sup> - Bantam B/C full at 12

- Feb 19-12<sup>th</sup> - Bantam A/B - 5 teams (wanting 12)
- ✓ Pre-Season clinic had 125 skaters signed up, increase from last year. Looking at providing the preseason at RF Centre vs Hunt
- ✓ Currently we have 198 skaters registered, last year we were at 225 including winter mites.
  - Mites -68
  - Squirts -32
  - Pewees -36
  - Bantams -24
  - U10 -17
  - U12 -15
  - U14- 6
- ✓ New Skaters at each level
  - Mites -18
  - Squirt -1
  - Bantams -1
  - U10 -2
  - U12 -3
- ✓ Retention rate for LTS skaters is 24/43
- ✓ Jody was approached by a family asking if we would be interested in registering a Junior Gold team for the season if there is not a HS season. Cost to the Association is unknown; Frank is looking into the options.
- ✓ Volunteer worker limits
  - Limit in the skybox - 2 volunteers
  - Penalty Box - 1 volunteer
  - Concessions-2 volunteers
    - Concessions will start to be open on October 25<sup>th</sup>
    - You must be 16 years of age to run concessions
  - Music - 0
  - COVID Cleaner/Floater - 1 volunteer
  - Skate Sharpener - (no dibs) Upon Availability or adding specific hours

## 7. External Relations/**Advertising**

**Williamson**

- ✓ Apparel links are up on the website

## 8. **Financial Operations**

**Flanagan**

- ✓ Fat Boys tournament was cancelled
- ✓ Concession income was reduced by 50% on the budget
- ✓ Ice-In Bash brought in additional revenue
- ✓ Ice in for the preseason clinic added additional cost
- ✓ Conversation with HS regarding adjusting the contract has not taken place, HS is looking at reducing their ice time by minimum three weeks.
  - i. U14 6
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  - i. Mites 18
  - ii. Squirt 1
  - iii. Bantams 1
  - iv. U10 2

v. U12 3

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- ✓ Received quote for mats, mop heads, concessions towels and cleaning bathrooms. They would come in August 1 time a month, Sept thru March would be 2 times a month, April 1 time. Will get additional bids.

**11. Fundraising**

**Jepson**

- ✓ Updates given by Carrie T
- ✓ Raffle tickets and pizza have been ordered; no cash will be accepted this year.
- ✓ Fundraising packets will be handed out during tryouts
- ✓ Looking into smaller fundraisers for the winter, will report back
- ✓ Fundraising team meeting this Saturday

**10. Building Operations**

**Bloodhart**

- ✓ We have received one gutter bid, working on receive an additional
- ✓ Motion activated light switches will be installed.
- ✓ Building Ops teams is purging old materials
- ✓ Sides of the boards have been scrapped and cleaned
- ✓ Working on replacing door handles
- ✓ Paul is following up with a cleaning committee
- ✓ Brock is working on getting the monitors up and running
- ✓ Jody has asked Paul to keep log of volunteer hours

**11. Member Engagement Retention/Recruitment**

**Wilson**

- ✓ Once the season starts, new members will receive contact to follow up if there are any unmet needs

## 12. Building Events

White

Motion to adjourn by Catherine; Johnny seconded. All in favor

| <u>2020-2021 Calendar - Key Dates</u>            |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2020                   | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| October 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020                  | LTS Equipment Handout    |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2020                 | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| November 20-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020              | U10/U12 Ponytail Classic |
| December 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 | U14 Tournament           |
| December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020                  | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| December 12 -13, 2020                            | Mite Extravaganza        |
| January 8-10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                | Peewee B Tournament      |
| January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                  | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| January 15-17, 2021                              | Peewee A/B Tournament    |
| January 22-24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021               | Squirt A/B/C Tournament  |
| February 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 | Bantam B/C               |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2121                 | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| February 19-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021              | Bantam A/B Tournament    |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                 | Mites End of Year Party  |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                    | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                    | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021                      | Board Meeting – 6 pm     |