

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19th, 2024
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Adam Sodersten, Aubrey Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Bill Snow, Mike Bakalars, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Joe Beyler, April Rabedeaux, Brian Lindow, Kristen Manning, Kendra Noll, Kaiti Bohacek, Mike O'Brien**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the November 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Adam, second by Kyle. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Mike O'Brien) – Edgewood paid their last check 6-months ahead of schedule, so it saved us some money. Hockey pucks are up, have opportunities to sell more. Coaches would be able to pay \$100 to get their pucks put up. We need more hockey sticks for the bar, Kristen will include it in her communication emails. Mike gave all coaches thank you cards for the sponsors.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – Congratulations to Mindy on great fundraising efforts! Early buyout for DIBS buyout has passed, we've currently collected \$10,000. No issues with past collections.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – Several parents have reached out with concerns about people driving too fast in the parking lot, so we need to send out a reminder in the weekly emails. Justin already reached out to the high school kids as well. Justin and Joel are going to put together a map of how traffic should flow to the parking lot. ALDs need to reach out to coaches about requiring the use of the cell phone boxes. This is a requirement from WAHA and needs to be enforced. ALDs and/or coaches need to remind parents about requiring gloves, helmets, and sticks in the shooting corner
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – All teams are fully rostered and complete. 10 coaches still need to complete their requirements, so some coaches won't make it.
 - b. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – \$14,390 profit from the hockey fundraiser cards, \$800 in prizes going out. Culver's went amazing last night! Skaters had fun handing out orders, there was a great group of volunteers. Mindy will share the total from Culver's once she has it, but they were steady all night so it should be good.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – Had a disciplinary situation with a Squirt player.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Practice schedule is done for the first 2 weeks of February, which will get posted soon. There was a snafu with a Squirt game a few weekends ago, Tara sent an email out to all of the team managers to remind them to check the DCHOA website.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – No one is currently registered for the Mavs tournament, so we will need to do some marketing. SportsEngine is starting to resolve some of the bugs from earlier in the season.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – No report.

- g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – We recently outfitted a PeeWee goalie. All 3 Blue Mite Teams have received a set of quick change goalie gear to try.
- h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Currently \$5,000 over where we normally are at with a profit. Mike O’Brien continues to be a huge help. The display board in the old rink recently broke, so he would like to explore getting a TV instead.
- j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – No update. Ongoing efforts to fill open DIBS shifts.
- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- l. **Girl’s Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – The girls U8 jamboree is December 29th. We are expecting about 60 girls. I’m working on a U6 Mavs big sister program. We got a donation for the JLP girls to attend the Culver’s Cup next weekend for free.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – Awards are starting to roll. Bantam A going out Friday. Two more queued up for the holidays. ALDs - please check with your coaches about sticker use. Hopefully they're giving them out. Contact me if you need more. Craig Bartlett is working on another coaches get-together in January.
- n. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – No report.
- o. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Coaches jackets are in! We are taking apparel back over next year.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – All team photos are approved. Teams will figure out panoramic photos if they want to order them.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – Squirt tournament in the beginning of December went well. High schoolers and second year Bantams can do penalty boxes.
- r. **Update from ALD’s**
 - LTP (Kris Canto) – No report.
 - U6 (Aubrey Freeman) – So far, so good. Karin will close U6 registration.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – Everything is going well. Scheduling is close to being completed. Would like another set of 4 nets for Rink 2, the cost would be \$2,000 for all 4 nets. Amanda would like to make a motion to spend \$2,500 for goals and pegs. Second by Kaiti. Motion passed.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – No major updates. We are finishing our All Squirts practice pilot this week and I'll be following up on feedback. Next year, the ALD should be more clear about tournament expectations for Ice Incs home tournaments.
 - Peewee (Eric Helsher) – All is well. The teams are competitive and having fun. 20-minute skating mandate is going well and helping the kids. We also have 3 skills sessions coming up over the holidays. Crowded on the ice but good for the kids to get the extra touches. Had all 4 teams together in Cedar Rapids this past weekend. Lots of fun and would recommend having multiple teams together for future tournaments.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – Teams are doing well, all is good.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – Mavs were invited to a Mavs night at a Lynx game. The C team is having a tough season and are struggling to find good competition. The C goalie is also injured, so they will need to double roster at least 1 more goalie. Katie will work on that starting tomorrow.
 - Midget (Mike Bakalars) – Roster is set!

7. Old Business

- a) **Quick Change goalie gear** – Still not going great. We are on the front end of it and will just keep doing our best. It will likely be mandated next season.

8. New Business

a) Hometown Brewdown – Proposal is to have all families be responsible for 4 tickets at \$200 total, which would equate to ~\$50,000. Our association would get ~\$30,000, the rest of the money should cover the cost. We would partner with the Chamber of Commerce. We should also look to include other clubs to grow the event and then give them some money back per ticket to their clubs as well. Proposed date is currently Saturday, September 13, which is another potential date of the fall 3v3 tournament. Will plan to spend the January meeting to brainstorm how we want to make this work.

9. Motion to Adjourn – Motion to readjourn by Katie, seconded by Adam, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.