



**WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING NOTES - JANUARY 12TH, 2022**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M., Chris P., Kurt H., Chris S., Tom G., Patti E., Tom N., & Bobby G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Tim W.
4. **Membership Attendance:** Sarah Nissen, Katie Selsor, Lisa Zabinski, Val Shurley, Jen Knuth, Matt Staufenbeil, Jen Barker, Matt Magruder, & Jason Herzog
5. **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Patti E. Seconded**
6. **DECEMBER TREASURER REPORT: November / December Activity:** Organization is doing well for the fiscal year, all revenues has been recognized and we are starting to incur in season cost – still ahead of budget; Wreath credits have all been posted- board will be looking at a better plan for families for next season (payment/credits timing); Tournament fees have been collected (except U8 as they work to figure out team funds); Last jersey order is complete; **Next items:** 1099s will be processed; U8 Tournaments team fees needed to be collected; U8 refs – meeting with managers to understand the needs for the tournament; Team financials – Still looking for Squirt C White, Squirt C Gold, & Bantam A. financial reports; Scholarship will be processed; Winter Classic planning needs to be finalized; Spring Bash planning to be finalized; 2022 Hair Team contest will open; U10 State Tournament planning in progress.; **Chris P. motioned to Approve: Chad Approved / Tom N. Seconded**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:** Val Shurley: Spring Bash is set for Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> with more details to be emailed with a link for registration. Also, if you are interested in helping with the planning of the event, please contact [fundraising@waukeshawarhawks.org](mailto:fundraising@waukeshawarhawks.org); volunteer hours will be provided for your efforts; Warhawk Wednesdays have been a struggle to get restaurant participation. Still working to find additional participating stores.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Announce 2021-22 WCYHA Scholarship Winners:**

- a. Spirit of Sport (all players) - Jackson Neuberger
- b. David Maurin (14U players) - Jackson Neuberger
- c. Joe Raymond (12U/10U players) - Chase Parsons
- d. 8U/6U - Weston Szymanskyj
- e. Officials - Ben Allen

**B. Covid-19 Update:** Season is going well with very few covid related interruptions. The organization asks as we approach playdowns, please be mindful if you have any symptoms to take appropriate steps as we want all teams at full strength heading into playdowns.

**C. Future State Tournament Bids:** 2024: Bids have been submitted for Squirt A&B, Bantam A&B, and Pee Wee B

**D. WAHA and Playdowns Update—**Region 5 Meeting Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>; WAHA has been asked what is going to happen if a team is shut down due to covid? WAHA's response was that there will not be procedures put in place and each region/bracket will have to address the issues on an individual location basis; Seeding meetings will be set after the January 26<sup>th</sup>; The home associations are responsible to report all scores by 1/24 @ 9AM.

**E. Election Procedures/Open Positions:** Nomination forms for the open 2022-2023 Board positions will be posted at Eble and Nagawaukee Ice arenas. They will remain posted until Friday, March 4th, 2022.

**F. Spring Bash Registration:** The first annual Warhawk Spring Bash is coming! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 19th from 5-10 pm at Raised Grain Brewing Co in Waukesha! This will be an evening of

food, drink, fun and silent auction. We continue to explore options for our fundraising proceeds and are considering options that help reduce expenses next year. This is a great opportunity to celebrate with your hockey family one last time at the end of the season! Due to venue size, we are limited to (100) participants (age 21 and over, please). Tickets are \$55 each and include dinner and two drink tickets (beer, soda, or seltzer). Please buy your tickets early if you're interested.

- G. **Cammi Granato Girls Hockey Grant:** These \$500 grants are available to all hockey-playing girls ages 4-18 from the US and Canada and are intended to help offset the player's costs to participate. The initiative is spearheaded by Cammi Granato, a member of the famous Granato family; a Hockey Hall of Famer; and one of the greatest, if not the greatest, US women's players. Only 100 recipients were selected from over 600 applicants. WCYHA had several entries, and Elena Lopez, an 8U skater, was selected as a recipient. Congratulations, Elena!

In addition to Elena's grant, the Granato Grant awarded an equipment package to associations from 42 of the winners. These packages are provided by the NHL, NHL Players Association, Bauer, and Pure Hockey. WCYHA was awarded a package, and Siena Pierret was selected as the recipient of that package. Congrats to Siena!

## 8. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** U12 families – Kohlmann cup registration is open and taking place in Fond Du Lac this year, email will be sent out with more info.; The rink management reached out and requested we inform them if any teams swap ice and what team will be using the ice; Things are going well in the organization with good play and parent's behavior. Please be mindful of specific rink COVID policies.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Spring and summer hockey pages are open for registration; hockey director is typically on the ice Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday @ Nags; He has been very happy with practice planning, but still waiting on mid-season evaluations to be complete by the end of January. Director felt skaters have been developing well; Patti suggested parents make sure their skaters are wearing appropriate protective gears such as neck guards and that it is required at U6/U8 level.
- C. **VP OFF ICE:** All official rosters have been finalized and signed off; the majority of coaches have completed their required training on time before year end; WAHA will be voting on the new territory boundaries for the former Blaze skaters at the January 26<sup>th</sup> Region 5 meeting; Tomorrow is 8U travel team manger meeting; Chris Abraham is working on details for team directories; Playdowns are set for February 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> – expect players, coaches, and fans to be on their best behavior; Youth hockey night is set for January 25<sup>th</sup> at Nags (KMMO vs. Wing); **Girls:** Everything is going well on Ice and our teams are leading their divisions at most levels; girls youth hockey night at Arrowhead will be January 20th; Girls 8U jamboree will take place at Nags – the skater families will be contacted to ensure we have good participation; Tuskers spring hockey program opened today and link will be added to website.
- D. **TREASURER:** NA
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Bantam A – After a strong second place finish in the St. Louis tournament, the team has had a rough stretch, but looks forward to solid play in the upcoming tournament in Kalamazoo, MI.; During the St. Louis tournament Bantam A had a special moment with a team they played from Columbus, OH because of the parade tragedy. Both teams played a hard fought, clean game. The Columbus team displayed great sportsmanship and after the game their coach came to address our team in the locker room. They expressed their thoughts and prayers for our community and offered their support to our team as we moved on in the tournament, very classy team; Bantam B has had a solid year so far recently finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in a St. Louis tournament and 2<sup>nd</sup> in a tournament held in Rhinelander; Tom N. made a suggestion that all team managers please suggest to your coaches that when we break practice instead of shouting "Warhawks!!" it was suggested teams break practice with "WAUKESHA!!".
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Seeing lots of success in tournament play this season. Received positive response from various teams the organization has played in response to the parade tragedy. Patti suggested we collect the positive responses we have experienced and share with the Freeman for a news article.

- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Successful year so far, great practices are paying off in the game play. Biggest issue is juggling rosters due to covid; C2 Tournament will need volunteers for the state tournament.
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Numbers of skaters are constantly changing as we transition skaters from the developmental program to the U8 group. Initially took (30) kids to the 8U mite, with (15) spots to fill out of development program resulting in (4) mite teams: (1) red, (1) white, & (2) blues. 8U mite group is advancing well, starting introduction to hockey practices to teach the basics of game play. Coaches will now transition to ADM model station practice moving forward; Tom G. recommended grow the game focus be expanded outside hockey rink in the local geography to gain more interest; Winter Classic team registration is almost full; still looking for potential tournament sponsors; Skills competition and raffles are being implemented to drive funding.

**Adjourned at 7:00PM**