

WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

3/4/26 - Bud King Ice Arena

Those indicated in **bold** were present at the meeting.

Board members: **Marty Moran, Laura Slavey, Alex Tipton, Cassie Stratton, Drew Krings, Erika Vail, Lindsey Posey, Marcus Burnham, Amy Engel, Cassie Boddy, Susan Koo**

Others Present: J Rezska

Meeting called to order at: 7:02pm

Public Comments:

- Susan Koo on behalf of Erin VanBeek (DIBS Coordinator)- need to work on DIBS process/systems in the off season. Still having issues with communication and how to manage the role. She has suggestions on how we can make better sense of the system that we have.
- Susan Koo- (comment as parent)- As a parent of a child that wanted to try and play goalie this season, it was a struggle to get her into that role (fitting for equipment, practice, and scrimmage/game experience, etc). Attended goalie practice and did what they could to show that they were serious about wanting to try that position. Better equality between kids that want to try this position. Other kids that expressed interest were fitted and in a game/scrimmage within a week or two.
 - Better communication for goalies (Amy Engel); making sure all goalies with interest are on that goalie email distribution list.

Executive Committee Comments

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- Motion to approve February 2026 Minutes
 - Motion: Laura Slavey
 - 2nd: Susan Koo
 - Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain

Gambling report:

- EB's continuing to do well
- Hoping Bub's will be up and running sometime in April
- GCB review - additional notes to minutes under gambling report
- Billy presented the LG1004 Monthly Gambling Report to Board/Members
- Billy presented the monthly bank statement to Board/Members

- Motion to approve February 2026 Gambling Report - ROLL OVER TO MARCH

- Motion:
- 2nd:
- Motion carried/denied:
 - Abstain:

- Motion to approve allowable expenses:
 - Accounting up to \$200
 - Cost of games up to \$12,000
 - Payroll taxes up to \$1,000
 - Rent up to \$40,000
 - Manager/payroll audit up to \$6,000
 - Combined receipts up to \$50,000

- Motion: Laura Slavey
- 2nd: Marcus Burnham
- Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain:

Treasurer report:

- Report: Home tournaments are just shy of where we were last year (YOY); concessions sales increased February. Concession inventory is a lot less than where we were at this time last year.

- Motion to approve February finance Reports
 - Motion: Cassie Body
 - 2nd: Drew Krings
 - Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain

Committees Chaired by Non-Board Members Reports:

Equipment Manager (Ben Gordon)

- Report: Had enough neck guards to cover LTS but need more for THF day. Ben purchased some more through gift cards. Kits should be ready to go for THF day.
- Ask Managers to collect the practice jerseys
- Mites and Mini equipment turn in has been communicated. If they need to hold on to it they just need to notify Ben (same with squirts if needed for camps over the summer). Already collected most of the mite and mini mite practice jerseys.
- Christmas gifts for rink managers next year- add to reminder list

- All goalie parents have checked in with Dylan on the goalie equipment. Will start doing registration refunds after validating that all goalies did the requirements.

Tournament Committee (Susan Koo)

- Report: Squirt B tournament had some drama (primarily from one team). Tournament ran behind because the new zamboni driver took longer than time was allotted for in the schedule. Our refs called a game early on Saturday night; we are very proud of the way they handled a very difficult game. A lot of great games over the weekend.
- Back to back tournaments at the end of the season was really difficult. Re-evaluate dates next year.
- Geology club was only comfortable helping with concessions. They helped a lot with the PWC tournament (and some of the SQB tournament). Not sure if National Honor Society did any of the volunteering. Contact these organizations earlier in the year next year for training and getting them lined up ahead of time.

Hockey Operations Committee (J Reszka)

- Report: Met twice in the last few weeks, continuing on reflecting on the season (highs and lows), playups and evaluations are underway and have been well attended. Use those for data on improvement and how to identify areas of continued improvement.
- Anna is leaving the community. Reaching out to Katie (SMU) to see if she would be interested in helping/stepping into Anna's role. The committee feels that the levels were the right levels this season.
- Players are developing and making good progress even though the game outcomes didn't necessarily go the way we wanted. Overall they all agree that we need to keep moving forward and pushing development. Referenced article on Luverne hockey and how they implemented playing at all levels several years ago. They are now sending HS teams to the state tournament almost every year. Also working on figuring out how we can develop coaches. To move forward, we need to develop players and coaches together. Need to continue to figure out how to motivate players to keep working in the off season. The board and hockey ops committee need to help communicate that message out to the association.
- Doing coach check outs at every level. Debriefing with coaches on what well and what needs improvement.
- Preparing for the annual meeting.
- Great feedback on the dryland program this year. It was really well done.
- Ensuring that all levels from A-C (boys and girls) are getting the same attention and focus (dryland, etc). All levels have the same priority.
- Frames for jerseys for gambling sites

Board Member Chaired Committee Updates:

Long Term Planning / Facilities Committee (Drew)

- **Report:**
 - Not much new to report this month
 - We had some February meetings that have been rescheduled to later in March so more details to come from those in April.
 - City Contract is still in the works as an identified next step before further engagement with CoW (AT or MM for any additional update?)
 - Capital Campaign→Preferred path identified and we're engaging with that partner to discuss next steps.
 - Working on submitting a few grants (BK5K, WCF, Wild Foundation Grant).

Marketing Committee (J.J. Pettit)

- Report: Billboard was modified to put a youtube reference for people to go watch the video.

Fundraising Committee (Amy/Lindsey)

- Report: Saturday, May 16th or Friday, October 9th are the two options that Cedar Valley gave us for the golf tournament
- Signs for Kimos and O'Laughlin dropped off Thursday before PWC tournament. Still aren't up. Need to figure out how we can ensure Jud and Mark get these up in an appropriate time frame.

Volunteer Committee (Cassie Stratton)

- Report: See comments above regarding DIBS. Will meet in march/april to go over additional notes from season

New Family Mentor Committee (Erika Vail)

- Report: New committee chair and LTS manager - have these go hand in hand next year/going forward. More or less just a lot of communication with families.

Safe Sport / Grievance Committee (Cassie B/Drew)

- Report:
 - Squirt C has had a lot of challenges this season that they had to work through; look for ways to be proactive on avoiding these challenges next season and for future squirt parents
 - Reminder to All Membership: we can only control our choices and how we coach our kids to play and how we represent Winona, both home & away (practices and games).

Actionable Items:

Old Business

- 3 candidates have applied so far.

New Business

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Other Items:

Virtual Votes:

Virtual vote: Charitable Gambling Donation

Motion: Motion to approve donation of \$50,000 from Charitable Gambling

- Motion: Alex Tipton
- 2nd: Lindsey Posey
- Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain:

Virtual vote: Update to Coach Stipends

Motion: Motion to approve the updated stipends for coaches that are still within the original budget that was approved. These amounts will not be consistent and not left up to the head coach to determine.

- Motion: Lindsey Posey
- 2nd: Marcus Burnham
- Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain: 2

Meeting adjourned at:

- Motion to Adjourn at 8:39
 - Motion: Drew Krings
 - 2nd: Amy Engel
 - Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain: