



RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

November 2020 Agenda

DATE: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre

Attendance: Kevin Hare, Jody Christensen, Catherine White, Kaylan Wilson, Kristin Jepson, Carrie Torgerson

Absent: Frank Linn, Nicole Ralston, Paul Bloodhart, John Linehan

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

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
 - a. **Action Item:**
 - b. Approve Agenda and any supplementary
 - c. Materials;
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all consent items by Kevin, seconded by Carrie. All in favor.
3. **Guest Comments** **Guests**
 - Neil Accola was present
4. **External Relations/Advertising** **Williamson**
5. **Hockey Operations - On Ice** **Hare**
 - Teams are being encouraged to play as many WAHA games as possible
 - Tournaments - no traveling beyond 2 hrs. Reduced tournament fees - play. Free tournaments - play.
 - Coaching are sending Kevin requests for games and tournaments.
 - i. Has asked that coaches don't go hunting for tournaments.
6. **Hockey Operations - Off Ice** **Christensen**
 - Ice Schedule
 - o This time of year we would be renting ice from Hunt Arena. As that is not an option due to COVID, ice time is getting tight.

- o We are renting ice to outside groups.
 - Ice rentals ARE NOT limiting practice schedules.
 - Most ice rentals occur during school hours (6am - 3pm and late-night).
 - If RFYHA teams can use the ice during the day for practices, please let Jody and the ice schedulers know.
- o Week of Jan 4th - practice schedule limited due to games.
- o December 19th - D2 meeting to decide if season is done.
- o Jan 21st and 28th - HS has scheduled games and there are D2 games. If D2 is allowed to start playing again, conflicts will have to be resolved and games relocated.
- o Special thank you to Beth Dodge and Debbie Thomas, the ice schedulers who are moving things around and rescheduling as needed.
- Jerseys
 - o Start looking for jersey vendor/supplier for future switch to personally purchased jerseys.
 - If anyone has a vendor they have worked with previously for jerseys, please let Jody Christensen know.
 - o Logo conversation - switching to high school wildcat logo? Send Rollie an email to get written approval to switch to the logo.
 - o We had enough jerseys for all Peewee teams. Had to pay \$90 to get some jerseys altered (sized down).
- Officials
 - o USA Hockey will only allow 2 refs on ice this year.
 - o Arbiter is working okay for scheduling refs for games.
- Registrar
 - o Still getting things finalized
- Managers Update
 - o Communications that need to go out to team managers are going through Rachel Link. She sends out a weekly update. Please get any items that need to go to managers to Rachel by Friday.
- Tournaments
 - o Rebecca Hoeft is doing a great job! It is her first year and she had to re-do brackets the day before the first tournament due to MN shutting down.
 - o We will be using the EMT group from Allina for the U14 and Bantam tournaments.
- DIBS and Service Hours
 - o Continuing to monitor the number of hours RFYHA needs people to work against the number of hours required for all families in the association.
 - As long as the season continues as planned, there should be ample opportunities for families to get in all of their hours.
- Coaches credentials
 - o Still collecting information for rostering.
- Team pictures
 - o Done and most have been picked up. If you still haven't picked up pictures, check the box on the concessions counter.
- Locker room scheduling
 - o Going well

7. Building Events

White

- Investigating hosting a post ice-out RC car rally weekend.

8. Financial Operations

Flanagan

- Financial packet
 - i. Revenue from RFHS projected down due to late start of the season, no gate fees, and lower projected concession sales.

- ii. Overall concessions income is down.
- iii. Tournament registrations are down.
 - 1. Refunded \$3,700 to MN teams that could not participate in the Ponytail and U14 tournaments.
- iv. Ice rentals are greatly helping to offset losses in other areas.
- v. Did not purchase or replace any LTS equipment, which was budgeted for 2020. Will re-evaluate in 2021.
- Kraft Hockeyville check
 - vi. \$10,000 check has arrived!
 - 1. The funds will be used to put gutters on the road side of the building to correct moisture issues.
 - vii. \$10,000 in equipment still outstanding
 - 1. Kaylan has started the required application
 - 2. RFYHA will receive 20 sets of equipment, not sure what size or if there's an option for goalie equipment

9. Fundraising

Jepson

- 1300 pizza cards sold
- Any ways to make additional money off the renters?

10. Building Operations

Bloodhart

11. Member Engagement Retention Recruitment

Wilson

- Registration is closed and numbers are up from last year
- LTS successful - 19 skaters moved to Late Start Winter Mites
- New member phone calls to the 40 new skaters/families to welcome them to RFYHA and answer any questions they may have.
- Grant application being completed for funds available to non-profits
- Succession planning document being worked on by Jess Bunkhorst

12. Girls Coaching Committee

Swanson

- No update

13. Other Business

Wilson

- COVID Updates
 - o Differences in communication between Baldwin and River Falls when a skater tests positive for COVID. When a Blackcat skater tests positive, the two associations come together to determine what should be communicated.
- HS/WAHA U18 season
 - o HS season has started. Currently, no players signed up for the U18 season, but we have the ability to start up the U18 team at any time if necessary.
- Ice Rentals
 - o Income from ice rentals is critical to keeping RFYHA solvent. Financial update will be provided at the annual meeting.
 - o Renters are bringing bags into the rink. The COVID rules have been shared with renters. They have been asked to not bring bags into the rink. However, the renters are private individuals and there is not a RFYHA member at the rink at all times to enforce the COVID rules.
 - o Special thank you to Chad Flanagan for unlocking the rink every morning, sending out numerous ice rental contracts daily, collecting ice rental funds, and following up with people who rent the ice.

- o Special thank you to Jody Christensen for fielding all of the ice rental request phone calls.
- o Special thank you to Dan Gulick for contacting potential renters that Jody forwards to him.
- Building keys and access
 - o Issue with high school skaters coming into the building and skating when they aren't supposed to be here.
 - o Continue to discuss the idea of re-keying the rink and starting over with new keys to reset who has access to the building.
- Ice maintenance Crew - putting in extra time due to ice rentals
 - o Special thank you to Greg Leier, Ryan VanNuerden, John Robinson, Ben Hoeft, and Eric White for their hard work.
- Zam drivers coming early morning and late at night.
 - o Special thank you to Dan Briese, who took a week off of work to run the zam the first week of ice rentals.
 - o Special thank you to Carter Christensen for running the zam between rentals during the day.
- Cleaning schedule of what needs to be done is laminated inside the cleaning room door.
 - o Special thank you to Paul Bloodhart and Chris Uetz for helping with the additional cleaning needs.
- For later consideration - switch to high school wildcat logo
- Reach out to WAHA teams to see if they want to take D2 slots in upcoming tournaments.

The Board is sending thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes to RJ's family.

Motion to adjourn - Jody Christensen. Seconded - Kristin Jepson

2020-2021 Calendar - Key Dates

December 9th, 2020 Board Meeting – 6 pm

December 12 -13, 2020 Mite Extravaganza

January 8-10th, 2021 Peewee B/C Tournament

January 13th, 2021 Board Meeting – 6 pm

January 15-17, 2021 Peewee A/B Tournament

January 22-24th, 2021 Squirt A/B/C Tournament

February 5th-7th, 2021 Bantam B/C

February 10th, 2021 Board Meeting – 6 pm

February 19-21st, 2021 Bantam A/B Tournament

February 27th, 2021 Mites End of Year Party

March 10th, 2021 Board Meeting – 6 pm

April 14th, 2021 Board Meeting – 6 pm

May 12th, 2021 Board Meeting – 6 pm