

# West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, JANUARY 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

West Fargo Hockey Association Office 1122 Prairie Parkway Suite #103 West Fargo, ND 58078

## Board Members:

*Present:* Brett Anderson, Josh Benson, Scott Haider, Dr. Jordan Lill, Eric Nelson

*Remote:* none

*Absent:* Alex Christiansen, James Cailao, Ryan Thayer

## Others Present:

*Executive Director:* Jeremy Jorgenson

*Hockey Director:* Mike Parnell

*Director of Gaming Operations:* Jason Campbell

**Members Present:** none

## PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by **President Brett Anderson**.

### Minutes Approval: December 18, 2023

**Anderson**

Correction to the minutes to add CDs yielded a total of \$96,000. Following correction, **Haider** created a motion to accept the minutes, second by **Anderson**. Motion passed without dissent.

### November 2023 Financials

**Guy**

**Guy** reviewed the November Financials for the Board. Financials appear to be healthy. **Jorgenson** noted that summer and regular season ice expenses were corrected, in addition to coaching expenses. **Guy** reported that adding cameras in dryland room may push budget over. **Jorgenson** reported that although it was not in the budget, cameras were needed for compliance and safety and totaled approximately \$2000.

### Executive Director Updates

**Jorgenson**

**Jorgenson** reported that he has completed mid-year reviews with staff that included goal-setting.

The Investment Committee will conduct follow-up interviews on Jan 24, 2024 with three financial institutions out of the seven referred.

**Jorgenson** shared that Vets 3 fundraising that included extending PACE contract which will be discussed and voted on by the Board during a closed session following the current public Board Meeting. Next meeting with WF Parks will also be on Jan 24, 2024 to discuss timeline and financials. The Jan 4, 2024 yielded good progress. Jan 24, 2024 meeting is a follow-up of the Jan 4, 2024 meeting.

**Jorgenson** shared information from the WFPS Task Force meeting. **Christiansen and Haider** also attended. **Haider** reported that the WFPS Superintendent shared results of the referendum survey. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Feb 21, 2024.

**Jorgenson** shared data from the Compliance Committee. 28 total cases were investigated, three are active investigations, 9 suspensions were levied, and 2 Safesport violations were found, in addition to five warnings. The process appears to continue to be fair and positive.

### Hockey Operations

**Parnell**

**Parnell** reported on the successful *Winter Classic* that included 16 teams from ND, SD, and MN. All games were competitive and well-balanced. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Goalie sessions continue to be going well. Coach Holden is doing a great job and attendance has been consistently high with 10U/Squirt goalies that best attendees. Coach Holden has actively been attempting to get to each practice with each age level/team.

Coaches' meetings have been well-attended. The goal the rest of the season is to keep practices interesting as the dog days of the season wear on.

**Parnell** reported that Hoist ownership and staff are impressed with the Players behavior and work ethic during Hoist sessions. **Parnell** and Kosobud will be meeting to discuss how to do more. Kosobud is also running the Recreation League. WFHA hats, game-used jerseys, and pennies were handed out to Players. Currently 20 players participate across multiple age groups.

Off-season programming is set and will be released in February. Offerings include Summer Academy, Fall Camp, and 3v3 with two weeks separating each activity. Prices and dates are set.

**Parnell** also shared that Bantam AA assistant coach, Jordan Kawaguchi, will be leaving the team to accept an ECHL player's contract with the Idaho Steelheads. Kawaguchi is interested in returning to work with the Association for the Summer.

### Gaming Operations

**Campbell**

**Campbell** reported a *Winter Classic* boost in gaming, estimating an increase of approximately \$10,000. Gun raffle sales are positive with about 40 books left. Winter Raffle tickets net about 40 books remaining as well. The Winter Raffle will be hosted at the Blarney Stone in West Fargo. The Red River Valley Fairgrounds will host the Gun Raffle. **Campbell** reported happiness with hard-card pull-tab machines.

### Old Business

**Jorgenson**

Found within the Executive Director updates.

### New Business

**Anderson**

Winter Raffle ticket exemptions for Board members who complete their term was voted upon and passed during a closed session in December 2023. **Haider** reviewed if Raffle participation and exemptions were in the current WFHA Bylaws. **Haider** and **Lill** did not identify language within the bylaws. **Anderson** discussed that each Board member is providing a service to the Association that includes hours outside meetings by many of the Board members beyond monthly Board meetings. **Campbell** expressed dissention. **Following completion of their Board term, Board member are exempt from participation in the Winter Raffle ticket sales, in addition to the current exemption during their term. The benefit is effective Jan 1, 2024 which would include current Board members who complete their term.**

### Meeting Adjournment

**Anderson**

**Guy** made a motion to close the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion was seconded by **Benson**. Approved by all; motion was passed without dissent.

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. by President Anderson.**

### Board of Directors

*Brett Anderson, President*

*Scott Haider, Past President*

*Josh Benson, Executive Vice President*

*Adam Guy, Treasurer*

*Dr. Jordan Lill, Secretary*

*Alex Christiansen, Vice-President of Hockey Operations*

*James Cailao, Director of Tournaments*

*Ryan Thayer, Director of Business Operations*

*Eric Nelson, Director of Fund Raising & Gaming*