

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Eric Helsher, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Seefeldt, April Rabedeaux, Desiree Bates, Lelsey Steffin, Brian Lindow, Kristen Manning, Kendra Noll, Kaiti Bohacek**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the February 2025 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Lesley, second by Brian. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple) – We are looking for volunteers for the national tournament that will be held here April 1-4. Justin will send it out to the board and Kristen will put it on Facebook. They are working on a 2nd wave of fundraising. It is official that Lynx will be playing out of Verona for next year.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – No report.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – No report.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – All patches are distributed, projections for 2025-2026 have been shared with Justin and Kyle. Adam will give ALD's projections at each level once they are elected in April.
 - b. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – Fantasy Hockey cards are almost done. PNO is all set and ready to go for April 5th at 6pm, Rink 2. Reminder to RSVP!
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report. Would like to consider some more cross-coaching and direction for the lower teams.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Already has a spreadsheet going for next year.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – No report.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Karin is continuing to collect jerseys from the season - still need to collect jerseys from U18, 1/3 of the Mavericks A team, and a few Bantam A stragglers, but otherwise, we are in good shape. At least 8 kids are buying out their jerseys. Still waiting on one or two more who are deciding. Once we have the final list, I will buy replacement jerseys for the numbers bought out and email Erin the final list once I hear about those last couple.
 - g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – Most gear is back and all great that she has is put away.
 - h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
 - i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – The net profit was much higher than last year, a huge thanks to Mike O'Brien for all that he did to help out. Justin and Mike are figuring out ownership of everything for next year in relation to the concession stand. We will just be focusing on Rink 1 moving forward.
 - j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – Desiree is willing to do it again next year but would be good to have someone shadow her to learn. Will look to form a subcommittee once the new board is formed to meet in June and then present back to board in July.

- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Sent surveys out and got positive feedback back from families.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – Gave out 11 CATS awards this year.
- n. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – Will continue sending things out as they come.
- o. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – No report.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – No report.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – PeeWee state tournament went well.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Kris Canto) – No report.
 - U6 (Aubrey Freeman) – No report.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – No report.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – Looking like there will be 5 teams next year. Wayne is working with the goalie committee to figure out part-time goalie options.
 - PeeWee (Eric Helsher) – 70% winning percentages this season.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – No report.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – Sent out an end of season survey. Katie is starting to collect numbers for next year, but numbers are low. Biggest concern for next year is coaching and maybe too many goalies. Mavericks were supposed to have 3 tournaments, but the C team backed out of 1 tournament and then the home tournament got cancelled. We will proceed with refunding the Maverick C families for the cost of 1 tournament.
 - Midget (Mike Bakalars) – The team competed at state in Hudson last week.

7. Old Business

- a) **Current Open Positions** – Interest so far in open positions:
 - i. Treasurer: None, still need to recruit.
 - ii. Fundraiser Coordinator: 1 possible idea.
 - iii. Communications Director: 2 interested
 - iv. Concessions Inventory Coordinator: Might not need this.
 - v. Recruiting and Retention: 1 interested
 - vi. Apparel Coordinator: 3 interested
 - vii. Jersey Coordinator: 1 interested
 - viii. CATS: 1 possible idea

8. New Business

- a) **Finalize Date for Annual Meeting** – Thursday, April 17 at 7pm.

- 9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Eric, seconded by Aubrey, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.