

Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Sunday, October 27, 2024

Board Meeting at 6:00pm at Ice Wolves Ice Arena, Dodgeville, WI

Call to Order- 6:05 PM by Kyle Leveztow

Roll Call / Secretary Report – Tricia Ley

- Board Members in Attendance: Kyle, AmyBeth, Tricia, Stephany, Stephanie, Allison, Travis, Laura, Shannon, Abbi, Chris L, Chris R, Ryan. Zia Zoom: Mitch.
- MOTION to approve September Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Steph. Abbi Seconded. All in Favor.
- Raffle License- has been renewed.
- ACP tickets are in my possession. I will be starting to sort tickets so they can be dispersed to the teams ASAP. I need to create a google doc for tracking. Is there anyone who did not select the \$300 payment option in Sports Engine, that I need to collect the money from? Abbi will get the families I need to collect money from, prior to the tickets being handed out.
- Agendas will be sent out the Monday or Tuesday prior to the meeting.

Non-Board/Association Member Comments (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes)

- Luke Bender and the coaching staff for the Dubuque team is here, with Luke Bender's dad. Abbi motioned to closed session. Travis seconded. All in favor of moving to closed session. Abbi motioned to go back into open session at 6:20 PM. Steph seconded. All in favor.

President's Report – Kyle Leveztow

- Luke Bender release request- in open session. 3 in favor. 8 are not in favor. 3 abstained. Release does not pass the board, on a vote 3-8, 3 abstained. Bender's have the right to appeal to WAHA of the board's decision to not release Luke Bender.
- Financial decisions on volunteer hourly rate to be determined at a later meeting.
- Visited Reedsburg with the Mayor and City Rep. Went well.
- Region 4 meeting was in the middle of October. Discussed Barneveld on our behalf. As well as Mineral Point.
- Sauk will be discontinuing their co-ops with Mt. Horeb and Barneveld. Stoughton has been announced as the new co-op for Mt. Horeb and Barneveld.
- Ordered 50 practice jerseys to cover squirts and peewees.
- Official Approvals from Slack- Motioned by Ryan. Travis seconded. All in Favor.
 - Wittnee Linsheid- Team Rep, 10U
 - Bill Lydic- Head Coach, 8U
 - Ben Biggerstaff- Coach, TBD
- Confirmation of Marketing Committee
 - Kathryn Schaaf, Jessica Vezakis, Christina Weitzel, Stephany Marten, AmyBeth Leveztow. Abbi motioned. Chris L seconded. All in Favor. Stephany, AmyBeth, and Kathryn abstain from voting.
 - Kathryn Schaaf will be the Chair of the Marketing Committee.
- Cultural Liaison position needs filled.

- New Equipment Manager- TBD. Would like to fill this position while Chris is still here.
- Coaches can use Learn-to-Play sessions for in-season work hours.
- Girls Hockey Representative needed- hoping the part-time U8 girls' team will get us a rep for this.
- Zamboni training sessions- Mike Anderson has been training people on it. Team Reps will be meeting with the parents and discussing this, so we have people at each level.
- Outstanding dues for prior year, all settled.
- Updates to our Board Meeting Topics/Deadlines/Events Calendar that is posted on our website
 - Remove DodgeFest from August
 - Add Town Square to July
 - Remove any Auctions listed on our website, as we do not host auctions.

Vice President's Report – Ryan Currie

- Updates- meeting with Edward Jones again this week. Deciding on how much to invest.

Financial Report –Allison Batton

- MOTION to approve finance report for the month of September 2024. Chris L motioned. Travis seconded. All in Favor.
- Ref reimbursement. After the first game they ref, we can reimburse them on their first check.

Marketing- Kathryn Schaaf

- Sponsorship Updates. Just a couple follow ups to see if anyone else wants board sponsorships.
- Taste of Madison- Check has been mailed.
- Clothing store ended 10/21, items will be delivered to the rink in November.
- Need to start promoting the Alumni Game. December 28th.
- Rink insurance for liquor license (event license)- same as last year. Will be with Town & Country.
- Should we put out another 608 store? We will wait to host one later after the season is in full swing.
- December 8th will be Skate with Santa event during Open Skate

Director of Hockey – Travis Marten

- Ice Hockey Systems
 - Online Coaching Resource- needs to be approved
- Evaluations update- Squirts will be during Nov 11/13. PeeWee will be Nov 12/14. First practice will be all drills. Second practice will be a few drills and scrimmage. Secondary goalie evaluator needed.
- 8U (RWB) coaching updates- there will be two teams, White & Blue. There will also be a part-time all girls team at the U8 level. There are grants that need filled out that the Marketing Director will help with.
- Skate Sharpening Work Schedule- this needs to have one designated person in charge from each team. This should be addressed at parent meetings. Alex Fruit or Ryan Currie have been training all on the skate sharpener.
 - Sparxx machines on the next agenda.
- Play Up Waivers- received one squirt waiver so far.
 - If you have less than 11 players on the team, there could be potential for double rostering between levels.

Ice Scheduling – Laura Anderson

- Schedule should be complete by the end of next week.
- Events will be done by Steph—parties, etc.
 - Need to update the contracts.
- Laura will handle anything that is referencing actual Hockey ice rentals.
 - Current contract fees- \$200/hour, \$400/2 hours.

Rink – Chris Rusch

- Glass is up. Player bench up. Painting lines on Monday night. Making as much ice as we can the rest of the week, before we have games on Saturday. Locker Room assembly should occur on Wednesday of this coming week.
- Friday night we will need to get everything out of the rink for the games.
- Open Skate on November 4th.
- Chiller technicians- have been great. The new flow sensor is installed ~\$1800.00. Pump & motor are starting to go- a new one is ~\$7,700.00. Our current pump is being maxed out. Is there a core credit or a rebuild to have in case of later failure? Motioned to not exceed \$15,000.00 by Stephany. Seconded by Abbi. All in Favor.

Registrar – Abbi Trainor

- All board members need a USA Hockey number, sent to Abbi.
- Safe Sport and background checks for all coaches, board members, and Team Reps
- Photographer Scheduled for December 10th (6:00 PM)& 11th (4:15 PM) tentatively.
- Submitting rosters this week for the first few games. 93 kids currently registered. Making a push on Try Hockey for Free.
- Reached out to the five high school players who need to finish their Safe Sport.

Team Rep Update – Laura Anderson

- Team Rep update- we need one more Squirt level rep.
- Parent/Team Meetings- all meetings need to be held during the first week of practice.

Officials Manager- Stephanie Pasker

- Discussion of 3-man ref teams for HS games and for the HS tournament- this is still preferred.
- Discussion to have 3-man ref teams for 1st time refs, for their 1st games only- agreed on.
- Any other games we would consider doing 3-man ref teams- not at this time.
- 5:30 PM, November 2nd- Open session on reffing with Chris Rusch with a Pee wee/Squirt Open Hockey that night.

Events- Steph Marten

- Gerber Leisure Products would like to put a handicap ramp in.
- ADA spending for Upland Hills Health for adaptive skating opportunities.
- Same packages as last year.
 - Non-Profit packages will waive bronze package pricing. \$6 skate rentals will remain.

Concessions Manager- AmyBeth Levetzow

- Training sessions for game time concession running and Open Skate concession running.
 - Individual training sessions for each team. A full walk through with concessions.
 - Need to be at rink, at least hour early prior to opening concession stand.
- Will be filled with food this week.

Equipment Manager – Chris Larson

- Need to find someone by January 1st, or sooner.
- Getting more sticks.
- Got some goalie stuff in also.
- Got 20 sets of equipment. 10 from Caps. 10 from WAHA.
- Possibly need another skate racks.
- Equipment rental pick-up/drop off and payments. Fittings are underway.
 - U8 starts practice on November 5th. Games will start on November 10th for this age group as well.

Tournament Director– Shannon Jones

- The Squirt tournaments are filled. Midgets have three teams. PeeWee A has three teams, PeeWee B has five teams. Two mites have signed up for our Jamboree, one blue and one white.
- Flyer was sent out to the different teams about the Driftless Cup for information for teams.

Web Design – Mitch Morey

- Website updated with Sponsors & Team information.
- MHTC internet turned back on at rink
- iPad purchased for GameSheet use; Team reps trained on how to use GameSheet.
- We have a big box of upgraded LiveBarn equipment, waiting for LiveBarn to send their installation contractor

Committee Updates

Long Range Rink Committee (Kyle & Chris R)

- Updates

Future Action Items for 2024/2025 Season

- Additional Locker Rooms.
- Trophy Case
- Referee Class and Rates
- In ground coils

Next Meeting – November 24th, 2024; 7:00 PM meetings going forward. Changing December meeting to December 18th at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn- Abbi motioned. Ryan Seconded. All in Favor. 8:32 PM.