

Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting September 12, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 5:32PM

Present: Bryon McDougall, Nicole Hastings, Lana Williams, Adrienne Fuller, Jared England, Mark West, Alisha Toombs, Teka Sellers(phone)

Absent: Cara Hackenmiller and Jesi Janes

Guests: Dennis Herrera and Jeremy Deskin

Approval of last meeting's minutes- Lana Williams motioned to approve, Jared England second-all approved.

New Business:

Rep players playing house-Group Discussion

- Talked about Rep players playing house, are the house fees included in Rep fees?
- No coaches for 10u & 12u house. Bryon McDougall, Chris Hastings, Teka Sellers (when available) will help coach this group. May be others.
- Bryon discussed that the Rep kids play house to make sure we have good house numbers for games. Rep players are required to participate in the full house program (Practices and games)
- Discussion on how to group house players & rep players for practices and games. Bryon will arrange rep/house players for practices & games.
- Teka mentioned about putting together a marketing/communication committee to recruit players & coaches for next year. Teka will take the lead on this and board will discuss at a later date.
- Board will discuss fees for Rep players wanting to play both rep and house next year at a later date.
- Mark West motioned to approve for this season (2023-2024) that Rep players do not pay any more than what registration amount set to play house league so we can keep numbers up. Lana Williams second- all approved, Motion passes.

Fundraising- Nicole Hastings & Adrienne Fuller

- CAP Dates:
 - September 22- SQ Rep Team
 - October 20-
 - November 3-
 - December 15-

- January 6-
- February 9-

Nicole, Adrienne, Lana will assign groups CAP dates and send to Jesi to put on Sports Engine to coaches/ team managers. Each group will be provided a ticket link to sell 25 tickets for their date.

- We do not have a “WAHA NIGHT” with the Wild this year so Nicole, Adrienne, Lana will set up meeting with the Fundraising committee to discuss One big fundraiser for our association. We will discuss at next board meeting.
- Jeremy Deskin was asking about \$300 buyout and not wanting his teams CAP night. Nicole and Lana explained about attached breakdown on registration and Lana explained about his team being mentors and joining the SQ Rep CAP night and helping our boys sell CAP. Nicole will follow up.
- Nicole, Adrienne, Lana will set up a meeting with Gretchen Littler (Wenatchee Wild). Gretchen asked Nicole about WAHA being a part of “Youth Hockey Night” at the Wenatchee Wild game on Sunday January 14th. We will discuss pregame scrimmage, intermission scrimmage or other involvement with WAHA for this night and will discuss at next board meeting.

Equipment-Lana Williams

- All WAHA cabinets and skate sharpener locks have been changed. Lana has a spreadsheet for all distribution of keys. Bryon McDougall and Chris Hastings have master keys to sharpener. Bryon will choose who gets keys and update spreadsheet.
- Lana reorganized cabinets and all rental equipment is labeled. Inventory was taken and WAHA board decided to hold off on ordering new gear/bigger sizes as numbers are lower and not many rented equipment this season. Board will discuss ordering new equipment at a later date.
- Discussion of designating/teaching certain people to sharpen skates for each group and at Apple Cups for a fundraiser. \$10 per pair and will set up designated times/drop off. Teka offered for WAHA to use her dads skate sharpener as well.
- Bryon mentioned needing more blue pucks. Lana will check inventory before ordering.
- Lana will take an inventory on all jersey and sock sizes in cabinet before placing house league order. Jersey/socks are really big this year. Nicole and Lana will compare sizes with new SQ Rep jerseys/socks and Bryon said we might need to reorder for SQ Rep. Gordy and Leo Martin will be added onto house league order. Will confirm sizing with Jeremy & Dennis for their groups before ordering.
- Mark discussed each coach having a first aid kit. He will send link to Lana. Mark West motioned to approve 6 first aid kits. Nicole Hastings second-all approved, motion passes. Lana will get these ordered.

Safe Sport- Alisha Toombs

- Locker room monitors will have the same badge as last year.
- Parents will be reminded about safe sport at parent meeting. Meeting date will be decided. Alisha, Teka, Nicole, Adrienne will set up meeting all together with team coaches and managers to discuss Safe sport, Ice times, and fundraising.
- Bryon mentioned about other teams scanning QR codes or Google forms to sign in and out for locker room monitors, incentives to parents for helping, this will be discussed at next meeting.

PNAHA update- Bryon McDougall

- When traveling to Canada, the USA hockey rules apply for the US team only. The Canadian team follow Hockey Canada rules. When a Canadian team plays in the US, the Canadian team plays by Hockey Canada rules. Basically, your home country rules travel with you. (Neck guards, mouth guards, etc)
- Bryon is looking into Block grants with PNAHA to help fund LTP program and others.
- 10U & 12u festival and state tournament to be bid on for March 8-10 Both of these are in Tri Cities.
- January 19-21 2024 Boys camp in Tacoma, December 21-23 girls camp in Seattle
- Bryon is on governance committee for PNAHA

Other Business- Group Discussion:

- Seattle Kraken Try Hockey for Free
 - WAHA will be hosting the Seattle Kraken Try hockey for free road show on Thursday September 28 from 5:30pm-7:45pm at the TTC.
 - Bryon & Teka are looking for 2-3 puck pushers/ helpers.
 - WAHA should have a registration table with our info for LTP and LTS program with Ashley. Ashley will be there this day.
 - Bryon will check on how many helpers and if our equipment/gear is needed.
- Locker room situation
 - Bryon & Teka are going to set up a time with Aaron Harvey (TTC) about locker room usage for Apple Cups/Games on weekends the Wild has home games along with the AAA Groups. Bryon will send email.
- Apple Cup-Jared England, Group Discussion
 - Discussion on raising Apple Cup Fees for each age group, Jared will look at what other associations are charging and board will discuss.
 - Opening up registration for 1 week and close. Tentatively looking at the first week of October. Team selections will be decided on with help from our coaches (for that age group). Teams will be notified a couple weeks later (around end of October).
 - Jared & Cara are taking care of shirt vendor, swag, pucks etc.

- Nicole is checking into Sports Engine and other apps to run tournaments and scores so WAHA can get rid of paper tournament wall brackets.
- Bryon has been in contact with host hotels. Holiday Inn Express and Springhill suites will be WAHA's host hotels for the 2023-2024 season.
- WAHA setting up a skate sharpening table at all Apple Cups for WAHA fundraiser. To be discussed at next board meeting.
- Game Sheet- Bryon McDougall
 - Mary McDougall will be taking care of setting up Game Sheet.
 - Game Sheet approved unlimited use for PNAHA at meeting Bryon attended.
 - Rosters will be uploaded from each association by age group, roster etc.
 - WAHA has two I-pads currently still looking for two more. Bryon is still figuring out a charging station at the rink to secure and charge I-pads.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Notes taken and submitted by Nicole Hastings, WAHA board member