

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Wednesday, April 18th, 2018

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Present: Please see attached

Call to order – Jamie Stebbeds called to order at 7:05pm.

Approve Minutes from April 2017 Annual Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Cale Battles, 2nd by Sarah McCabe.

Minutes approved unanimously.

Ice Inc. Report – Mike Obrien

Hometown Brewdown – we still have a few association members that do need to either return their tickets or pay for them. This event will be larger than last year and we are looking forward to it. Ice Inc. Board is going to take over the Pro Shop at the rink – they are also going to work with the association to develop a plan for the shop. Mortgage for the rink has been paid off and the next project will be to repair the roof.

Treasurer’s Report – Jennifer den Daas

We doubled our net income from last year; we ended the year at about \$70,000 net. A big portion of this income was due to the 3 very successful tournaments that our association hosted. Jen will be meeting with treasurers from other associations to talk about best practices for collection.

President’s Report – Jamie Stebbeds

We ended the season with a total of 278 skaters. I am extremely proud that we are back into the tournament business – we ran 3 great tournaments this season. Our U6 and RWB ALD’s are in charge of the scheduling for Region 4 and did a fantastic job yet again this season. I also want to thank the board and association families for a fantastic season.

Committee Reports and updates

a. Fundraising – Craig Nelson

Mallards Youth Hockey Night had a fairly low turn-out so we will not be participating in this event again next season. Parents Night Out was a great event. We will continue to do the restaurant nights at 5Q as well as looking into other restaurants again.

b. Equipment – Matt Gabler

This year we supplied rental equipment to a total of 96 skaters, 53 of those rentals were first year skaters. Thank you very much to all of the ALD’s for their help in coordinating the end of the year return.

c. Coaches Committee – Steve Simpson

Coaches did a fantastic job this season. Our committee does a lot in the off season to prepare for the upcoming season. We continue to look for more coaches for the younger levels – they do not need to have hockey experience but more the desire to help the kids learn the sport.

d. Ice Scheduler – Earl Tollefson

As we grow, ice continues to get tight. We should be able to hold our tournaments with the possibility of adding another. We were fairly fortunate to not have many games cancelled due to lack of refs in Region 4 however if you have a skater who is 12 or older please encourage them to attend the reffing class.

e. Website Update – Kari Brotzman

Registration was up and running by August 1st and was successful. I appreciate all the photos and stories that people send to add to the website and Face book. We have about 300 followers on Face book. The Spring/Summer offerings at the rink are listed on our website.

f. Concessions – Todd Carlson/Jen Quinn

We got a new pretzel machine and the health department meeting went well. DIBS went faster than he could put up this year. We will have conversations this summer to look at possibilities for providing hours, lessening the required hours, other possibilities for getting hours (tournaments, Verona Fest, etc).

g. Registrar’s Report – Mike Bakalars

Our younger levels were all up this year. There are a few out of district skater rule changes being proposed.

h. Tournament Coordinator – Kari Brotzman, Marcie Stebbeds, Meredith Gabler

Squirt Tournament: 7 A teams attended and all games were very competitive.

Bantam A State: Great report from WAHA as well as teams that attended. Hotels were very happy to get involved with our facility when tournaments are hosted here.

Mite Tournament: 26 teams attended, Verona teams took first place in all 3 divisions as well as a 2nd place in the blue division. Thanks to everyone for all of your help in making it a huge success. I can’t wait to do it again next year!

i. Recruitment – Sarah McCabe

Learn to Play open house continues to be a huge success.

j. Goalie DoJo – Brad Gould

Continues to be a big success. It was nice to have the coaches attend with their goalies.

k. Communications – Kristen Manning

Added the do you know? Section with the weekly emails which was a great way to provide information to our younger families.

l. Apparel/Jerseys – Kari Brotzman

Fall and spring sale went well and spring items will be coming in the first week of May.

m. Update from ALD’s

HS2 – A challenging yet fun successful year.

Bantam – 2 teams this year and both had very competitive seasons.

Peewee – 2 teams (27 skaters, 2 goalies). All in all a good season and families were great.

Squirt – 3 teams and all of them had a great season.

RWB – 56 skaters, 17 coaches this season. We went to 3 practices this season – Monday all RWB skaters attended, then 1 day only 4 teams and the other day the other 3 teams attended. We purchased the dividing boards this year which was a great purchase.

U6 – 5 teams this year, 34 skaters. We also had 15 volunteer coaches.

LTP- Started the season with 70 players, finished with approximately 50.

Suggestion for next season: have a lobby sign in each practice that way we can keep better track of who is there and how many each week. The split seasons worked really well. Coaches were able to give more personal attention and the parents never said a word about the shortened ice time.

New Business

- a. Girls Hockey Opportunities - A group met last night pending WAHA's formal approval to take over the Ice Spirit program and offer a girls team at each age group. We will be looking for more coaches to help on the girls' side.

Annual Elections – Jamie Stebbeds

1. Motion to open nominations by Jamie Stebbeds, 2nd by Bob Schaffer.
 - a) President– 2-year term.
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Jamie Stebbeds nominated by Kari Brotzman, 2nd by Rob Vega.
 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Earl Tollefson.
Motion passed.
 2. Jamie Stebbeds re-elected as President.
 - b) Registrar– 2 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Mike Bakalars nominated by Earl Tollefson, 2nd by Craig Nelson.
 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Sarah McCabe.
Motion passed.
 2. Mike Bakalars was re-elected as Registrar.
 - c) LTP ALD – 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Bill Snow nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Mike Bakalars.
 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Craig Nelson.
Motion passed.
 2. Bill Snow elected as LTP ALD.
 - d) U6 ALD– 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Todd Carlson nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Mike Obrien.
 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Sarah McCabe.
Motion passed.
 2. Todd Carlson elected as U6 ALD.

- e) RWB ALD– 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Jason Mattila nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Mike Bakalars.
 - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Jen Quinn.
Motion passed.
 - 2. Jason Mattila re-elected as RWB ALD.
- f) Squirt ALD– 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Rob Vega nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Jen Quinn.
 - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Sarah McCabe.
Motion passed.
 - 2. Rob Vega elected as Squirt ALD.
- g) PeeWee ALD – 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Jim Martin nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Jen Quinn.
 - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer 2nd by Sarah McCabe.
Motion passed.
 - 2. Jim Martin re-elected as PeeWee ALD.
- h) Bantam ALD – 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Steve Scadden nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Kari Brotzman.
 - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer 2nd by Sarah McCabe.
Motion passed.
 - 2. Steve Scadden re-elected as Bantam ALD.
- i) HS2 ALD – 1 year term
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Bob Schaefer nominated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Jamie Stebbeds.
 - 1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2nd by Craig Nelson.
Motion passed.
 - 2. Bob Schaefer re-elected as HS2 ALD.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bob Schaeffer, 2nd by Laurie Schaeffer
Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.