



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 11TH, 2023

1. **INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M., Kurt H., Tom G., Chris P., Chris S.; & Bobby G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Mike C. & Tim W.
4. **Membership in Attendance:** Kristin Darwin, Laureen Hoeft, Rick Callies, Kristi Chesny, Nate Schacht, Kevin Kaszubowski, Graham Kunisch, Matt Selsor, David Welsch, Jen Barker, James Semrad, Nicholas Danko, Alyssa Vaughan, & Alexz Mech
5. **NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris S. Approved, Chris P. Seconded**
6. **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TREASURER REPORT:** YTD the organization is profitable for 2023; December 2022 realized losses on P&L due to ice fees and off ice training; Organization received funds and rebates from the Admirals (\$1,600 in December); Balance sheet is favorable due to Kwik Trip credits and tournament reimbursements; AMFAM credits have been collected and posted to family accounts. They are starting to look for volunteers for next season, if there is any interest please reach out to AMFAM coordinator Rebecca Juarez; Final Jersey orders have been billed at the end of December; Ingleside Cost: No rate increase for usage in 2023; 1099 info has been sent to CPA for IRS reporting; Working on Ice bill for LCW which will off set current ice costs; Several skater families have past due invoices for such things as fees & jersey's, etc. After January 16th, there will be notes sent to the level directors to connect with the families that have outstanding invoices. Invoices need to be paid or the skaters will not be able to play in playdowns or late season tournaments, please remind all families; Scholarships will be distributed soon after the winners are announced; Officiating fees look good for the rest of the season; Working on winter classic preparation; Reminder sent to all managers that the monthly reports should be sent to Treasurer and the families. Mite families need to connect with Tom Gibbons regarding team funds. **REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved, Chris S. Seconded**

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: Loreen Hoeft spoke on Val Shurley's behalf to discuss selling additional tables at trivia night on March 18th – there will be an email going out with reminder details; **Lou Malnati's Fundraiser** will take place Thursday, January 26, 2023 at their various locations. Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to your organization (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received from Dine-In, Carryout or Delivery (within zone). Make sure to mention the fundraiser during your order.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Announce WCYHA Scholarship Winners:** Spirit of Sport Scholarship (open to all players) Winner: Gavin McClellan; David Maurin Scholarship (14U Players) Winner: Aaron Thomas; Joe Raymond Scholarship (10U and 12U Players) Winner: Weston Szymanskyj; Girls Program Scholarship (open to all female players) Winner: Sydney Parsons; 8U/6U Scholarships Winners: Luke Cerbins, Anna Hodgson, & Beckham Szymanskyj
- B. **WAHA and Playdowns Update**—Region 5 Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25th. Chris P, Chris S, and Chad M. will be attending the meeting. WAHA's new website is up and looking good. WAHA Winter meeting update to be provided at the February Board Meeting; Playdown brackets have been released and seedings will be done after 1/25.
- C. **Election Procedures/Open Positions.** Nomination forms for the open 2023-2024 Board positions will be posted at Eble and Nagawaukee Ice arenas on Monday, February 6th, 2023. They will remain posted until Friday, March 3rd, 2023. Open Executive Board Positions include the following: President, Vice President

Off-Ice, & Treasurer. All Level Director positions are open as well. Executive Positions candidates must have attended (4) board meetings between March 2022 & February 2023. Level Director candidates must have attended (2) board meetings between March 2022 and February 2023. A communication will be sent out to the organization as well.

- D. **Hockey Director Update** –Hockey Director Bud Simon is moving to Pittsburgh where he was named the Girls hockey director and coach of the 16U and 19U girls’ teams for the Pittsburgh Penguins Elite program. We would like to thank Bud for his time, energy, passion, and enthusiasm during his 3 years as hockey director. He will be missed and while in Pittsburgh will continue to assist our coaches in practice planning via Ice Hockey Systems and be an available resource for our coaches to speak to and provide guidance with them on and off-ice planning as the season reaches the home stretch. Chad will appoint an interim director and will be reviewed with the new president in May to find a new Hockey Director for next season.

8. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** The registrations for the twenty open hockey sessions for players that want to stay on the ice during the off season at Nagawaukee Ice Arena is open with a cost of \$150. Sessions are supervised by volunteer parent coaches and are NOT affiliated with the WCYHA, USA Hockey registration is required. Please remember if you attend a Sunday skate, attend the next level session if you are currently aging out of your current level. Impact Hockey will move on and operate as a company after Bud’s departure. The details are being worked out, but the plan would be to have Warhawk coaches/volunteers involved in the programs such the speed camps like past years. Curriculum will remain the same without Bud’s presence; Spring hockey opportunities will be posted on our page. Your spring hockey choice will not determine your fall placement. The organization is working to create a spring team opportunity, but due to WAHA rules, the organization is not allowed to support a team; Speed zone – Coach Alex and trainers will be on site through the remainder of the season; Jen Barker asked about Bud’s remaining compensation for season. The organization is working through the final details of the transition.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** All coaches have gotten their certification completed and rosters are set; Playdowns – Since playdowns will happen before our next board meeting, we would like to remind all parents and coaches please be respectful at the rink and towards referee and behave accordingly. Please remind all your families!!; Concussion protocol & Injuries – In the event of an injury, please make sure these are reported on time and accurately – keeping our players safe is our priority; Lacerations are up this year due to improperly fitting gear; AED devices are located in the rink and required for the safety protocols.
- C. **VP OFF ICE:** **VP:** Playdown brackets for U10/14 sites are similar to past years, be prepared for early starts; Best behaviors are needed during these games; Youth night at KMMO vs Wings on January 31st @ 6PM at Nagawaukee ice arena; Kohlman Cup registration opens January 11th, and open to Pee Wee age players from throughout the state. An email will be sent out with all the details, but the dates are as follows: Tryouts will be held March 13-17 with the Boy’s Tournament will be March 25-26 in Chippewa Falls & the Girls tournament is April 1-2nd at Cornerstone Ice Arena in Green Bay. There will be an All States Team that is a 2010 & 2011 team that will be selected from the Kohlman Cup Regional team players. Girls will attend MN Meltdown on April 21-23, while the Boys tournament is yet to be determined; **Girls:** Saturday 8U jamboree – great participation – will submit to grass roots to get reimbursement; Meeting to discuss upcoming try hockey for free event that will take place on 1/23. Looking for different ways to market and attract more girls into the program; Teams are seeing mixed results on the ice, limited goalie availability has impacted team success this season. Chris stressed the importance of developing goalies for the future, U12 will be hosting a girls State Tournament at Mullet; UW is working to create a fill the bowl event on February 3rd with girls teams. Email has been sent to coaches to find interested girls to attend the Kohl center event.
- D. **TREASURER: NA**
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Teams are playing with a higher compete level and showing sound development in preparation for high school hockey.

- F. 12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Great things going on at U12, strong team records across the level and looking forward to upcoming practices – requests have been made for upcoming February ice schedule.
- G. 10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** NA
- H. 6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** 8U tourney is filled up; 6U showdown is filled up as well (16) teams. Good momentum, looking to utilize the shooting board for the upcoming tournaments, looking to have same shirt making company, & sponsorships are coming in; Red and two white teams played in their first two tournaments in Fox valley – the teams played well and had a great experience. Good progress in all aspects of development. Looking to continue to grow the game and expand girls' teams. We currently have (15 to 20) new families that have expressed interest in next year.

Adjourned at 6:58PM