

**WASECA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 24, 2018, 6:30PM  
THE MILL**

**Members Present:** Jason Attenberger, Heather Slechta, Josh Lynch, Andrea Roemhildt, Jeanne Hansen, Steve Gordon, Shelly Kuster, Kristy Jenzen, Brian Weller, Shannon Cliff, Tara Russell

**Members Missing:** Jeremy Mortensen, Clint Selvik

**Guests:** Ben Srp

**Minutes Recorded by:** Andrea Roemhildt

Call to Order at 6:34 pm

**October 10th Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion to approve October 10th Meeting Minutes by Heather Slechta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Lynch*

Approved

**October Consent Agenda:**

*Motion to approve October 10th Consent Agenda by Heather Slechta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh Lynch*

Approved

**Guest Matters:**

*Coaching Committee:* Ben brought forward the recommendation by the HOC to approve the request for early advancement of two players to the Squirt team. After discussion it was noted that the two players are already registered as Squirts, therefore do not technically require approval. As such, the board questioned the Squirt numbers and the ability to fill three teams. The board revisited the prior meeting discussion with the coaches related to the team breakdown and ability to play competitively with lean numbers. Discussion took place related to player development, retention, and team size by competitive level (A vs B vs C).

*Motion to approve 2 Squirt teams based on the current number of registered players made by Tara Russell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea Roemhildt*

*Board Members voted as follows:*

*Brian Weller: No*

*Kristy Jenzen: Abstained*

*Shannon Cliff: Yes*

*Shelly Kuster: Yes*

*Josh Lynch: Yes*

*Steve Gordon: Yes*

*Heather Slechta: Yes*

*Jeanne Hansen: Abstained*

Tara Russell: Yes

Andrea Roemhildt: Yes

Approved

**Officer's Report:**

**Gambling Report:**

Allowable expenses and lawful purpose expenditures presented and approved at the October 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Additional expenses are included on the October 24<sup>th</sup> consent agenda.

*Motion to approve September Gambling Report made by Heather Slechta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Hansen*

**President / Executive Report:**

Jason informed the board that there was a noise complaint from a new neighbor related to the volume of the music being played during open hockey. The overall volume of the sound system has been lowered.

Team meetings start the weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

*Banners (Co-op and Arena):* Jason is seeking banner designs.

*Background Checks:* Shannon reminded everyone to re-do their background checks and forward the results to her.

*High School Preliminary Deficit Plan:* Andrea updated the board on the meeting with the High School (HS) related to this seasons contract. Notable changes: contract will include ticket sales being facilitated through the Blue Jay pass program and the HS will pick up expenses related to the use of their facilities for WHA players (gym, pool, and weight room time). Need to get Elizabeth and Tom an estimate of facility usage before contract will be finalized.

*Sponsorship Update:* Nothing new to report.

*Contracts:* Nothing new to report.

*Apparel:* Heather stated that the branding committee is putting a hold on the clothing ordering and design with General Sports. Feedback has been mixed on the designs and local distributors are now offering online ordering and shipping.

*Insurance:* Josh stated that he is still working with the insurance agent on our current coverage on the gambling operations and machinery. Hoping to have finalized for next meeting.

**New Business:**

*MSU / Maverick Game:* Jason stated that the game is scheduled for November 2nd. Heather will load DIBs hours for the concession stand. Mavericks are bring people to work the booth and penalty box.

*Open Skate:* Concerns discussed regarding expectations of rink guards at open skate. Determined that at least one rink guard should skate with kids. If the other rink guard is unable to skate they should utilize the microphone to keep order.

*Dry land & Stick handling:* Board discussed the need / expansion of the current dry land program and need for stick handling. Discussed both during season and off season programs and camps. Coaches to work with Jeremy on equipment needs to bring a proposed budget to the board.

*End of Year Banquet:* Discussed date options and location. Current membership size has outgrown VFW. Decided that this year's banquet will be held at The Mill on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Outdoor Concert Committee:* Julie Anderson will not be chairing this year's event. Jeanne and Josh are working on finding a chair. Jason, Jeanne and Josh to meet and create this year's committee.

*Skate-a-thon:* Jeanne updated the board on the success of the Skate-A-Thon fundraiser. The event brought in over \$1400 in donations with the Squirts winning the pizza party and Dawson Slechta winning the prize the for most donations collected.

*Player Placement Concerns:* Various board members received comments and concerns from members regarding the player placement process. The coaching staff also raised concerns about the anxiety of the skaters with the amount of spectators watching in the lobby. It was decided that an email explaining the third party facilitators should go out to the membership along with the lobby windows being covered, like in previous years.

### **Adjournment:**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Shelly Kuster, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon Cliff*

Adjourned at 9:36pm

### **Upcoming dates:**

Next board meeting: November 14, 2018 (Location: Boathouse)