



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AGENDA-OCTOBER 14TH, 2020

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Board Attendance – Matt S. excused, Tim W. excused. All other Board members in attendance (Chad M., Chris S., Tim W., Don S., Bobby G., Sarah N., Deanna K., Patti E.)
Non-Board Member Attendance: Kurt Hietala, Katie Selsor (for Matt Selsor), Matt Staufrenbeil, Sarah Nissne, Valerie Shurley, Mike Christensen, Chris Parsons (sp?), Jim Poser, Jesse Sorkness (sp?), Rachel Ganos, Sean Allen, John Brymer, Jen Barker, Brian Chesney (sp?), Julie Mayer
Call to order 6pm
2. **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE** Motion to approve by Patti E., Second by Don S.
3. **SEPTEMBER TREASURER REPORT: 4 handouts reviewed.**
 - a. Budget report: had a 10% redux in skaters and we had luckily estimated this
 - b. P&L: C tryout discount on this sheet (credited back to families)
 - c. Balance sheet – good with cash now, not much more will be coming in
 - d. Motion to approve reports by Deanna K. Second by Bobby G.
4. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:**
 - a. John Byrmer speaking: thanked all volunteers and board members; he has been involved in hockey for 21 years –wants to talk about player development and how to make them better in WCYHA. John discussed the following areas:
 - i. Stratgy and transparency – restructuring tryout process have several weeks (7-8 weeks) to take some time with skill camps, 4v4. He felt tryouts are too early because games don't start until Nov 1 – should be done in October in his opinion. Ideas - Do in house league, skills games, etc. Need to consider when roster is due. Want kids on the right teams. Look at ranking kids and then draw lines – 8-10 coaches to come to decision with transparency. Wants to look at TO process in the future. Small games, teams, etc. Be creative, don't have to be status quo, "we know these kids" put ownership on the coaches, let them be part of it – coaches can hold each other accountable. Should be about the players "body of work."
 - ii. Wanted to bring up letting kids from another team come to a different team (not allowing coaches to add extra players to practice is not good – pick up a player to help at practice, e.g. have an A player come to B/C or have a B/C player go to a A level practice – wants to look at this rule, eliminate it. Need numbers at practice.
 - b. Board Response: Chad felt many of the comments should be talked about at a coaches meeting. The email about other players at practices of a different team was addressing siblings, etc – but if we do have other players come to a different practice this could be bad optics and could become it being about who you know and then concerns from member about financials with ice time. Chad did state there are valid points but stated that shared practices can help with numbers and coaches can develop skills plans. Chad also responded to the tryout ranking situation idea is tough. Chad also addressed the length of the time leading up to tryouts and shared that it is a long period of time, about 7 weeks
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Drawing for Warhawk Day Prizes (first name drawn gets Spirit Wear prize, 2nd name a baseball hat):**
U6 – Carter/Casey Lyman, Kael Wake U8 – Liam Brymer, Jocelyn Grajczyk (1st on SW, 2nd hat) U10 – Caleb Effertz, Jackson Dietz U12 – Alexander Branz, Ben Welsch U14 – Brandon Z, Max Niemuth GRAND PRIZE – Dylan Schneider

- B. **Tryout Recap:** Chris put a lot of time on it; Lots of people helped – local HS helped as well; process ran smoothly; Feedback was positive and there are always some ways to improve
- C. **Managers/Schedulers Meeting Reminder:** 8:30-9:30am Managers 10:00-11:00am Schedulers: Chad will attend (late). Reminder to the Team Reps that players need to use the RSVP function in SE for practices and games; Ice schedules on the website; Loreen will give SE training
- D. **Referee Scholarship Announcement:** Bryce M. donated to this, would be a credit to skater fees. Done to help secure enough officials/refs. All high school team have listed this opportunity on their websites.
- E. **Concussion Baseline Testing for 12U and 14U:** Children's Hospital of WI - chow.org Cost is \$25.
- F. **PeeWee A State Tournament Director for 2021:** Tim W. will help with this – need a state tourney director from WCYHA. We can look to see what we did when we hosted the Bantam B state tournament 2 years ago.
- G. **Girls Hockey Co-Op Update**—Reduction request for Volunteer hours for Co-Op families with multiple skaters in the association and co-op: One family made this request (to reduce WK hours to 5, LC did 5) 2 kids in two orgs – Request for Board approval for this one family – Chris motion – 1 –Don 2- Patti (will let Mandy know)
- H. **New Wreath and Social Media Coordinators announced.** Social media position filled by Erin Gollnick, Shannon Wolfe will do the Wreath stuff
- I. **COVID update and Rink Protocol for November practices and games:** WAHA page on this. We also have a page on COVID-19; Rink protocol for November – no parents in rinks during practices. U6/8 parents can help tie skates but then must leave. Coaches at U6/8 level will have a list of parents in case needed; Games – 2 spectators (can bring 1 minor in addition); No volunteers in penalty box; Clock and score sheet people need to be thought about – should be wearing masks; Team guidelines will not mandate anything; Current COVID situation means it is not good for team functions as we want to keep playing; Keep 6 ft distancing in locker rooms and masks on; Will try to keep website information updated; Currently we have no scheduling restrictions– we are just trying to get league games in early

6. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT :** All teams given home ice sheets; We did schedule some back to back game with Madison teams since they can't play right now; Waunakee, Sun Prairie, Verona – will pay for some of our extra sheets and ref fees – this helps with our ice fees.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Coaches really working together well; teams practicing tog, skills based ideas, Hockey Share helpful;
- C. **VP OFF ICE:** none; was at Region 5 meeting during Board meeting
- D. **TREASURER:** none
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Don TO's seemed to go well; revisit – would we do a u16/18 if WIAA cancels - yes
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** None
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** All going well so far.
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** 5 teams for mites, evaluation of kids 10/22,10/27,10/29 – all notified by Oct 31. MMM tourney in January – leftover stuff from Warhawk day can be used , Sarah (not Nygard) attempting to get sponsorships vs raffle; We will need to post on WAHA so we can market this; 30 min b/w games – may need to use 2 rinks; Mite level – Arrowhead/Elmbrook willing to schedule in house games in November and December; Looking for one scheduler for all 5 teams – volunteer position – Sarah working on this

7:13PM Done