

Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday June 25, 2023

Grace Lutheran Church or Zoom at 6:00pm

Call to Order – Bill Lydic, President at 6:02pm

Roll Call / Secretary Report – Katie Batton

- Board Members in Attendance: Bill, Chris L (zoom) , AmyBeth, Katie, Abbi, Christina (zoom), Chris R, Jarret, Darci (zoom), Mitch, Stephany, Laura, Tyler, Kyle, Stephanie. Absent: Allison, Andie
- MOTION to approve May Board Meeting Minutes made by Kyle. Seconded by Mitch. All in Favor
- Work Hours Discussion/DIBS- (Katie, Mitch, Abbi)- There were 42 families that were contacted via email to inform them that they did not meet the 20 hour requirement. Heard back from many that they actually completed hours, but didn't record in DIBS. Also, had multiple negative comments about not understanding the work requirements, recording system was not accurate etc. Plan for next season is that Team Reps will be doing team training and possibly one on one sessions, so there are no excuses. There will also be emails or a spot on the website of a report of DIBS hours ran. Discussed that Katie will send out reminder emails one last time to those that have not paid. Again, If not in good financial standing by registration this season, then skater will not be rostered until in good standing. Steph volunteered to do a "cheat sheet" for families on what events are available and how many hours they can receive for working.
- Bi-Laws/Parent Handbook Updates- Katie is working on updates to the Parent Handbook. Will email this out to group for review. Discussion on Bi-Laws as believed this was completed last year, but not uploaded. Kyle has a copy in his email possibly and will send out to the group.
- New members of the Board of Directors must submit a background check and are then required to complete a background check every other year. This is done through Safesport Training, which is a requirement for board. For new members that joined, all have this completed accept Stephanie P.

Non-Board/Association Member Comments (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes):

- Player Release (Belleville Family) to Verona will be attending in person- Dustin D. was present at the meeting to discuss his family situation. He has two skaters (Peewee & 6U) that live in Mount Horeb School District but he is 15 minutes to the Verona rink and 35 to Dodgeville. He requested he be released from Ice Wolves Association due to travel time. Kyle made motion to go into closed session to discuss. Steph seconded. Reconvened to open session motion made by Kyle. Board voted to allow release. All in Favor.
- Bantam Family requesting work hour payment to be reduced. Katie emailed family and explained since they were a new association family an exception was made. Katie emailed this to them, no response yet.

President's Report – Bill Lydic

- Presentation to Women's Group in Ridgeway- Bill & Stephany presented to group, which were nominated by Jessica V. Ice Wolves were awarded \$775 from this group. Thank you!
- Region 4 meeting Update- No update as the meeting is on Wednesday June 28th.
- Bantam Team Discussion Feedback (Co-op with Dubuque, Verona etc). If all kids returned that went out last season, there would be 11 players. However Bill, Jarret, Chris L had feedback and information from talking to some Ice Wolves families that not all will be returning. At this time there is speculation, the team would have 9 players. Families are concerned this may not be enough for a team. Thus, It was determined that Tyler will reach out to prospective Bantam families to set up a meeting to hear what their opinions are, as well as to ensure their skater plans on going out for hockey again. They will then discuss next steps if a co-op is needed. Also discussed reaching out to Verona, Monroe, Dubuque about some of their skaters

possibly coming to the Ice Wolves. In addition, discussed a few PeeWee players that may be able to double roster.

- Safety Coordinator Position Update- required new by WAHA. This will not be a board position, but a representative. Bill made a motion to have Ryan Currie be the point person. Mitch seconded. All in Favor.

Vice President's Report – Kyle Levetzow

- Rink Improvement Plans/Rink Purchase- Official owners of “new to us” boards, penalty boxes & glass from the University of Minnesota. The delivery will take place in October 2023. Discussed having the company transfer/haul for \$4500 or using a local company. Kyle talked to Larry T about using a fully insured local company with price estimate of \$1700. Board would like to go with local company. Using Heartland as local lender. We cannot complete loan paperwork with out taxes. Treasurer Allison is not at the meeting, so Katie will reach out to see if she can connect with Kyle about this.
- Update on Concrete Floor-. Need to decide if going to use the rink this season on asphalt floor or wait until figure out the flooring. The rink owners indicated that we shouldn't have a problem with using the rink on asphalt. Chris R has some concerns of the southside floor. Kyle talked to a company that could do the floor with inground coils for \$850,000. He is going to start doing some research on finding grants that assist with youth recreation programs.
- Rink Committee Update- Chris R and Kyle will be leading the team. Recruiting for 3-4 members and does not necessarily have to be on the board. They tossed around a few members and will reach out to them.
- City Council meeting- Kyle will plan on going to the next meeting on June 5th to introduce himself as the Vice-Chair and liaison with City Council on behalf of the Ice Wolves.

Financial Report –Allison Batton

- MOTION to approve finance report for the months May 2023 made by Mitch. Seconded by Abbi. All in Favor.
- MOTION to approve/deny 2023-2024 Budget (discussed at last meeting, but tabled again for approval due to purchase of new boards and some questions.)

Equipment – Chris Larson

- Purchasing equipment for “Try Hockey for Free”- Discussed that helmets are needed. Chris will look into about 10-12 helmets. Also discussed the plan for “Try Hockey for Free” will be offered in two sessions on the same day. We need to get a new official account as the prior person did not pass on these details. Chris will look into making a new account.
- 23-24 Equipment Rental increase or stay the same- Discussed pros & cons of raising rates, as the association just spent a lot of money on skates. Currently the fee is \$10/piece of equipment. Decided as a group to leave rentals as is for this season.
- LTP- Discussed of changing the cost of this to \$100/session and this will include equipment. Abbi made motion. Kyle seconded. All in Favor.

Registrar – Abbi Trainor

- Equipment Grant- applying for grant that is 10 sets of mite equipment (stick, jersey, helmet, shoulder pads, elbow pads, gloves, hockey shorts, shin pads, socks)
- Grassroots Grant- Options are to purchase goalie equipment, dryland training, helmets, or intermediate nets. Board decided to go with the nets. Abbi will work on finishing this grant.
- Player & Coach Registration Updates (including Dates of Registration, Fees)- Goal for registration to open will be on July 1st -September 1st. Registration will require a downpayment of \$100 and then 3 equal installments will come out in October, December, February. There will also include a button to add on \$25 and doing unlimited skate sharpening. Motion made by Kyle. Seconded by Tyler. All in Favor, one oppose.

- Pucks & Koozies- Abbi ordered these and they have arrived. Will use these in parades, as well as other events over the summer.

Director of Hockey – Tyler Marklein

- Coaches Update- Tyler reached out to Shane Conolly/UW-Badgers. He is starting his own private goalie instruction business. He will be doing some instructional classes for coaches and goalies in Verona for \$250. He is going to reach out and set up a class for the Ice Wolves.
- Slack Communication Tool for Board- This will help align conversations amongst the board. Tyler will set this up. Board members to email him email of choice to utilize.
- Tournaments- Some tournaments are posted already and teams want to sign up. However, the head coaches have not been decided yet. Discussed that Tyler (DOH) can sign teams up as needed.

Ice Scheduling – Darcy Hesseling

- 23-24 Proposed practice schedule- Will keep the same as last year with these changes.
 - Open Skates will be on Friday Nights & Sunday Afternoons. Saturdays were not profitable last year.
 - LTP will be 8:15-9:15am
 - Try Hockey for Free will be on November 4th and January 6th 8-11. We will have two sessions each from 8:00-9:30, 9:30-11:00

Tournament– Jarret Hesseling

- Proposed Tournament Dates-
 - Nov 4-5 (TBD) Driftless Cup (Squirt and PeeWee). Going to see if this can be November 11-12th so doesn't interfere with Try Hockey event.
 - Nov 4 Try Hockey For Free
 - Dec 8-10 Mites Jamboree
 - Feb 23-25 Squirt (B and C bracket - 6 teams each)
 - Jan 6 Try Hockey for Free
 - Jan 26-28 High School
 - Feb 3-4 Playdowns (TBD)
 - Feb 16-18 PeeWee
 - Mar 1-3 Squirt, Bantam State Tournament
 - Mar 8-10 PeeWee, HS State Tournament
 - Bantam- TBD

All tournaments are meant to be an 8-team format, excluding the Squirt level which as a 12-team format. Games will be held on Friday nights this season. Will work on having the same tournament name for all the age levels. Kyle made motion to approve dates. Steph seconded. All in Favor.

Rink – Chris Rusch

- Rink Committee Update (Chris R & Kyle)- Will be working on forming a committee. Will reach out to a few that were nominated (Alex, Pete, Dan)

Team Rep Update – Andie Benish/Laura Anderson

- Laura will start to reach out to Team Reps from last season to see if they have interest in next season. If not, then she will start recruiting.

Officials Update - Andie Benish/Stephanie Pasker

- Referee Summer Class Updates/Recruitment- There are upcoming classes in Madison, Oregon, and Sun Prairie. You have to be 12 years old to be a Ref.

- Stephanie and Andie will plan on getting together in August to discuss the role in more detail.

Concessions Update – AmyBeth Levetzow

- Amy is working on Town Square Night- July 15th Slushy machine, popcorn, foodstand. Event will be 5:00pm-11:00pm. Will grill burgers & brats

Marketing -Christina Weitzel (Not present at meeting during discussion)

- Discussed the need to Market/Advertise for recruitment of Refs on Social Media and getting posters made for the parades. Kids can walk in parades with signs “We need Refs”

Web Design – Mitch Morey

- Scrip Program- Common fundraising gift card program. Discussed that a few competitors/other clubs/school does this in Dodgeville already. However, Kwik Trip does a program like this, so will look into this.
- Adding a “Donate Button” on Website- Mitch will look into this option.
- DIBS- Going okay so far. People are using for parades etc.

Party/Fundraising Coordinator- Stephany Marten

- Mount Horeb Parade Update- Attendance was great. Decided to need to change a few things for next parade (le- parents hand out popcorn, kids hand out candy)
- Mineral Point Parade- July 4th. Steph will be leading this parade.
- Dodgeville Farmer’s Appreciation- Tyler will be leading this parade.
- Town Square Event- July 15th Slushy machine, popcorn, foodstand. Event will be 5:00pm-11:00pm Steph has reached out to 5 bands, but none are able to perform. She will keep working on finding someone.
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Other Fundraising Updates- All Board Members

- Popcorn Fundraiser Update- Tyler stated so far sales are not great. We have made \$46, but hopefully will pick up with two more parades coming up.
- Golf Outing- August 12, 2023 Bill is Leading. He plans on reaching out to Prems and Quality Bakery. He is going to businesses next week to start collecting hole sponsors. No teams entered at this time.
- Taste of Madison-September 3-Jen Ferrell signed up the normal spot for the association. She is fine with staying as the contact, but also okay if the board takes over. Steph Marten would like to take this over and reached out for more information. Thus far, Ice Wolves are just on Sunday from 10:00am-8:00pm

Committee Updates

Rink Committee Updates

- Long range rink planning committee: (Kyle & Chris R) -Placed this agenda item under each report above.

Future Action Items for 2023/2024 Season .

- Additional Locker Rooms
- Trophy Case
- Referee Class and Rates
- In ground coils
- WIAA Committee

Next Meeting – July 23, 2023

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