

WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 11th, 2024

Location: Fieldhouse Conference Room

Time: 7:00pm Board Meeting



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremy Johnson, Todd Randall, Kris Dorneman, Nate Shuller, Travis Young, Matt Engen, Adam Lalim, Allison Matthew, Adam Sullivan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amber Dahl, Eric Skott

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Lucas Deutsch, Karen Gromis, Molly Randall, Casey Shuller, Steve Greenfield

CALL TO ORDER 7:20pm

AGENDA for February 2024: Adam Lalim moved to approve the February agenda, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES for January 2024: Nate Shuller moved to approve the January meeting minutes, seconded by Matt Engen. Motion carried.

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Discussion on putting money into liquid CD following the state tournament. Further discussion on coach cards and improving process next year. Money in CD for Build It Now was discussed in keeping it in CD to earn interest. Earned \$2,700 on the \$80,000 and \$1,600 in interest on the \$50,000. Motion made by Travis Young, seconded by Adam Lalim, to transfer \$10,000 - \$40,000 = \$50,000 to a liquid CD. Motion carried.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Girls State Tournament:**
 - i. **DIBS:** Need experienced individuals with DIBS to run booth positions. Nate Shuller and Tyler Austad have committed to announcing. Adam suggested having weekly DIBS for clean up during the week for additional DIBS options.
 - ii. **Raffle Budget:** \$50 board with 100 squares. Prizes are E bike, Black Hills vacation, hockey locker, Coach purse/wallet, tailgater package, bean bag boards. Motion made by Adam Lalim, seconded by Adam Sullivan to spend up to \$2,000 to cover costs of E Bike and Coach purse/wallet. Motion carried. Raffle baskets will also be available for additional fundraising.
 - b. **Rink Move In Update:** Communication will be sent through TeamSnap with updates. Pivotal putting in new lockers. Lucas working on estimates for Coaches Room.
 - c. **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for DIBS Positions:** Jeremy and Karen are working on Dak to ensure sound and video are set up. Video DIBS are suggested to be available at every level next year (suggestion 4 people per game).
 - d. **Joy Ranch Tim Tebow Sponsorship:** No new info.
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Upcoming Camps:**
 - i. June Week 1 Skating Camp planned with Coach and Player from Minnesota. WHA Lakers would have a discounted price and outside association players would pay full price. Coaching charges are \$180/hour. This same coach is planning to return in September 2024.
 - ii. Goalie Camp: Plan to have previous goalie coach come back for designated camp.
 - iii. Coach Devon working on a Defense Camp.

- iv. Mason & Max Evans are working on a Checking/Angling Program
 - v. Robbie Glanz camp on calendar for June 14-16
 - vi. Devon/Lucas/Aaron working on Shooting/Passing/Scoring Camp
 - vii. Stick & Puck hockey is on the docket with the City
 - viii. Donations for development: Aaron Robert's company (Glacial Lakes Payment Systems) has committed \$4,000; New York Life has committed \$250-\$500 to Big Brother/Little Sister program and \$2,000 to Summer Hockey
- b. **WHA Election Planning:** Board positions open at Election: Secretary (replacing Amber Dahl), U12 Development Director-B (replacing), At-Large Director B (replacing). Registrar (replacing Jessi Eidson) position is open to be filled. Other committee chair vacancies will be reviewed. Coaching committee turnover in February/March to be included in exit interviews. Karen Gromis will coordinate the voting process for Elections. Positions will be posted along with job descriptions for interested parties. Marketing committee goal is to grow by 10 people.
 - c. **Financial Planning for Next Season:** Discussed ideas for better procedures. Would like a drop safe for cash. Determine line items for coaching expenses (hotel, mileage, wages, fees, etc). Discussed creating processes and determining what other associations charge for tournaments.
 - d. **Sled Hockey:** Scheduled for weekend of state girls hockey.
4. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS-** reports if any information
- Scheduler, Jenni Wirkus:** no report
- Coaching Committee, Adam Sullivan, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff:** "Move-Up" policy is drafted and tracking forms have coach buy-in. 2024-2025 Handbook updates and improvements made. Stored on Google Drive under Coaching Committee. Coaching budget is under budget \$2,500 for the season. Lucas is working on Try Hockey For Free – so far 16 registrants and hope to be in the new rink.
- Dibs/Volunteer Committee, Tonya Holien, Staff & Sabrina Welder, Chair:** There are still available DIBS positions for the season.
- Registrar Update, Jessi Eidson, Chair:** no report
5. **GENERAL COMMITTEES**
- Marketing & Fundraising Committee, Molly Randall, Chair:** Would like to get away from the Season Program. Working on packages for dashers. Golf Tournament – looking for an Event Coordinator. Set for July 27th at Prairie Winds Golf Course and priced at \$60/golfer. Discussed establishing a Laker Legacy Night with fundraising and games – event earmarked for the Fall. Dueling Pianos is scheduled for March 29th. A motion was made by Adam Lalim, seconded by Kris Dorneman to spend up to \$1,000 for raffle baskets and silent auction items for Dueling Pianos. Motion carried.
- Nominations Committee, Kristina Suttan, Chair:** Elections coming up. No other updates.
- Grow the Game Committee, Aaron Roberts, Chair:** Try Hockey for Free (THFF) is February 24th. Would like WHA players to come in their full Laker gear.
- Equipment Committee, Lindsey Stricherz, Chair:** Check in for equipment at the Fieldhouse. First date is February 15th for In-House and Mites.
- Technology Committee, Jeremy Johnson, Chair:** Waiting to get to the new rink. Looking at place for a new camera with a remote.
6. **STAFF UPDATES**
- Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch:** No update
- Business Manager, Karen Gromis:** All association banquet to be scheduled. Would like this to be a mandatory event with election. PowerPoint with Awards. Motion made by Travis Young, seconded by Adam Lalim to have an All-Association meeting with elections. Motion carried.

7. **FACILITIES:** Mark Iverson talked about a new horn in the new rink. Working on an estimated.
8. **ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION:**
9. **ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

ADJOURN – motion made to adjourn by Nate Shuller, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Adjourned at 9:30pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 11th, 2024, 7:00 pm, PLIA Community Room