

Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Sunday February 25, 2024
Board Meeting at 6:30pm via Rink & Zoom

Call to Order – Bill Lydic

Roll Call / Secretary Report – Katie Batton

- Board Members in Attendance: Bill, Chris L, AmyBeth, Katie, Abbi, Chris R, , Mitch, Stephany, Stephanie, Allison, Tyler, Laura, Darci, Jarret, Kyle. Absent: Christina
- MOTION to approve January Board Meeting Minutes: Steph made motion. Mitch seconded. All in Favor.

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

President's Report – Bill Lydic

- Region 4- Reps are vacant. There will be 3 spots open. Jeremy G. is no longer with association, due to resignation. The positions are 2-3-1 year spots. If anyone is interested, go to WAHA website by April 1st to fill out a nomination form. You do not have to be a board member with association, just have to be involved with an association.
 - Annual Meeting- held in Steven's Point. It would be nice to attend those annual meetings, due to more votes for rule changes. It's usually the 2nd weekend of August.
 - DCHOA official training will be all online. No ice time will be required. Registration will be June-October 31st. All requirements need to be done by then. If recruiting new refs, need to be signed up before October 31st.
 - Equipment- August 1, 2024 all ages level players and refs will be required to wear laceration protection, accept for adults. It's a little wider compared to normal neck guards. The B.N.Q standard will be necessary, thus Equipment Rental will need to be current. Mouth Guards are an Ice Wolves by law for kids 10+ to wear.
 - 103 Concussions total reported via WAHA. Region 4 has the most in state with reportable concussions.
 - Kolem Cup Try-Outs- Squirt & PeeWee ages. If they make the team and win in the tournament, their name will go up in the Hockey Hall of Fame.
 - State Tournament Seating Discussion. Be mindful of rankings next season.
 - Nomination Committee for President & Secretary (elected officers up for election)-
 - Tournament Director and Ice Scheduler, Marketing Director all want to step down. Discussed having the board shrink down from 16 members. Have proposals/ideas get sent to each other to others reflect.

Vice President's Report – Kyle Levetzow

- Sale of the old boards- They were sold and funding is in account. Colorado Extreme bought the boards and provide free hockey to kids under age 10 years of age. Non profit organization in Colorado. There was a lot of interest in the boards.
- Storage of new boards/glass- The glass will be a challenge because of the tempered glass.

- Start Golf Outing Promotion for 2024- Save the Date on website and Facebook so can start promoting. 2nd Saturday in August.
- Alumni Game- Discussed having the game around New Years around Saturday December 28th at 7:00pm.
- Liquor License- for games next season, tournaments, alumni game.
- Set dates for next years Tournaments- to be able to advertise early.

Financial Report –Allison Batton

- MOTION to approve finance report for the months of January 2024- Mitch made the motion. Tyler seconded. All in Favor
- Thank you from a family for sharing the trophy- Crubaugh Family/Quality Bakery

Marketing –Christina Weitzel

- No updates- Christina no one.

Party/Fundraising Coordinator- Stephany Marten

- Outdoor Recreation Grant- Steph reached out to see if anything with the Ice Wolves Rink would qualify, as our rink is technically outdoors. They said this would not qualify. However, discussed approaching a street hockey rink on the old tennis courts at Centennial Park. If they agree, will write a proposal to the City. Have to have a 501c3, Non-Profit apply for the grant. Steph will reach out and apply due to deadline April 1st.
- Private Ice Rentals from Mavericks, March 10th is the next private rental for 1.5 hours for \$200
- Town Square July 20, 2024- Would like to have a band this year, better promotion. Requested budget to be \$750 for band.

Other Fundraising-

- Big Kahuna/Awards Banquet- Have all teams checks and funding back.
 - Discussion of moving the Awards Banquet from April 7th to April 14th, due to the amount of families participating in the Ice Wars Tournament. Have been looking for a different venue on April 7th to host later in the day as another possibility. Hidden Valley is not available. Have a message to Deer Valley. Any other venue ideas? Amy will check with QLF, also discussed having it at Harris Park.
 - Discussion of utilizing funding from raffle toward Adult Walkers Handicapped Ramp, Girls Locker Room. Discussed Dividers for 8U & 6U Games are first priority. The rest will be used toward new rink loan. Motion made by Kyle. Abbi Seconded. All in Favor.
 - Girls Locker Room- The girls loved using the storage unit donated by Hennessey's Implement. Can fit about 4 girls in there max. The city offered to move all the picnic tables to build another locker room. Will discuss more at next meeting for future plans.

Director of Hockey – Tyler Marklein

- Shane Conolley- Goalie Coach will be coming for the last session on 2/26. Discussed having him come next season.

Ice Scheduling – Darcy Hessling

- Sunday March 3rd 10:30am & 1:00pm rented ice to the Verona PeeWee B Team. We are supplying refs for these games. Need invoice and mileage to send to them. Refs tentative- Chris R and Robert.

Rink – Chris Rusch

- Rink Tear Down Plan- Last game is Sunday March 10th. Will start with penalty box, locker rooms. The semis will arrive that week also. Rink Committee will start working on a bigger plan for the New Boards. If families help out with assisting with loading old boards, can use hours for rink tear down or inseason. Chiller will get shut off on March 14th.
- Motion for Kyle to pick up Loading Ramp in Michigan. If he cannot, we will pay the \$1100 for shipping- Chris L made motion to approve. Mitch seconded. All in Favor
- Water Heater- Need new one in the Zam room at some point. Looking for one for future.
- Rink Systems- Glass Skidsteer attachment for \$3500. 700lb load capacity. Mitch made a motion to approve. Seconded by Chris L. All in Favor.

Registrar – Abbi Trainor

- Non payment of PeeWee skater-They have not paid the last 2 installments. Abbi has attempted to reach out to them to discuss. They still owe \$400 out of the \$700. December and February 1st is unpaid. Abbi will send out another email to the family. Unpaid balance moving forward, will not be able to register next season. They cannot move to another association with someone not in good financial standing.
- Registration- moving up the deadline and coaches discussion- \$100 discount if they register early. Discussed June 1st- July 15th early bird. Then after August 1st will pay a \$100 late fee.
- Chris L included that Dubuque Association includes the raffle funding in the registration. Something to think about for next season.

Team Rep Update – Laura Anderson/Andie Benish

- Starting to recruit for next season.

Officials Manager -Stephanie Pasker/ Andie Benish

- No major updates. Working on a plan for payment for new refs, 3 or 2 refs, stipulation for next season. Chris Rusch will do some on ice training next season. Willing to do some training with 12U- 2nd year squirts for next season before the season ends this year.
- Mileage- Need to set a cap for this or further discussion. We could advertise in the paper for an adult.
- Game Sheets- When the game is ended, cannot amend. The officials need to sign and then end the game. Mitch and Laura are working on a plan for next season.

Concessions Manager- AmyBeth Levetzow

- No updates

Equipment Manager – Chris Larson

- Will check into prices for laceration protectors.

- Returns/Exchanges- Plan is for the next few weeks. Chris will send out an email. Abbi will invoice everyone for summer rental. Current amount is \$25. Discussed the amount increasing to \$30.
- If anyone wants to borrow goalie gear for the summer, they can reach out to Chris to borrow for a week or two etc.

Tournament Director– Jarret Hesseling

- Discussed importance of standardizing vendors for tournaments for next season.
- Pee Wee Tourney Feedback- Advertised B/C, but got all C teams. Championship game was close and good level of play. Parents on opposing teams- There was one issue this season amongst visiting teams.
- Squirt Tourney Feedback- 4 Team B Division, 7 Team C Division. There were some comments from visiting teams with the level of play being unfair. The hotels in the area were sold out. 3 teams stayed in Platteville, 1 Team stayed in Dubuque.
- Economic Impact- Multiple teams said the hotels were full in Dodgeville. Steph will reach out
- Re-Branding the Tournament/Logo- Present at the Annual Banquet with the Name. AmyBeth has the suggestion box for tourney names.

Web Design – Mitch Morey

- Digital Scoreboard to LiveBarn- Going to talk to Live Barn to include the score on the bottom while watching. -- Cannot get this season, will get next year
- Budget- For two lpads next season to use for score sheets.

Committee Updates

Long Range Rink Committee (Kyle & Chris R)- (see above)

Future Action Items for 2023/2024-2024-2025 Season .

- Additional Locker Rooms
- Trophy Case- Need to figure out how to get these displayed. Jerry Ayers would like to build a trophy case, more to come. AmyBeth said she can store the trophies
- In ground coils
- WIAA Committee- Need to go to the school board meeting at some point to discuss. Why do we not have an option for boys high school hockey option? The girls have opportunity, but the boys do not. Future more discussion

Next Meeting – March 24, 2024