

Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting January 25, 2022

Meeting start Time: 5:16 PM

Present: Billy Martin, Bryon McDougall, DJ Osborne, Jesi Richardson, Elliott McLeod, Jason Thorson, Alisha Toombs, Nichole Hastings, Josh Fisher and Cara Hackenmiller and Kris Sullivan

Guest: Chris Hastings

Absent: None

Minutes: Minutes approved from previous board meeting. (DJ Osborn, motioned to Approve, Billy Martin second, all in favor.)

Treasurer Report:

The board looked over the Year End Balance Sheets. Once the season is over and all ice and refs are paid, we will see where we are sitting. Board agreed we are in much better of a situation than last season with an abundance of refunds and low numbers.

New Business

Apple Cups Tournaments

With two Apple Cups completed and one still left the board discussed the success of Apple Cup this season. There was lots of discussion of changes for next season. Below are suggestions made to streamline the tournaments.

1. Reach out to ALL WAHA teams at the beginning of the season and see who is interested in hosting and participating. If they don't want to host then board will use for another team. We need to put more work on teams and less work on the board.
2. Have a rules person be on call that weekend.
3. Suggest reorganizing and figure out duties and assign roles.
4. Open registration earlier.
5. Have teams register a deposit then we hand select teams and give them confirmations if they make tournament. This way we don't have multiple teams from the same Association.
6. Teams bring their own pucks for warmups?
7. Order tournament pucks.

Volunteer

There was a big issue finding volunteers this season to help. The board discussed requiring volunteer hours and if they don't then charge a fee. Other Associations have parents cut checks at the beginning of the season for volunteering. If hours aren't met the checks are deposited at the end of the season. Is this something we want to implement? Need to follow up at the end of the season.

Fundraising (CAP 50/50 Wild Fundraising Nights)-

WAHA has two more CAP 50-50 nights coming up, February 18th and March 19th. Mite development team will cover the February 18th night and we still need a team to cover the March 19th game. There was a suggestion to have the bantam team cover? Kris Sullivan stated she would get ahold of the team and let us know if they are available for bantams.

2022-2023 Registrations

With higher numbers than predicted this season the board discussed changes we need to make for this upcoming season to help streamline starting the season. WAHA will open registration in June and have an early registration fee. After July 30th timeline there will be an increase in fees. We are hopeful this will help with determining our numbers early and let us know for ordering. Tryouts will be help for Squirt, Peewee, Bantam and Midget players who wish to be on a travel team. Tryouts will be done the first of August. Once tryouts and teams are complete, we will place jersey orders. There was also a discussion about PNAHA State. Do we make it mandatory for our travel teams? Board seemed to be in favor of this. We need to represent WAHA at state and celebrate our teams' accomplishments.

Coaching

There was a lack of coaches this season and the board had a discussion on how we can improve our coaching numbers with incentives. Items that were discussed but not voted on are:

1. Discount in tuition for coaches? Can we afford this?
2. Reimbursements for USA Hockey, Clinics and Backgrounds.
3. Start recruiting early for next season. Personally contact people we know.

Tier 1

The board discussed Tier 1 teams for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. Bliss Littler provided a proposed schedule and the plan to continue the 12U Team. Changes proposed was having a 14U & 13U combined practice weekend team. Board members brought up issues with Apple Cup and ice not being available? Will adding this team impact WAHA ice? A board member suggested can we have ice guaranteed to us? The board suggested we look at numbers of players who are moving up in our association and how these teams will impact our travel and house teams. Follow up by email or next meeting once board has time to look over numbers.

Spring League

Item was not discussed. Follow up next meeting.

Kraken Tickets

WAHA has Kraken tickets to sell again for an April game versus Calgary. We can resell tickets however we want. Board members suggested doing a raffle instead of selling online to try to raise more money. WAHA has 80 tickets to sell in total. Fundraiser committee looking into.

Committees

Rep (Bryon McDougall, Chairman; DJ Osborne, Vice Chairman; Josh Fisher, Treasurer)

House (Nicole Hastings, Chairman; Cara Hackenmiller, Vice Chairman)

Fundraising/Sponsorship (Billy Martin, Chairman; Nicole Hastings, Vice Chairman, Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar)

Registrar/Rules (Bryon McDougall, Chairman; Josh Fisher, Vice Chairman; Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar; Josh Myrmoe, PNAHA Director)

Tournament (Alisha Toombs, Chairman; Josh Fisher, Vice Chairman)

Equipment (Billy Martin, Chairman; Elliot McLeod, Vice Chairman)

Safesport (Alisha Toombs, Chair; Vacant, Vice Chair)

Ice Scheduling (Bryon McDougall)-

Motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:55 PM by DJ Osborn, Second by Cara Hackenmiller

Submitted by Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar
NEXT MEETING DATE: March 1, 2022 – 5:30 PM