**WAYHA Board Meeting 2/20/22**

1. **Call meeting to order 6:30 pm**
2. **Roll Call (must notify board member prior to meeting to be excused)**
   * Present: Kendra Cichy, Melanie Hirte, Sheri Olson, Pete Olson, Forrest Wright, Todd Petersen, Pam Fullmer, Eric Anderson, Robert Schulz, Becki Niemuth, Luke Fleming, Colin Dykstra, Mara Schulz, John Pintar
   * Unexcused: Bryon Prey
   * Excused: Howie Abhold
3. Midwest Ice tournaments-John Pintar: There will be 4 teams each weekend with 4 guaranteed games for each team. This is a AA tournament. John has a few questions regarding how involved we would like to be with this tournament.
   * Do we want to run concessions, score booth etc: WAYHA will attempt to staff concessions, score, clock and Zamboni.
   * What are anticipated ice costs? Our current rate is $150/hour, however, considering the number of hours Midwest Ice would be renting, we would anticipate $125/hour for practices and for the long tournament days, if they are cleaning the ice, perhaps $100/hour.
   * What is the best way to schedule refs. Colin proposes that we try to have Steff schedule these games and Colin will offer to assist if needed. We will try to schedule internally if there is interest and then outsource to FRIOHA as needed.
4. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes:** *Motion by Luke Fleming, Second by Todd Petersen, all in favor, motion passed.*
5. ***Financial Report-Pam Fullmer***
   * Luke notes that there were costs in both December and January for Deluxe checks. They were for both calendar payments and regular bill payments.
   * Luke notes kudos to those who are keeping up with calendar drawings and getting them posted (Mel, Pam and Mara).
   * *Motion by Todd Petersen to approve December financial report, second by Robert Schulz. All in favor, motion passed.*
   * *Motion by Forrest Wright, second by Pete Olson to approve January financial report. All in favor, motion passed.*
   * **Construction savings:** In review with anticipated rate increases, Scott suggested we consider cashing in the CD to pay down the principle on the loan. We currently have $5429.36 in our construction savings at Farmer’s. There is a pre-payment penalty of about $13,000. Peter Kurth is the lender on our loan. He is willing to refinance early if we wanted since rates will be increasing. There will likely be rate increases 3 times this year. They are expected to raise quarterly (March, June etc) but that can vary.
   * **Mortgage-*Todd Petersen:*** Farmers State has offered us a fixed rate for 12 years at 4%. We owe about $405,000+13,000 prepayment so around $420,000. Our payment is currently $3500 and this would increase to around $3600 and shave 3 ½ years off the loan. Bank First offered the same. Community First alters how they support community groups. He is anticipating something better for advertising possibilities. Todd anticipates that they should come back this week. That decision will likely need to be made before the next board meeting and will need to be decided via email. He will share information as he receives it. Bobby notes that while the rates are going up, it is still much under inflation at this point and we should keep that CD $$ for a rainy day fund. He does feel we should do something else with that money considering how low the rate of return is. We do have more in ‘cash’ than a year ago, but we do need to do better.
6. ***Ice Schedule- Pete Olson***
   * **March schedule:** He is working on the March schedule. The first week in March will be a continuation of the WAYHA schedule for the most part. He is hoping to have the schedule up later this week. High School captains’ practices will continue through the first week of March. There will be some 3x3 practices in the weeks running up to the tournament as well.
   * **WAHA Festival:**WAHA is looking for refs for their event. That is the 3rd weekend in March. Pete has worked on a tentative schedule for that and will get that out as well.
   * Pete was able to secure the WAHA guys a great rate at the hotel, so they will be staying here. WAHA would like to be here as long as we would like to have them. There needs to be a cleaning fee
   * *Bobby makes a motion to charge Midwest Ice $125/hour for practice with a Midwest provided Zamboni driver and $100/hour for tournament games with WAYHA provided Zamboni drivers. Second by Todd Petersen. All in favor. Motion passes.*
7. **Game/Ref Scheduler-**
   * **Ref scheduling:** Colin D notes that FRIOHA uses a web-based scheduling system. Dave R. suggested that we use the web-based system as well. In joining, like FonduLac did this past year, the charge would be $2.50 to use the software. The advantage is that it gains access to all the refs in FRIOHA. For under 45 uses you can buy the rights to the program for $45/year. There is really an easy payroll printout once the schedule is done. Horizon Web Ref is the name of the program. Colin will look into it further but he wanted to let everyone know that he may bring more information regarding this in the future to see if WAYHA would want to consider it for next season.
8. **Registrar Report-Becki Niemuth/Tricia Oltmann:** 
   * **None**
9. **High School Coach-Andy Yeska**
   * Team Dinner is in March
   * There will be a few weeks Captains’ practices
   * The high school contract has not been discussed yet. Mel continues to attempt to contact all involved parties.
10. **Director of Hockey: Forrest Wright** 
    * **Disciplinary Action:** This will be tabled to next month as there is not yet a resolution.
    * **Trophy Proposal:** This will be discussed next month. Forrest is considering more of a Stanley Cup type trophy with a plaque vs. individual trophies.
    * **Summer Sessions:** Forrest would like to hold some sessions for edgework/power skating, shooting. He asks opinions if 3 days in 1 week or 1 day/week for 3 weeks would be better. Suggest 3 days in 1 week to avoid the same day weekly. He will put together a plan.
11. **President’s report:** 
    * **Board Elections:** Board elections are live and will end at midnight on Friday.
    * **Chamber Grant Application:**We need something to improve the experience of visitors. Suggestions are bleachers, sound system, press box. Mel will work on this application with Lindsey Neuville in the next few weeks. It is also noted that the Midwest Ice Tournaments asked if we receive room tax dollars. In the honest response that we did not this last time, they decided to allow teams to make hotel decisions on their own as opposed to a stay and play.
    * **WAHA rental:**This rental as discussed above is in March. Last year this was a $4000+ weekend last year. (check in 5:15-9 Friday, 8-6:45 Saturday, 8:30-1:10 Sunday). Last year there was a sign up for this weekend as well. Considering all of the pre-season opportunities, (we will need someone to run Concessions, clock and Zamboni)
    * **WVU Jr.****Eagles:** We will need to pay the $400 for state fees this year
      + **Plan:** We need someone from the board to head up a committee of 4-5 people to put together a strategic plan regarding an outdoor rink. This will be tabled until March or April. (Continue to Table from December)
12. **Tournament Director-Becki Niemuth:** 
    * **Squirt Tournament:** The tournament went well. One player was suspended for the next game. The coaches were being belligerent with the refs and received a warning. Becki gave them a warning from her as well. In taunting chants and punching through the line one player was suspended for one game. Becki did discuss this with both coaches.
      + Another issue was our Squirt A team. The way the bracket is set up and the tie breaker rules, our team had to win a game by several points (12 in a shutout). The fans did not understand the need to run up the score. This is a low probability of occurring again. Rules could be altered which would increase chance of a coin-flip. There are lots of things to consider when these situations occur. ~$500 chuck-a-duck, ~$1500 raffle, >$1700 concessions. The official amounts will be counted this week.
      + It is noted that during the tournament kids were up in the mezzanine on tables, flipping on lights etc. Next year we will suggest the 2nd concessions person could be supervisor when concessions is slow.
    * **3x3 update:** Current registrations include 2 Bantam teams, 4 2009’s, 2 2010’s, 3 2011’s, 3 2012’s, 1 Mites. (8 slots at each level capped)
13. **Maintenance Report-**
    * **Score Clock:** Mel has not heard back regarding the clocks. She will try to contact them again.
    * **Trim:** Tom noted he is working to schedule trim work with Oltmann’s.
    * **Work list:** Mel would like us to make a list of maintenance to be completed over the summer.
14. **Equipment Manager-Becky Grundman**
    * **Old Jerseys (Mel):** There are 3-4 full sets of prior game jerseys. We will keep a set for practice/tryout jerseys. What should be do with the other jerseys. We could try to sell them. Mara and Mel will work on going through the jerseys and selling what they can.
15. **Fund-raising Committee:** 
    * **Committee meetings:** meetings will begin after the season ends.
16. **WVU High School-Sheri Olson:** 
    * Banners were paid for
    * Final game was last week
    * Team dinner is next week
17. **High School/Open Skate Work Duties:**
    * All teams that were competing for a place in the state tournaments had high school and open skate
    * Getting into rink/concessions for open skate continues to be a hassle. Brook Fleming made mittens and sold them and would like to donate it to purchase of an entry system like our main door. *Motion by Bobby Schulz to approve purchase of a matching entry system for next season so phone app entry can be utilized. Second by Pam. All in favor. Motion passes.*
18. **Walk-in items**
    * **Next meeting** will be at 6 pm on March 27 and will include newly voted board members.
19. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Bobby Schulz, to adjourn meeting at 7:58 pm. Second by Luke Fleming.*

**Next Meeting Sunday, March 27 @6:00 pm**

Minutes submitted by Kendra Cichy, WAYHA Secretary