

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

**Monday, February 19th, 2024
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine**



Board members in attendance: Jason Mattila, Justin Temple, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Wayne Pfahler, Kyle Dziubla, Bill Snow, Janis Strutt, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Mark Markham, Brian Severson, Desiree Bates, Lelsey Steffin, Kristen Manning, Kaiti Bohacek, Mike O'Brien, Eric Helsher, Adam Sodersten

1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the January 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Kyle, second by Erin. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Mike O'Brien) – Bar is available for use, just need to reach out to Mike. Process of starting to fill out all the names of people that donated for the new rink, Kristen can send it out for people to approve. Huge thank you to Earl for all the scheduling! Bar in Rink 2 will be open at the end of the month. On March 8 from 3-6:30pm, we will be holding a donor appreciation party with food and drinks. The City of Verona will be there for the official ribbon cutting ceremony at 3pm.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – If you have any lingering expenses, please get them to Erin ASAP. Ashley S. secured a grant from John Deere on behalf of Bantam A in the amount of \$4,000.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Jason Mattila) – Region 4 meeting is Wednesday. One more meeting in March and then the Annual meeting will be in April, will plan to discuss who is coming back to the board during the next meeting.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – Parent's Night Out is all set-up, will be at the 5th Quarter from 6-11pm. \$30, pay at the door, which includes 2 drink tickets and food. Brewer's game is all set-up as well. It will be on April 26 at 7pm, prices will vary depending on where you want to sit. It includes a hockey jersey. Seven Acre event is struggling, ticket sales are very low. Earl can put Parents Night Out and Seven Acre events in SportsEngine.
 - b. **Equipment** (Adam Sodersten) – Emails gone out to LTP, U6, and U8 about dates to return equipment. Will reach out to individuals who have goalie equipment, but there is a lot of interest in keeping it over the summer, which is fine.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – LTP sweatshirts are done.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Everything is in for the upcoming tournaments. PeeWee C1 state will be on Rink 1.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Everything is up-to-date. Karin will update the Player and Parent code of conduct with the updated version from Brian.
 - f. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – As of today we have surpassed gross sales of last year by about \$5,000 with some major events/weekends on the horizon. Tomorrow's doubleheader, mite tourney/bantam state tourney and the Pee Wee C state tourney will all be huge revenue generators so that number should only go up. I started analyzing our prices and will be looking to

up prices on pretty much everything reasonably before the start of the next season in September. If anyone needs cash for cash boxes, please reach out to Lelsey or Erin the week of their tournaments.

- g. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – There are currently 41 open DIBS sessions for the rest of the season. As far as DIBS goes tomorrow there are still some open shifts for our playoff doubleheader. Please consider helping if you can! We need to adjust DIBS hours so they only get 3 hours of credit when signing up for 2 shifts that overlap, so something we should fix for next season and add to the parent handbook. Should revisit how to handle DIBS in addition to all the concession stand conversations as well. Huge shoutout for Kristen M., Adam S., Jason M., Laura Richardson, and others for helping out!
- h. **Registrar's Report** (Mike Bakalars) – Working on patch requests.
- i. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- j. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- k. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – Sends a weekly email on Thursdays, send anything to her by EOD Wednesday.
- l. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Signs by Caitlin is up and running, lots of orders going in from Team Managers. Team managers can also share the link with parents because there are other fun things to order as well. Bill would like to make a motion to approve the cost of pucks for U6 and U8, Eric second. Motion approved. Lauren to reply to the email from Amanda and include Kaiti and Wayne.
- m. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Communication out to all team managers, Karin would like the jerseys back 1 week after your last game.
- n. **Photography Coordinator** (Jill Scheibel) – No report.
- o. **Tournament Directors** (Kristen Manning) – Postal Connections has been wonderful! PeeWee C1 and Bantam C would like help filling some volunteer shifts during the State tournaments. GameSheets will load all state games.
- p. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- q. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – MOB For the Kids award will be presented on March 8. They held the first coaches get together and will continue doing that as much as possible. There are plenty of hats, will have enough for at least next year.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Danielle Pellitteri) – LTP last session is the February 24. Doughnuts and end of season gifts in the mezzanine post practice.
 - U6 (Wayne Pfahler) – Rocking and rolling, last official practice is on Tuesday. Family skate the following Tuesday, will be getting pucks. Aubrey Freeman is making practice plans.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – League play ends Feb 25. A few scheduling hiccups but otherwise great participation for most teams. Mite Tournament coming up, everything is being finalized for that, the tournament committee has been doing wonderful.
 - Squirt (Kyle Dzuibla) – Last games of the season this weekend, skills sessions were great. Would like to continue more of those next year, especially earlier in the season.
 - Peewee (Todd Carlson) – No report.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – Two teams going to state. Bantam B had a recent incident in Eau Claire where the game got out of hand, coaches made the decision to leave early. Jason M. has already been in contact with the Eau Claire association president.
 - Mavericks (PJ Gregoire) – The B team qualified for the NIHL playoffs and made it to the semi-finals with only 8 skaters and gave the top seed all they could handle with only 7 skaters available for the semi-final game. Great effort by the girls. The A team went back-to-back championships at the Rough Riders Classic. Due to the low numbers, we have decided to cancel the Mavericks Spring tournament and give each team two sheets of home

ice to use for that weekend. Conversations have already started with Andrea about next year and we are looking at more desirable dates for this event.

- Midget (Janis Strutt) – Qualified for state.

7. Old Business

- a) **Tourniquet Kits and AED machine** – Price will be around \$80 for the tourniquet kits. Bill would like to cover the cost of 1 AED on behalf of his dad but makes sense to buy a 2nd one at the same time as the tourniquet kits. Erin approves the motion of \$2,500 for emergency equipment. Wayne seconds. Motion passed. Kyle D. will take care of purchasing all the equipment.

8. New Business

- a) **Bylaw changes for WAHA** – Last year we attempted to submit for approval to update the number of co-op teams to qualify for state to be 5 teams instead of 3. There are more local teams available at U14 level, but there is a small chance that any changes to the policy would get approved. We have some to think about it but might be good to submit it again. Seeding of the A teams was a pilot this year, but next year all levels should be seeded.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to readjourn by Eric, seconded by Erin, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.