

# Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

## Board Meeting May 11, 2023

*Meeting start Time: 5:30PM*

**Present:** Bryon McDougall, Lana Williams, Adriene Sellers, Nicole Hastings, Cara Hackenmiller, Jesi Richardson Jared England and Teka Sellars

### New Business

#### Elect Officers & PNAHA Representative

- President: Bryon McDougall
- Vice President: Teka Sellars
- Treasurer: Cara Hackenmiller
- Secretary/Registrar: Jesi Richardson
- PNAHA Representative: Bryon McDougall & Teka Sellars – Co-Chairs

Motion to approve to approve officers: Nicole Hastings, Jared England second, all approve motion carries.

#### Board Vacancy

- Kris Sullivan – Resigned from the board leaving an open chair for a 1 year term.
- DJ Osborne / Billy Martin / Alisha Toombs – All board members who didn't rerun. With no new members wanting to fill seats the board is left with open chairs. As president, Bryon is able to go recruit members and fill these open seats without holding some sort of an election. If there are others that are interested let Bryon know so he can reach out.
- A suggestion was made we have less chairs open on board. Might be easier to recruit and get things done. The board needs to review our bylaws and possible change this upcoming season. Reduce down to 8 chairs. Bryon will work on bylaws and redline changes and he will submit to board to look over and vote on approval.

#### Committee Assignments

The board had a discussion of possible changes to committees and revamping this upcoming season. Do we need this many committees? Can we condense some committees to make them work more efficiently. Suggestions that were made during the meeting are as follows:

- Do we combine House and Rep Committee? This way one person can oversee both committees.
- House- Have mandatory meeting at each age level.
- Parent Meeting Night – Suggestion to have new parent meeting night mandatory and other night have parents come that have been in WAHA. The parent meeting with parents who have been in the program have it be not so detailed.

Rep Committee: (Bryon McDougall, Chairman; **Vacant**, Vice Chairman; Cara Hackenmiller, Treasurer)

- Consists of 2 Board Members, (One of the Board Members will be the Treasurer) and a WAHA representative from each Rep team
- The Rep Committee shall meet a minimum 4 times throughout the season as decided by the committee chair.
- Duties: Recruit coaches, assistant coaches and managers to oversee each age group
  - Organized and assist with the unbiased evaluation committee
  - Work with managers to ensure they are getting the support and encouragement they need. Example: Helping deal with parent questions and concerns.
  - Make sure referees are scheduled with the referee coordinator.
  - Work with coaches to ensure they are registered with a league such as PNAHA or MHL or Inland League.

- Make sure budgets for each team are submitted to the treasurer and approved.
- House Committee: (Nicole Hastings, Chairman; **Vacant**, Vice Chairman)
  - House Committee: Consists of 2 Board members and a WAHA member from each division:
  - The House Committee shall meet a minimum 4 times throughout the season as decided by the committee chair.
  - Duties:
    - Recruit coaches, assistant coaches and managers to oversee each age group
    - Organize and assist with the unbiased evaluation committee.
    - Organize the coaches to draft the teams based on the evaluations.
    - Ensure the kick-off to the season is smooth.
    - Work with managers to ensure they are getting the support and encouragement they need. Example: Helping deal with parent questions and concerns.
    - Make sure referees are scheduled with the referee coordinator.
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee: (Nicole Hastings, Chairman; Adrienne Fuller, Vice Chairman, Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar)
  - Consist of two board members and 4 members chosen by the Committee Chair. WAHA Fundraising is the purpose for the following: Raising funds to help provide coaching equipment, reducing players' fees, pay for jerseys, scholarship funds, etc. Sponsorship Committee is to work with the House Committee on getting Sponsorships for the House Teams.
  - Duties:
    - The General Fundraising Committee meets 6 times throughout the season as decided by the committee chair.
    - Ensure all fundraising activities are approved by the board.
    - Ensure there is not individual person or team fundraising using the WAHA name without permission.
    - Review the businesses that are being approached so WAHA does not duplicate a call to the same business by multiple teams/people within WAHA.
    - Ensure all managers/coaches are clear on their responsibilities in collecting funds
    - Coordinate the corporate sponsorships so their corporate names are put onto the house team jerseys.
    - Meet with Apple Cup house team coaches and managers to outline what is approved for Apple Cup tournament weekend fund raisers by the host team, such as gift basket raffles.
- Registrar/Rules Committee: (Bryon McDougall, Chairman; Jared England, Vice Chairman; Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar; **Vacant**, PNAHA Director)
  - Consist of four members, three board directors and PNAHA Director. The committee oversee the following:
  - Duties:
    - Player registration & requirements
    - Coaching registration & requirements
    - Team registration & requirements
    - Report to Board and WAHA members of USA & PNAHA rule changes
    - Work with treasurer to ensure all delinquent accounts are caught up before player is registered.
- Tournament Committee: (Jared England, Chairman; Cara Hackenmiller, Vice Chairman)
  - Consist of three board members and a WAHA member from each division. (Note any Rep Tournaments will be run directly by the Rep Team).
  - Mite House Tournaments
  - Squirt House Tournaments
  - Pee Wee House Tournaments
  - Bantam House Tournaments
  - Midget House Tournaments
- Equipment Committee: (Lana Williams, Chairman)
  - Consist of 2 Board Members & 2 Members. The Equipment Committee meets 4 times throughout the season as decided by the committee chair.
  - Duties: In September, work with volunteers to go through the old equipment. Discard any outdated equipment or damaged equipment. Sort the good equipment by size and type.
    - Inspect the equipment storage area monthly to ensure the area remains organized. 7.1.3 Coordinate the October equipment swap.

- Coordinate the yearly February/March try hockey for free day. This includes finding out the notational day from USA Hockey and applying for free items such as sticks and jerseys.
- Safesport – Alisha Toombs
- Ice Scheduling – Teka Sellars

#### Coaches Meeting – June 5, 2023

- WAHA will hold a Coaches meeting June 5, 2023. Any member interested in coaching can come down.
- Board members are welcome to attend as well.
- Bantam age level predicting low numbers this upcoming season.

#### Summer Hockey Registration

- We have a total of 43 Registrations currently.
  - 2008/2009: 7 registrations
  - 2010/2013: 13 Registrations
  - 2014: 12 Registrations
  - 2015-2018: 11 Registrations
- Jesi sending out reminder today. Bryon will meet with coaches and go over numbers and players and assign.
- Right now, we have two hours blocked we will need to review if we need two hours blocked if we have enough players.

#### 2023-2024 Registration

- After coaches meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> we will have better idea of season. After we have a better understanding of the upcoming season we can start working on budgets for teams and get registrations open.
- Suggestion Coaches make phone calls to recruit players.
- Have Learn to Play before the season – 6 week session.
- Assigning a step by step process of how to go through learn to skate then transition to learn to play to league play.

*WAHA Board meets second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM*

*Next Board Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup> 2023*

*Motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:05 PM*

*Submitted by Jesi Richardson, Secretary/Registrar*