

WASECA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2019, 6:30PM
BOATHOUSE BAR & GRILL

Members Present: Jason Attenberger, Josh Lynch, Andrea Roemhildt, Jeanne Hansen, Shelly Kuster, Shannon Cliff, Tara Russell, Jeremy Mortensen, Clint Selvik, Kristy Jenzen, Kellie Moseley (Non-Voting)

Members Missing: Brian Weller

Guests: Sarah Tollefson, Jennifer Norton, Angie Lawson, Karen Pumper, Luke Mathern, Chad Anderson, Randy Zimmerman, Dan Harguth, Leo Harguth, and Jeremy Brown

Minutes Recorded by: Andrea Roemhildt

Call to Order at 6:32pm

December 12th Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve December 12th Meeting Minutes by Josh Lynch, 2nd by Tara Russell

Approved

December Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve January 23rd Consent Agenda by Josh Lynch, 2nd by Tara Russell

Approved

Guest Matters:

BlueJay Buddy Program: The BlueJay Buddy coordinators asked the board to consider the growth in the number of players within the girls program from inception to today when setting next year's BlueJay Buddy Program budget.

Arena Security System Proposal: Luke presented the board with a proposal for a camera security system. Board members asked questions around the placement of the cameras, coverage gaps, and the number of cameras (both internal and external). Luke will follow up with a layout of the facility that addresses all the questions. In addition, the board asked Luke to add the cost of a keyless entry system to the bid.

Competitive Level of Play/District/Team and Player Development:

Chad Anderson addressed the board with concerns regarding the competitive level of play seen the past 2 years at his son's levels (Squirt last year / PeeWee this year). He asked how competitive levels are decided in addition to the teams played. The coaching staff stated that competitive levels are determined at the beginning of the season, it is not always perfect.

Numerous factors are taken into consideration including but not limited to, the perceived skill level of the team, and the number of teams within the district at each level.

Jeremy Brown gave the history of how the WHA ended up within District 9 and acknowledged that the competitive level of play and player development has improved since we moved from District 4 and from a "B" association to an "A". The coaches stated that regardless of our district within the youth level, we will still have to play Big 9 teams to get to state. We cannot escape District 9 teams. The Board stated that one of the goals of the youth program is to prepare kids for High School hockey. The achievement of this goal is factored into every decision made.

Randy Zimmerman/Dan Harguth addressed the board with concerns related to the lack of off-season camps, dryland, coaching support and goalie development that will help make our association more competitive within our district. An organizational effort to get all player's skill development in the off season including funding, carpooling, and general communication of what's available. The Board stated that all of these items are currently being worked on and addressed.

Facility Needs: Jeremy Brown addressed the board with facility concerns. We are outgrowing one sheet of ice and our existing facility is in need of repairs in the coming years. There is a pressing facility need which includes major funding. The Board acknowledged the concern and the expense involved. Numerous discussion have taken place over the past several years related to this topic. Research is being conducted.

Officer's Report:

Gambling Report:

Josh Lynch asked the board to approve allowable expenses of: \$4,500 Cost of Games; \$7,500 Employee Wages; \$1,500 Accounting; \$12,500 Rent to Sites; \$750 Miscellaneous; \$15,000 Etab Provider; \$1,000 Linked Bingo

Motion for pre-approval of allowable expenses made by Jeanne Hansen, 2nd by Tara Russell

Approved

Josh Lynch asked the board to approve lawful purpose expenditures of up to \$10,000 Waseca Arena for ice time; \$5,000 Merchandise Inventory; \$300 sound system

Motion for pre-approval of lawful purpose expenditures made by Jeanne Hansen, 2nd by Tara Russell

Approved

President / Executive Report:

Jason stated that he still has not heard anything from the district related to the movement of the birthday cut-off proposal.

Jason also stated that we need to brainstorm ideas for a new goalie program for next season. Continuing off of the addition of a dedicated coach this year, it is still an area of focus for our development. Discussion took place around ideas.

Old Business:

Background Checks: Nothing new to report.

Sponsorship Update: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Coaches Contracts: Four coaches are currently ineligible to be on the bench during games, they are “redlined.” Clint to notify those coaches that they need to complete their outstanding items or they will not receive their agreed upon hours/pay.

Coach Storey asked for the creation of a boys version of the “BlueJay Buddy Program” including the \$500 budget. In addition, he asked for the \$500 to be paid out to the Mite Program Head Coach as he has the largest population of the boys program and an important role in the retention of those players.

Motion to approve the \$500 budget for the boy’s BlueJay Buddy Program and payment to the Mite Program Head Coach made by Jeanne Hansen, 2nd by Shelly Kuster. Andrea Roemhildt abstained.

2019/2020 Budget Cycle: The Finance Committee has two budget meetings planned for March. The budget will then be approved during the April Board Meeting. Kristy asked that all members bring their budget items to the February meeting. Also, all are welcome to participate in the budget process during the March 11th and 18th Finance Committee meetings.

Fundraising: We are going to do one more pizza fundraiser this year. Jeanne is working on finalizing next year’s fundraisers and then moving on to sponsorship. Jeanne recommended hosting some small working sessions to try and push through some of these pressing items.

February Try Hockey Free Event: February 23rd is the USA Hockey Try Hockey Free event. Tara asked if we wanted to do flyers or just electronic and what we want to call the event: Bring a Friend vs Try Hockey for Free. Board discussion took place and it was determined that flyers would be printed and our membership would pass them out. Those that referred someone to the event and successfully signed up for hockey would be entered into a drawing for money off of next year’s registration. It was also decided that current players should wear their jerseys the Friday before (February 22nd) to advertise the event.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jeanne Hansen, 2nd by Andrea Roemhildt

Adjourned at 9:29pm