

**Watertown Hockey
Association 11/20/24 - 6 PM
1812 Brew Pub on the River
Meeting Agenda**

Board Of Directors	Executive Committee
Vega Nutting	Vega Nutting - <i>Board President</i>
Michael Ledoux	Michael Ledoux - <i>Board Vice President</i>
Chris Nethers, <i>Learn to Play Liaison</i>	Brian Nutting - <i>WHA Treasurer</i>
Jordan Reber	Amanda Caswell- <i>Secretary</i>
Shane Caswell	Michelle Rist - <i>WHA Registrar</i>
Ginger Sherrill	Jonathan Rose - <i>Ace Coordinator</i>
Michelle Rist	

- Establish Quorum Present- Majority of Directors (4 or more) required
 - Board Members Present: Mike, Shane, Chris, Ginger, Michelle
- Call Meeting to Order and Consent Agenda (*Mike*)
 - **6:12pm**
- Approve Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2024 (*Mike*)
 - Shane: Motion to approve minutes
 - Chris: 2nd motion to approve minutes
 - Ayes: 5
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion passed
- Officer Reports
 - Registrar (*Michelle*)
 - There are a few coaches that continue to work on coaching certifications.
 - Secretary (*Amanda*)
 - No Report
- Directors and Coordinator Reports
 - Tournament Coordinator (*Ginger Sherrill*)
 - Discussion about the 14U tournament cancellation. Due to only 1 team being registered, they are going to try again in December to see if they can attract more teams. Recommendation was made for all tournaments to be sanctioned with USA hockey for visibility and advertising.
 - It was stressed that next year the association must get tournament information out ASAP to be a viable option for teams to attend.
 - Other tournament updates included the 12U tournament needing 1 more team at the red level to be full. 8U March tournament has teams interested.
 - A discussion ensued regarding advertising and timing of tournaments. A draw for tournaments is needed and something that sets us apart. Historically, it was presented that there use to be tournaments in conjunction with Snow Town USA celebrations. The board suggested we look into this for the 2025-26 season.
 - Power Play Sports expressed an interest in sponsoring and being involved with

WHA Tournaments. They would like to enhance the tournament experience for the WHA. These enhancements can include: availability of teams store, photographer, fliers to promote, hockey store, equipment and skate sharpening. They would like to provide pucks for player of the game, MVP championship hats, and other initiatives.

- The tournament director inquired about credit card access for tournament needs including supplies and signing up for tournaments. This could help streamline purchases. The board proposed that the Tournament Director process registration for teams to attend other tournaments.
 - Michelle: Motion to streamline credit card access by issuing a credit card for the Tournament Director to be used to purchase and arrange for home and away tournaments for teams as well as home tournament purchases.
 - Ayes: 5
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion passed.
 - The tournament director is in the process of developing a common calendar for tournaments to forecast a year out to use for planning.
- Webmaster (**Derek Notz**)
 - No report
 - Dibs still needs to be purchased
 - Mike is willing to help with purchase
- Valkyries Girls' Program (**Amanda**)
 - A practice was held 11th; 24 girls attended. 8U is going to Oswego for a game on Sunday.
 - Wolves game Valkyrie's night on November 15th. Valkyries skaters will be skating the flags and shoveling the ice, puck drop and announcements during the game.
 - It was presented that there is a desire to engage in discussions about 2024-25 season and how to build on what we have established.
 - It was recommended by the board to form a subcommittee:
 - Amanda Chair subcommittee
 - Ginger and Shane
 - 3 liaisons from other associations
- Committee Reports
 - Coaching Committee (**Jon**)
 - No Report
 - Finance/Budget Committee (**Mike**)
 - WHA had 4 different savings/checking accounts
 - All have been consolidated into 1 savings, 1 checking
 - Request a budget in December, January 2025 at the latest
 - Discussion ensued that there has been no budget provided for 6 months and how we should be getting information. Executive council session ensued to discuss specific financial information provided on accounts. Budget forecast with current registration numbers should be provided at the next meeting as well as

the breakdown of tournament costs for 6/8U teams from 2023-24.

- Old Business
 - Open Positions on Committees (*Amanda*)
 - Mercedes will chat with managers to identify families that are potentials to participate on committees. Managers have a better feel for parents that we could get plugged into the organization.
 - Concussion protocol and reporting (*Shane*)
 - Shane is creating a coaching reporting form that will be accessible via a QR code. He is creating a return to play protocol. It will be reviewed by the board.
 - Golf Tournament Plan 2025 (*Amanda*)
 - Tabled.
- New Business
 - Prorate for 14u and 12U Learn To Play to WHA, Pro skill clinics for WHA teams, PPS sponsoring WHA tournaments (*Karen Dalin*)
 - 62 LTP total:
 - LTP Rookie- 27
 - LTP 1- 23
 - LTP 2- 12
 - There should be at least 20 that might be eligible for WHA participation. Chris would like to investigate requiring 6/8U players being required to complete a LTP so they are ready to participate specifically skate. PPS will walk parents through signing up for USA hockey practice.
 - It was discussed that prorating new players from PPS LTP should occur.
 - Shane: Motion to prorate 10-14U November registrations to \$400.
 - Mike: 2nd Motion to prorate 10-14U November registrations to \$400.
 - Ayes: 5
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Motion passed.
- Other Business:
 - A bylaws discussion ensued and the board agreed we need to revise. Shane is going to break up the bylaws so we can begin to have a discussion at the next meeting.
- Action Items:
 - Shane, Amanda and Derek Notz will meet to explore options for storage alternatives; a recommendation will be presented to the board.
 - Brian will budget forecast with current registration numbers will be provided next meeting. This will include tournament and extra ice budget. Breakdown of tournament costs for 6/8U teams from 2023-24 season will also be provided
 - Amanda will work on creating a proposal to be taken to Snowbelt to start/allow a pre/post season option for girls in the 2025-26 season.
 - A discussion ensued about continuing the golf tournament fundraiser. Vega is going to gather information she has gathered over the years and create a plan to move forward.
 - Shane is going to continue work on emergency action plans for the association.
 - Michelle is going to contact any players and coaches that need verification and

materials to be on ice.

- Vega will complete process to move PO Box to Dexter.
 - Brian will purchase Dibs for Sports Engine.
 - Shane will divide bylaws for board to start reviewing
 - Amanda will create a subcommittee on the Valkyries program for 2025-26
 - A credit card will be issued to Ginger.
 - Shane will continue to create a concussion return to play reporting form and protocol.
- Meeting Adjournment
 - 8:43pm

Respectfully submitted by: Amanda Caswell, WHA Treasurer