



Willmar Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2011

Willmar Civic Center



Present: Kip Oveson, Nate Weber, Karen Skaggs, Jason Mayer, Kirk Gerdes, Doyle Slagter, Melanie Ackerman, Mike Kubesh, Stacy Stein, Priscilla Willander, Dan Tollefson

Absent: Ben Werder, John Deluna,

Guests: Tom Hanson, Kevin Sheehan, TJ Phillips, Brenda Bredesen, Chris Duininck, Matt Wenberg

The meeting was called to order 6:05 by Nate Weber

1. Secretary's report. November's minutes were reviewed. Mike K. motion for approval, Kirk second, motion passed.
2. Treasurer's report was presented by Stacy. She is still working at getting the final green's sales numbers in. Motion by Kip, second by Doyle to approve the report. Motion passed.
3. On-Ice:
 - a. Discussion occurred around the PeeWee A team and the competitiveness of the team. Several parents were in attendance as well as TJ Phillips representing the coaching staff. The PeeWee coaching staff recommended several options to the board. After much discussion, a motion by Kirk, seconded by Karen to recommend that WHA draft a letter to District 5 outlining our reasons to ask for a limited PeeWee A schedule moving forward for the remainder of the season. Motion passed. Nate will draft the letter and communicate with Mr. Kephart at District 5. He will relay the results of his conversations to the board.
 - b. A request was brought to on-ice to pay for a bus for a Bantam trip in lieu of their second away tournament. Motion by Kip, 2nd by Melanie to pay up to \$580 for the bus. Motion passed.
 - c. Mite Jamboree was discussed. Kirk made a motion, second by Karen that WHA support a Mite Jamboree team from Willmar by paying the USA Hockey registration fee. Motion passed. Kirk and Kip have volunteered to coach this jamboree team and Brenda Bredesen volunteered to take care of the paperwork.
4. Fundraising
 - a. Discussed the WHA raffle. Priscilla will be getting the tickets to the team reps the weekend of December 12th.
 - b. Continue to work on sponsors. Priscilla and Nate will be contacting a few more.
 - c. Greens sales are complete.
 - d. Doyle is still waiting for an answer on the Stingers concession stand.
 - e. Pull tabs were discussed. Mike will contact Kurt Novotny for more information on rules and to gather more information on regulations related to this.
 - f. Kevin Sheehan was present to give an update from the Blue Line Club.
 - i. They are trying to put together an auction on March 31st in conjunction with the Home Show.
 - ii. They have several "Reflections" prints available for fundraising opportunities.
 - iii. Discussed funding from the BLC and how they can help WHA.
5. Public Relations
 - a. Kirk will continue to work with WCER as the Mite Coordinator from WHA.
 - b. The floor hockey sessions are starting off very well on Thursday nights.

6. Tournaments

- a. The girls 14U tournament has been cancelled. Motion by Mike, second by Kirk to let the Civic Center know of the change.
 - b. Discussion occurred around the award of a regional tournament in March 2012 once thought to be coming to Willmar being awarded to a different association from District 5.
7. District 5 has asked WHA to look at how we can increase numbers and interest in hockey in Willmar. It has been noted that numbers continue to decline. Dan is going to put together an action committee to come up with ideas that can be implemented in short order. It will include several representatives from WHA, WCER, Boys and Girls High School coaching staff, the Blue Line Club, and other interested individuals.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 2nd at 6:00 at the Civic Center meeting room.
9. Motion to adjourn by Kirk, second by Doyle. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Mayer, WHA Secretary