

**Windom Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 7:00 p.m.
Windom Country Club**

Members Present: Lisa Fredin, Joel Lacanne, Jim Becker, John Volk, John Hedquist, Ryan McNamara, Justin Espenson, Mike Pigman, Betsy Herding,

Others Present: Sheryl Hanefield, Chad Purrington, Cindy Espenson, Dan Corey, Patty Espenson, Jason Espenson, Justin Storm

I. Meeting called to order 7:07 p.m.

II. Secretary Report- Minutes M/S/P Lacanne/Pigman

III. Treasurers Report- One check (#6995) to Brittany Espenson for Shooting Room Expense. M/S/P Hedquist/Lacanne

IV. High School/Athletic Director- Sheryl

Hired Tim Malstrom as social studies teacher and hockey coach. His wife has been able to secure a teaching position in Worthington. They plan to live in/around Windom and enroll their children in Windom.

Girls hockey: Worthington has a deadline (9/15/13) to decide if they want to co-op. Currently things will remain "as they are".

Boys schedules: We are playing in the Litchfield tournament. Also picked up an additional 3 games bringing the total to approximately 23 games total. Still waiting on word from Achiever Academy to see if we will play that. Will play Sioux Falls.

Girls schedules: Have 16 games scheduled. Discussing additional travel to the north to pick up additional games. Will keep trying to find additional games.

V. Arena Manager

VI. Open Floor:

Dan Corey-would like to have the board consider having two PeeWee teams. He feels that with the large numbers, kids won't get enough ice time. He feels the parents should be able to move the kids up if they feel they are ready. With the amount of travel and time that parents and kids dedicate to the sport, it would be frustrating for kids to not get a lot of ice time when it comes to games.

Jason Espenson-feels that his kid is not ready to move up to Bantams. We don't want to

set an example to the kids where a younger kid gets moved up and an older kid gets bumped. Feels that the critical component to making a strong hockey player is practice time.

Justin Storm-Is concerned about ice time. The kids work hard and practice and with the travel schedule, it's concerning to not have a lot of game time.

Patty Espenson-felt that most issues have been covered but she is concerned about ice time.

Other-A letter was read in support of two PeeWee teams. Lisa Fredin also relayed a message from another hockey family that said if teams are split, they need to be evaluated by a neutral party.

VII. Registration Update: Cindy—Motion to leave the fees the same this year. M/S/P (Volk/Pigman) Late fees will remain the same as last year. Registration will be Monday, August 26 & Tuesday August 27; 5:00-8:00 p.m.

VIII. Standing Committees

IX. Fundraising

- a. Cash Calendars—received a 'thank you' note from someone who won on the calendar. Quick Print will be printing 1,500 soon. Lisa-they need to put our website on the calendar and double check that the numbers are correct on the days. Will hand them out at the parent meeting.
- b. Torkelson Bike Rally-Jacquie Schmidt offered to get a group to help with the Tork Rally. Will need about 12 volunteers for the morning.
- c. Fair Concert- Need additional volunteers for the beer garden. Going to order tickets for food and liquor so that no cash will be handled. Wrist bands need to be ordered. Lisa will order the tickets (3 different colors) and wrist bands (2,000-"over 21"; 1,000-"under 21"). Charging \$3/can for beer/"limerita"/"strawbertia", etc. Scott Peterson (Chief) said we need to have a separate area for minors there without a parent. Entrance fee will be \$7 for under 21; \$10 for over 21. Advertising begins on July 17th. Will check on bringing some gas grills to cook brats. Johnson's Meat Market quoted \$1/smoked brat; 79 cents per fresh.
- d. Team Sponsors
- e. Salt Sales
- f. Golf Tournament- Justin Storm—we need to arrange food for the tournament. Last year we roasted pork loins (3).

X. Registration- Cindy: late fees worked well. Late August or Early September works fine. Will address fees next meeting.

- XI. Equipment-** Justin—should we have an equipment swap around registration time? The Board will discuss further next meeting. Need more room for equipment storage.
- XII. Arena Committee-**
- XIII. Tournament Director-**Sounds like we will get the Mite Jamboree.
- XIV. District 4 Coaches Coordinator-**August/Sept Pre-HP15 will be held. Derek Brown (district coach) will be heading this up. HP15 tournament for the south portion of the state (District 4 and 9) and have a tournament in the Cities. All officials have to wear a half visor helmet on the ice.
- XV. Concessions-** Lisa will handle the scheduling/Kris will handle food. Still need to get lock put on the door.
- XVI. Unfinished Business-**Handbook—needs to be updated. Board members will review, make suggestions, and we will discuss at the next meeting.
- XVII. New Business-**Motion to hire the Citizen again to take pictures. M/S/P (Hedquist/Espenson). Fish Lake wants to sponsor a pond hockey association.
- Discussed public input regarding advancing players and splitting teams.
- Squirts—moving forward, the team will be split by ability and there will be tryouts.
- XVIII. Adjourn-**9:16 p.m. M/S/P (Hedquist/Pigman)