

Windom Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Lisa Fredin, Mike Pigman, Jason Espenson, Justin Storm, Jerome Robillard, Matt Kolander, Ryan McNamara, and Justin Espenson. (Absent: Jim Becker, John Volk, and John Hedquist)

Also in attendance: Al Baloun, Tim Mellstrom, Nathan Boler, Steph Evers, and Ron Maurer

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: Justin Espenson/ Lisa Fredin)

The minutes from the Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: Mike Pigman/ Justin Espenson)

Treasurer Report

Motorcycle for the Torkelson Rally to be ordered this week. New sound system is on order. Income from the old system was \$200. No further discussion; Treasurer's report approved. (M: Lisa Fredin/ Mike Pigman)

Arena Manager Report

Al Baloun asked the board for information regarding teams and practice schedules for the 2014-15 season. Mite Jamboree set for January 3/4 (2015). The board inquired into the possibility of placing four sponsorship logos into the ice. No further action taken on these items.

New Business

Betsy Herding submitted a resignation for her remaining year of service on the board. Her resignation was accepted by the board (M: Justin Espenson/ Mike Pigman/ Approved). Jerome Robillard has been appointed to fulfill the remaining time.

Election of Officers for 2014-15: Jason Espenson (*Vice President*), Ryan McNamara (*Treasurer*), and Matt Kolander (*Secretary*)

Fundraising: Discussed the rising cost of hams and several alternatives; tabled for updated prices. Salt pick-up and distribution set for May 17. Schwan's fundraiser still in process. WYHA to run the beer garden at the Cottonwood County Fair on Aug 13-16; volunteer committee formed. The Torkelson Rally will be held on Aug 23; discussed ticket sales and possible 20th Reunion for the 94' JR Gold Team.

Discussion regarding a written grievance policy and board. The board will consist of the WYHA President, Coaching Coordinator, and SafeSport Coordinator. Policy to get posted on the web site and take effect for the upcoming season. (M: Justin Espenson/ Justin Storm/ Approved)

Ron Maurer presented a check from their family, in honor of his father Bob Maurer, in the amount of \$500

Discussed possible dates for the annual WYHA Golf Tournament; tabled until Justin Storm has available dates.

Bank Midwest: Jason Kloss will be removed from the checking account as one of the 'dual signatures'. Will replace with Joel LaCanne. (M: Mike Pigman/ Jerome Robillard/ Approved)

Agenda for Next Meeting

Handbook and by-law updates and sponsorship level discussion tabled until the June meeting. Will also need to finalize concession and SafeSport policies, and elect a SafeSport Coordinator.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on June 4, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary

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June 4, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Lisa Fredin, Mike Pigman, Jason Espenson, Justin Storm, Jerome Robillard, Matt Kolander, Ryan McNamara, Jim Becker, John Hedquist and Justin Espenson. (Absent: John Volk)

Also in attendance: Sheryl Hanefield and Dane Nielsen

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: Justin Espenson/ Mike Pigman)

Treasurer Report

Motorcycle for the Torkelson Rally has been ordered from Harley-Davidson of Mankato. Twelve new varsity jerseys ordered. No further discussion; Treasurer's report approved. (M: John Hedquist/ Mike Pigman)

Athletic Director Report

Sheryl present to announce the transition of her position to Dane Nielsen. Confirmed that the varsity game(s) scheduled for the 1st weekend of January have been reschedule to make room for the Mite Jamboree.

Arena Manager Report

Not Present

Equipment

Five jerseys are missing and Mike Pigman will be contacting the players to find out where they are. After an accurate count is complete, more jerseys will still need to be ordered.

New Business

A \$50 gift certificate (Windom Country Club) will be purchased for Sheryl Hanefield in appreciation of her service as the AD (M: Jason Espenson/ Lisa Fredin).

Ham Sales. Due to the rising cost of ham (per/lb), the cost will be raised to \$48 this season (M: Matt Kolander/ Justin Storm). Several groups and WHS staff members will need to be contacted because of graduating seniors

Seniors (if no remaining siblings are in WYHA hockey) will be required to sell their hams and calendars in the fall, or pay for the un-sold hams/calendars at that time (M: John Hedquist/ Lisa Fredin).

If requested, checks will be held a maximum of 30 days during the ham sales. This allows the WYHA member/player ample time to collect their money if a single check was written.

SafeSport Coordinator for 2014-15 will be Jerome Robillard (M: John Hedquist/ Mike Pigman). The WYHA SafeSport Policy will still need to be approved and added to the handbook, etc.

The WYHA golf tournament will be held on July 26th at the Jackson Golf Course.

Concession policy updated and discussed. A final draft will be approved at the July meeting.

Sponsorship levels discussed and will be approved after the 'Parks & Rec' meeting on June 11; pending approval of ice logos, etc. The 'Hat Trick' level will require a 3 year commitment because of the costs associated in getting a mesh logo created (M: Jason Espenson/ Mike Pigman).

Torkelson Rally tickets due at the August 6 meeting. Goal is to sell 150+ tickets.

"Make the Rink Pink" event discussed for the first boy/girl varsity game this fall; date to be determined. Joel will contact the hospital, breast cancer awareness foundation, and personnel at WHS to discuss details (M: John Hedquist/ Mike Pigman).

Motion to Adjourn (M: Jason Espenson/ John Hedquist).

Agenda for Next Meeting

Teams for 2014-15 Season

Addition of Girls 10U/12U Team(s) for next season

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on July 2, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary

Windom Youth Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Mike Pigman, Jason Espenson, Justin Storm, Jerome Robillard, Matt Kolander, Ryan McNamara, Jim Becker, John Hedquist, Justin Espenson, and Lisa Fredin

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:10 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: Mike Pigman/ Justin Storm)

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved. (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm)

Athletic Director Report

Not Present

Arena Manager Report

Not Present

Equipment

Ten additional jerseys will be ordered. Mike Pigman is still working on collecting a few jerseys that were not turned in at the end of the last season. Discussed the need for additional equipment that will need to be purchased prior to the season starting.

New Business

Ham Sales. Families selling hams will charged \$5/ ham for storage for any hams that are not picked up on the scheduled pick-up night (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm).

The two older freezers that have not been used for several years now will be disposed of by Mike Pigman (M: John Hedquist/ Matt Kolander).

Fair: We will not have the option of setting up a 'remote' beer stand for the tractor pull. Also, a food item of some sort will be required to be served. Permits have been purchased.

Updated concession stand policy reviewed and approved (M: Justin Storm/ Jerome Robillard). This will be added to the new web site.

SafeSport and the WYHA grievance policy will be added to the handbook and new web site. The new web site should be up and going in the next couple of weeks. A parent rep guideline pamphlet is being created for the upcoming season.

Fair and Torkelson rally sign-up sheets need to get created and added to the new web site.

Sponsorship levels discussed further. The Park & Rec meeting was cancelled last month, so Joel will attend the meeting on July 9th to present to proposed levels and changes.

Teams for the 2014-15 season will include: Bantams, two pee-wee teams, three squirt teams, and four mite/mini-mite teams. No action has been taken on including a girls' team(s) for next season.

Registration dates for the 2014-15 season will be August 25-26. Registration costs will not be changed for the upcoming season. Need to contact Schwan's to have a representative at registration to promote their fundraiser, and help people get signed-up for ordering through the WYHA fundraiser.

Motion to Adjourn (M: Justin Storm/ Jim Becker).

Agenda for Next Meeting

Addition of Girls 10U/12U Team(s) for next season

Calendar Sales

Sponsorships

District Tournaments

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on August 13, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary

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Special Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Mike Pigman, Jason Espenson, Justin Storm, Jerome Robillard, Matt Kolander, Ryan McNamara, Jim Becker, John Hedquist and Justin Espenson.

Also in attendance: 9 parents.

Opening

The special meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association to discuss the addition of a 10U and/or 12U girl's hockey team for the 2014-15 season was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Questions and Concerns

The questions and concerns of the WYHA Board were presented, to include;

Who would be willing to coordinate the girls program?

How many girls are interested in this program? Several letters of intent were submitted, but the numbers are lower than the initial reports or projections.

What ages would be allowed into the girls program(s)?

Discussion

If a girls team is offered as an option during registration the \$50 online fee to USA hockey would be non-refundable if the player(s) decide not to play hockey once the season starts (if there wasn't enough players signed up to create a girls team; and the individual wasn't willing to play on a co-ed team).

If only a 12U team was created, would all girls (ages 8, or possibly 9) be shifted to that team?

One parent asked about having the choice to play with a boys team versus the girls, and it is the boards opinion that if a girls team(s) is created – all age appropriate girls would play on a girls' team.

Paul Bang and Bill Fredin have shown an interest in coaching and Jim Baerg said that he may be willing to help as the team coordinator.

Further discussion will be taken at the next general meeting, which will be held at 7:00 PM on August 6, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary

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Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Jason Espenson, Jim Becker, Mike Pigman, Justin Espenson, John Hedquist, Matt Kolander, Justin Storm, and Jerome Robillard. (Absent: Ryan McNamara, Lisa Fredin [*Fair*])

Also in Attendance: Tim Mellstrom and Dane Nielsen

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction; 36 additional jerseys were ordered in total. (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm). The minutes from the July special meeting were also reviewed and approved (M: Justin Espenson/ Justin Storm).

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm). Additionally, the fiscal report for 3/31/2014 was reviewed and approved (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Espenson).

Athletic Director Report

The boys' varsity team will have 25 games this season, and the girls will play 24. Progress remains to take place with the transition to the new 'Big South' Conference.

Arena Manager Report

Not Present

Equipment

Justin Espenson brought forward the need to purchase supplies for the team medical kits. He also mentioned that some miscellaneous equipment (e.g. pucks) will be needed before the season starts. Justin will create a list, including estimated costs, and present it to the board for approval.

New Business

Approved the 2014-15 sponsorship levels and allocation amounts (M: Jason Espenson/ John Hedquist). All sponsorships will be due by 9/3 to ensure adequate time to print this year's cash calendars.

The golf outing has been re-scheduled and will be held at the Jackson golf course on September 13th. Registration is due by 9/6.

Ham Sales: We will need a new coordinator for the ham sales after this year. Seniors will need to write a check in the fall for \$20/ ham for any hams that they do not sell; check will be held until the spring sale. However, all hams must be sold or paid for BEFORE the playoffs, or players will NOT be allowed to participate in playoff hockey (M: John Hedquist/ John Volk).

Individual and team pictures will be held on Sunday, October 26th. Pictures will start at 1:00 PM with the Bantams. More information to follow.

Tournaments/ District 4

Windom has been awarded the District 4 Squirts Tournament for the 2014-15 season. This event will be held on February 21-22, 2015.

SafeSport: Coaches will need to complete the online SafeSport training by 12/31/2014.

Luverne is looking at the possibility of offering a Level I, II, and III coach's clinic(s) on October 4/5. Only tentative information at this time.

The cutoff for District games will be February 9th, 2015.

The mandatory 'rest period' between games has been changed from four (4) hours to two (2) hours.

Motion to Adjourn (M: Justin Storm/ Jerome Robillard).

Agenda for Next Meeting

Registration

Calendar Sales

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on September 3, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary

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Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Jason Espenson, Jim Becker, Mike Pigman, Justin Espenson, John Hedquist, Ryan McNamara, Justin Storm, and Jerome Robillard. (Absent: Matt Kolander)

Also in Attendance: Tim Mellstrom, Nathan Boler, and Cindy Espenson

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:02 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm).

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm).

Athletic Director Report

Not Present

Arena Manager Report

Main discussion was regarding the 2014-15 ice expenses. In 2013-14 the expenses were \$42,500 and \$400/day for tournaments, jamborees, etc. The proposal for 2014-15 is \$44,500; with the same \$400/day for special events. Glass will be put in ahead of time and volunteers will be needed; more info to be emailed out.

Equipment

Received 7-8 sets of new mite equipment from a grant. Free jerseys on the way too.

New Business

Decision made between doing a 20x20 or 30x30 (New) Center Ice Logo. Price difference is \$1300 compared to \$2800. Decision was the 30x30 (M: John Volk/ John Hedquist).

The golf outing will be held at the Jackson golf course on September 13th.

Ham Sales: Request made by Steph Evers to get a drop box for orders and payments installed at the arena. This year's delivery date is set for November 18th from 5-7 PM. Will need volunteers to help!

Mum Sale set for Saturday, September 13th

Registration: Cindy Espenson present and reports 142 kids signed up for the upcoming season so far. Additional players for the Bantam team will be coming from the Okobojo region. Three (3) 'last year mites' will be invited to try out for the Squirt(s) team (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm). One individual has requested to be moved up from Pee-Wees to the Bantam team. Per board policy, if all parties agree then the change will occur (M: Justin Storm/ John Volk).

Girl's 12U information needs to be added to the handbook. Will be the same as Pee-Wee team(s).

John Hedquist discussed an 'Adopt a Player' program. Details were discussed and agreed upon, with \$500 coming from the WYHA donation from the Mauer family (M: John Hedquist/ Justin Storm).

Tournaments/ District 4

Luverne is offering Coach's Clinic(s) on October 4/5.

Discussion of Coaches meeting(s),

Fall Clinics. November 1. Mandatory for all players.

Motion to Adjourn (M: John Volk).

Agenda for Next Meeting

Bantam A vs B

Golf Tournament Results

Calendar & Ham Sales

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on October 1, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Espenson/ MK

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Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2014

Joel LaCanne, Jason Espenson, Jim Becker, Matt Kolander, Justin Espenson, John Hedquist, Ryan McNamara, Justin Storm, and Jerome Robillard. (Absent: Mike Pigman, Lisa Fredin)

Also in Attendance: Tim Mellstrom, Nathan Boler, and Dane Nielsen

Opening

The regular meeting of the Windom Youth Hockey Association was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Windom Country Club by President Joel LaCanne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved. (M: Jason Espenson/ John Hedquist).

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved (M: John Hedquist/ Jerome Robillard).

Athletic Director Report

The boys and girls varsity schedules have been set with 25 games each. Co-op form(s) have been completed to include Butterfield HS player(s).

Arena Manager Report

Not Present

Equipment

Justin Espenson needs to order water bottles and pucks. A request was made to spend up to \$500 on these items. (M: John Volk/ Justin Storm).

New Business

Randy and Linda Torkelson present to discuss this year's rally. Attendance was very good and everything seemed to run smoothly. All 500 tickets were sold for the Harley motorcycle. Some expenses, etc. have to be finalized, but the initial numbers look like around a \$9k profit.

The golf outing was held at the Jackson golf course on 9/13. Initial numbers show a \$980 profit.

Ham Sales: The minimum order to qualify for a 'business' price break was set at 50 hams (M: John Hedquist/ Jim Becker).

Mum Sale: 148 mums sold

Calendars proofed and going to print. Parents meeting TBD once calendar arrival is confirmed.

Exercise program for players (with Tom Kuhl - Sanford Windom) discussed. Some equipment would be needed to get started, but a few of the items could be made by board members and coaches. Final details TBD between

the hospital and Coaches, but approval given to move forward and spend up to \$1000 (\$500 now and \$500 later if needed) to get this program started (M: Jason Espenson/ John Hedquist). Also discussed the addition of a 'power yoga' class on Wednesday night. More information will be put out by Joel to the players and parents to see where the interest level might be.

WYHA numbers for the 2014-15 season after registration are: Boys Varsity 16, Girls Varsity 15, Bantams 16, Pee-Wees 16, Girls 12U 14, Squirts 30, and Mites 53.

Tournaments/ District 4

Luverne Coach's Clinic(s) I-III on October 4/5.

Fall Clinics. November 1. Mandatory for all players.

District Tournament Locations: Bantam-Luverne, Pee-wee Worthington, Squirts-Windom, Girls 12U-TBD, and Mites-Redwood Falls.

Motion to Adjourn (M: John Volk/Justin Storm).

The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on November 5, 2014, at the Windom Country Club.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Kolander, Secretary