

Worthington Hockey Association
March 2, 2014

Members Present: Kevin Black, Richard Fellows, Chad Henderson, Jason Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Scott Langerud, Tracie Luinenberg, Sarah Nickel, Deb Olsen, Darrel Ponto, Cliff Schreiner, Joe Vosburgh, Josh Wasmund

Excused Absent: Jesse Flynn, Cliff Schreiner

Absent: None

Others Present: Alex North, Chris Kruse, Eric Milbrath, Aaron Sieve, Josh Dale

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kevin Black.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Joe Vosburgh to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2015 meeting, seconded by Darrel Ponto and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

End of the Year Banquet – Tina Nickel & Diana Nelson: The Banquet will be on March 15th at 2:00 in large gym at the high school. Setup starts at 1:00, the certificate of liability insurance is secured, the player certificates are done, Diana helped Tina with rosters and registrations, the plaques are ordered along with pictures, (Seniors will receive these) the team sticks to be raffled are done, Burger King is providing the juice and some pie, Agstar is donating plates and napkins. Families are to bring something to share, Jill Cuperus will get balloons. Invites will go to the association, staff, & student managers. Tina suggested a limit time to speeches and the refreshments can be afterwards. The sounds system in the large gym will be adequate. There was also discussion about some type of a reward for academics. Tina will check with Matt Widboom to see if he will MC.

Girls Varsity Discussion: Cliff was sick for the meeting but was on speaker phone for this discussion. Josh Dale, Athletic Director, Eric Milbrath, coach, Aaron Sieve, who helped with the team, and Chris Kruse. There is a worry with the loss of key players that the girls may want to go JV. Josh Dale had some parents come to him concerned about the next year and Josh wanted to keep the communication open. The complaints are that two key players graduating will hurt the team. Some parents are afraid of not being competitive and a safety issue. Josh did not see a safety issue due to the fact that there is no checking. If they stay Varsity they cannot pick and choose who they play. Being a part of the conference has benefits including guaranteeing games within a reasonable distance and an opportunity to have “all conference” awards for players. The Varsity schedule will have 19 games and a JV team would have 8-9. Also some teams may not want to travel here to only play a JV game. Eric talked about the competitiveness in our conference. There are two teams much better and a couple of teams that are pretty even. Another team may not have a team. Eric sees a bright future. The numbers are there but the parents’ concerns are competitiveness and safety. The pros and cons were discussed. All seemed to agree that staying the course at the Varsity level is the best option. Josh expressed that he wanted to have an active discussion with the board and not come in and just tell how it was going to be. The plan will be to move forward with a Varsity program. Josh wants to work with the board to continue to improve the program. Josh, Eric, Aaron & Chris left the meeting after this discussion

Finance Report: Richard Fellows reported. Tournament income is not in the Profit and Loss provided. All open skate, rentals and sharpening got put under High School Gate Income. FSB Savings -\$1,800 is not actually a negative. The United Prairie Bank negative amount is also not correct. The new statements were not available to report the current balances. The golf outing numbers also were not correct. As of January 30, 2015 there was a Fundraising Checking account balance of \$6,598.23, Checking account balance of \$14,724.49, Capital Campaign balance of \$21,636.93, Savings account balance of \$28,839.61 and Wombat (Old Timers) account balance of \$569.52.

Pull Tab Report: Deb Olsen reported that allowable expenses for March 2015 were \$3,880.00, which includes games, maintenance, rent, & prizes for the raffle. Lawful purpose expense was \$875 (3% tax to the city of Worthington) plus utility & gas bill & to the state of MN. January 2015 profit and loss were as follows: the Tap had a loss of \$100.15, Hickory Lodge had a loss of \$947.63, for a total loss of \$1,047.78. The bank balance as of January 31, 2015 was \$21,025.17. There is still \$8,425.00 to be paid out on the calendars. A motion was made by Richard Fellows to accept the pull tab report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Darrel Ponto and unanimously supported. Motion Carried.

Project 2015: They are waiting on Scott Langerud with the fair board. There are rumors that they are changing locations but Scott said he does not feel it is the case. There was a discussion on some concerns that the group has run into including the question of whether the WHA building will be there in the future. There was a gentleman from Michigan that flew in last summer and looked at our building to see what must be done to prepare the building for a dehumidification system. It was minimal. Marshall wants to know if we are interested in purchasing their used dehumidification system. Alex also has a contact that is keeping their eye out for a used system. It was decided to advise the group to have the dehumidification system as the #1 priority and bleachers at #2.

Arena Manager Report: Alex reported. The floor scrubber is not working. Brian Powers and Alex have been working on it. Hand mopping the new floor works better anyway. They will need the scrubber when taking out the ice. The floor needs to be ready for March 18th. The ice will be turned off on the 11th. Alex is training the employees in to test the air quality. The bill for the transmission replacement was \$2,700. It has been working well since this got replaced. Alex is still waiting to get a second quote for the overhead door. A person from Mankato has given a bid. Keith Jones from Lakefield has not responded.

Ace Coordinator: Kyle plans to put together a small team of volunteers to look at next year's coaches & teams. Future coaches were discussed.

Committee Reports: Nathan Holt gave a brief report of tournaments. He had approximately \$4,600. This was from the PeeWee district registration and from John Hedquist for the old scoreboard. Nathan gave a recap of the year and spoke about the jamboree coming up. He also talked about getting ready for next year.

Darrell reported that they applied for gear up mn.

Nominating Committee: Jason Johnson is working on getting nominations for the board. There will be four expiring terms and three persons voted into the roles. This was decided at a prior meeting.

Website: None

Playmaker Award: Nominees were discussed and voted on. Deb has ordered the plaque from Center Sports and will notify them of the recipient.

Volunteer Update: Jason stated that he would like to see the volunteer opportunities online with a FAQ to let new families know how to do things. Darrel sent out a summary of volunteer hours with the total. Sarah also passed around information given by Cliff. The Dibs program can be on the Sports Ngin website. This allows WHA colunteers to sign up online. Jason brought up the verbiage from the meeting on 2/3/2014 concerning what was decided on "gifting" volunteer hours.

A motion was made by Jason Johnson to purchase the Dibs program for the website, seconded by Scott Langerud and unanimously supported. Motion Carried.

District Meeting: Kevin & Jason will work on this.

New Business: Popcorn Machine will be gifted to the gymnastics team.

Old Business:

The next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Josh Wasmund to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m, seconded by Joe Vosburgh and unanimously approved. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Jason M. Johnson

Secretary