

**West Fargo Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 20, 2015
Veterans Memorial Arena
West Fargo, North Dakota – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: President Nissen called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. Attendance: Board members in attendance were: Lance Belisle, Ryan Clouse, Joel Cummings, Scott Krank, Tim Nissen, Mike Prochnow, Stephanie Strand, Matt Weber, Jay Ysteboe and Business Manager, Mark Lester. Absent: Matt Weber. Guests: Dave Benson, Jade Nelson, Ryan Griggs, Parker Metz, Judy Werner, and Chris Miller Guest: Perry Vetter
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2015, Meeting: Revise minutes, item #8, to reflect the meeting would be with Mark Lamier; omit Mark Lester. Lance Belisle made a motion to approve the minutes. Joel Cummings seconded motion. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.
4. Unfinished Business: President Nissen mentioned he and Joel Cummings were going to meet to go over 14U league but he opted not to since it has already been decided upon.
5. President: President Nissen handed over the Presidency position to Mike Prochnow.
6. Welcome New Board Members: Tim Nissen stated the vote tally results for the new board members were: Scott Krank - 46, Jay Ysteboe - 42, Judy Werner - 38, Chris Miller - 28, Rob Peterson - 22, Tod Marsh - 20. Lance Belisle made a motion to accept the vote tally for the new board members. Joel Cummings seconded motion. Motion carried.

The Bylaw vote results were: 48 - for and 2 - against

7. Financial Report & Gaming Update:
 - A. Financial Update – Mark Lester: Current cash balance as of April 2015, is \$805,289.29. Stephanie Strand made a motion to approve the cash balance and financials. Joel Cummings seconded motion. Motion carried.
 - B. Gaming Update – Tina Iverson: Absent, no report.
 - C. Financials: Mark Lester went through the financials in detail for the new board members. Gaming is down but hockey is up about \$105,000. The total balance sheet shows \$864,500.58 in assets.

D. Gun Raffle: Mark Lester stated that the raffle came in a little higher than in the past. The bill amount was \$148,000. Net income on the gun raffle will be in the low \$98,000. The meal is something that probably will not continue, we did not break even; had a loss of approximately \$9,000. Gun cost went up approximately \$15,000 - \$18,000. The committee will meet in the near future to develop a plan for next year.

8. Coordinators Updates:

A. Termite & Mite – Jade Nelson: Contracts for coordinators are ending, can be a coordinator for any level that needs a coordinator.

B. Squirt - Ryan Griggs: No report.

C. PeeWee – Jason Triplett: Absent, no report.

D. Bantam – Dave Benson: Feels its been a good year, waiting on contract results.

E. Girls Teams - Pat Johnson: Absent, no report.

F. Dryland – Parker Metz: The flooring in the dryland room has been removed.

9. President Elect: Scott Krank stated he is interested in the position. Lance Belisle made a motion to accept the unanimous casted ballot for Scott Krank. Judy Werner seconded motion. Motion carried.

10. Hockey Operations: Tim Nissen stated the Park District will keep ice in all summer. Camp registration is important. There are 43 spots available for for the Playmakers camp, 8 have registered. The amount of rent hours needed is 400. President Prochnow shared the coaching philosophy the board is attempting to implement. Judy Werner stated that we need to ensure coaches and coordinators make the philosophy happen. Tim sated coaches will have log books next year and will need to log disciplinary issues, attendance, scores and play time. It is important that players are registered early; ideal to have registration completed by June 1.

11. Matching Funds: The Park District relationship is strong. The Park District contribution for Termite in the proposed contract has increased up to \$70 per player. The matching funds for the viewing area above concessions is \$15,000. WFHA's contribution is \$15,000.

12. Future Ice: The additional sheet has been ordered and will be attached to Scheels. The earliest the rink would be available is January 2016. Locker rooms (four with showers) will be installed at no additional cost to WFHA. Tim Nissen, Mike Prochnow, and Scott Krank met with Ross

Richards last Wednesday. Discussed ice availability, no commitment was made. Ice needed would be for eight home games. A follow-up meeting will take place on April 22.

13. Paige Lazorenko Benefit: Joel Cummings stated May 9th is the benefit. Getting signed jerseys from the Sioux. Looking for more ways to raise money. The Pizza Ranch benefit was a success. Granite City will host one as well; it will be 10% donation.
14. Concussion testing: Sanford has a lab on 45th. The cost is \$6 per player through the age of 12. There are 116 kids in that age group for the upcoming season. This is for a baseline test. Chris Miller made a motion to have WFHA cover the cost for concussion testing for players 12 years of age and up, and parents would be required to sign a waiver if they choose to opt out. Joel Cummings seconded motion. Motion carried.
15. Hockey Director: Lance Belise stated that Moorhead just hired a hockey director. He believes WFHA has a solid program, but would like to see the program be at the next level; and having a director would make that happen. Looking for feedback or input. Some duties being handled by board members would be streamlined (i.e. jerseys, scheduling, etc.). Mark Lester stated this was a good idea 6 – 7 years ago and it was a good idea then, and still a good idea now. Mark suggested to have a committee be established to outline responsibilities and then determine salary range for a director position. President Prochnow stated a part time offering could start at \$20,000 per year. This position would also participate in fundraising. Lance stated the board form a committee and have 1 – 2 meetings prior to next month's meeting. The position can be a one-year contract and determine how to proceed once the term is done. President Prochnow stated Hockey Operations has placed the association into its current state and this new position would need to have a strong working relationship with Hockey Operations.
16. Ryan Griggs: The State District meeting was last night. Proposals were discussed. Bob Bye was re-elected as the SE District Director.
17. 2015 – 2016 Handbook: Tim Nissen passed out the handbook and asked that everyone bring revisions to the next meeting. Proposed some potential rate changes for next year. WFHA will supply socks next season.
18. 2015 – 2016 Board Member Responsibilities: President Prochnow advised the new members that each Board Member is assigned a duty. Send all duty interests to him and he, along with Tim Nissen and Scott Krank, will make the final decision. Judy Werner is passionate about streamlining the Board duties. Having something documented so duties that go along with a committee is documented and passed along to the next board member. Lance Belisle stated the Park District purchased an ice scheduling software.
19. New Business: Lance Belisle stated the Park District wants spectators to have more of a viewing area in Vets 2, for the new addition. Tim Nissen stated the addition will be both dryland and

spectator viewing areas. Cleanliness and keeping it up is a concern if viewers are allowed in the Dryland room/viewing area. All plans need to be approved by Parks and Recreation.

Lance Belisle asked about an ice committee. We need to have one and include prominent members of the committee. If interested send your name to President Prochnow.

Perry Vetter stated that 3 of the last 4 years his kid has lost the coach on the team. Would like to see a mentorship type program established and would like to see a commitment from the Board. President Prochnow stated that freshman coaches this coming season will have parent volunteers on the team.

20. Adjournment: Lance Belisle made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Stephanie Strand second motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Next meeting will be May 18, at the Veterans Memorial Arena, at 6 p.m.