

# RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



## May 2015 AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, May 13th, 2015

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre

Board Members Present:

Frank Linn, President __Yes__	Mike Marsollek, VP __No__	Neil Accola, Treasurer __Yes__	Janell Rasmussen, Secretary __Yes__
Kathy Bennett __Yes__	Steve Magnuson __Yes__	Jody Christensen __Yes__	Paul Wilson __No__
Josh Cleveland __No__	Tim LaVold __Yes__	Kevin Hare __No(called in)__	Andrew Thomas __Yes__

### AGENDA

1. Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review Linn  
*Linn called the meeting to order at 804.*
2. Consent Items(All can be approved in one motion, unless an items is removed by a board member for further discussion) Linn
  - A. Agenda Approval  
**Action Item:** Approve Agenda and any supplementary materials
  - B. Approval of Minutes  
**Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from past month.  
*Magnuson made a motion to approve the consent items. Christensen second, all in favor.*
3. Guest Comments Guests  
*Margie Wilson was a guest.*
4. Financial Operations Accola  
*Accola provided a financial update. Bennett is working with sports engine on exploring options for doing the Associations volunteer hours through that system. Hudson uses it for registration, volunteer hours, everything and they love it and would be willing to train us. The cost is \$55/month.*  
  
*Linn will be presenting the scholarships on Monday and will get pictures to Janell to post.*
5. Building Operations Wilson  
*Wilson was not present, but Linn had some updates. Linn provided an update on the Parking Lot and redoing the locker rooms. The board cleaning service is scheduled late September to early October. Linn said that it doesn't matter if it's ice in or ice out - 80% of board cleaning is done with ice in. The cost will be approximately \$500. This will be an Operating expense not capital campaign.*

*Brock made some updates with the barn swallow issue. The New Richmond crew is working here on some things.*

*The monitoring system will be brought up for further discussion on next board meeting.*

6. External Relations/Communications

Rasmussen

*LTS information and flyers have been posted to the website, facebook, have been sent to the schools, newspapers (RFJ and Prescott Journal)*

*Sponsorship checks continue to come in and we are soliciting new sponsors for the locker room door sponsorships.*

a. Hours Changes

Rasmussen

7. Fundraising Operations

Thompson

*The High school does not want to do the Legion chicken fry fundraiser.*

8. Hockey Operations – Off Ice

Christensen

*We are short 6 learn to skate bags. Marc Harer is working on it. Christensen is pretty confident we will get the Ref clinic here in October. For Registration tonight we have 10 families that were new last year return and register tonight. There were three brand new skaters. One was a new family and the other two were from a returning family with 2 new skaters. Thirty families registered tonight. There is an ad in Let's Play Hockey advertising the tournament's. The Tournament Committee is set for next year, and are currently working on duties for next year. Andrew Thomas will be high school game coordinator.*

9. Building Events

Linn

*Twin states profit was the same. Has been a steady decline. Attendance was same but beer prices were lower. There was over \$600 in tips which went to the Association since we took on that role. There are two years left in the contract. Thursday is very difficult to fill volunteer assignments during the day, but Twin States provided assistance. They are very happy with us – would like to skip Thursday or all day times.*

*Attendance was down with the gun show. Had to move the date because Amery would have had the same weekend.*

a. Dodgeball Event

All

*Linn provided an update on the dodgeball event and the changes that were made to the event since the last meeting. There was discussion on the Non-profit status and whether or not a 501c-3 could donate to another non-profit or organization. There was a discussion on alcohol and a reminder that all decisions regarding money and contracts/licenses should be reviewed and approved by the Board.*

*There was consensus that anytime alcohol is going to be sold, it needs to be approved by the board. Items of significance also need to be communicated to the board so that Board members can answer questions on behalf of the association. Because this event was already advertised it was decided that a vote at this point would be irrelevant.*

10. Hockey Operations – On Ice

LaVold

a. Division Move

All

*Have not heard anything back from WAHA regarding the division move.*

b. Coaches Credentials

LaVold

*LaVold would like to add a box for this. This would be Jody.*

*Rasmussen made a motion to add a Coaches Credential box under on ice hockey operations in which Christensen would fill. LaVold second, all in favor. This box will receive 15 regular hours.*

c. Opt Out Letter

LaVold

*LaVold received a letter from JJ Weibush's family requesting a release from the Association. The family has indicated that we do not have what they want for their child, as his skills exceed what our association has to offer. LaVold made a recommendation to accept this. A discussion occurred about past decisions, the work that has been done to move away from allowing players to move around and the fact that many other associations are now standing together to support these decisions with direct support from WAHA. A discussion occurred about the additional requests that would follow and the precedent that it sets. Steve Magnuson talked further about his work on this particular issue over the past few years. WAHA has changed its rules on releases and we are no longer required to provide releases. Even under the old rules he would not have qualified for a release and stated that it is not RFYHA's place to create a precedence of offering releases to those who feel they have skills that exceed those of the Association. These types of decisions have an overall negative impact on the association. Steve Magnuson made a motion that we do not accept their release. Kevin Hare second the motion. A roll call was done. Christensen, Rasmussen, Hare, Bennett, Magnuson, Thomas all voted in favor of denying the release. LaVold voted against it and Accola abstained. Frank did not vote because of his role as President but stated that he would have supported Magnuson's motion to deny the release.*

*LaVold said that he would like to be in the Coaches Coordinator position on On Ice.*

*RFYHA consulted with WAHA, due to the circumstances of the situation and additional information that was provided, a re-vote was retaken and the request to release the player from RFYHA was approved.*

11. Other Business

a. TV Monitor in Lobby

Rasmussen

*Rasmussen advised that the Monitor in the lobby was being removed and provided an estimate and proposal to purchase a replacement monitor and software system. All Board members supported the purchase but would like to know if there would be a possibility of adding a locker room schedule on the monitor in the future.*

b. Org Chart Update

Linn

*Linn provided an overview of some of the changes to the org chart.*

c. Move Up Policy

Sub-Committee

*Marsollek was going to make the necessary changes agreed upon and get them to Rasmussen for updating the policy book.*

d. Board Retreat

Linn

*Linn will schedule a Board retreat and send out a google poll to find a date.*

e. Leah Flannigan Skating Proposal

Linn

*An agreement was reached on providing skating lessons.*

f. Blue Line Club Request

Christensen

*The Blue Line Club would like wall space. The wall space is very limited and we are still trying to find space for team photos and the advertising posters. The Board agreed to give them the space next to the Fusion spot. Christensen will communicate this.*

g. WAHA Age Policy/ MAHA Emergency Meeting

Marsollek

*Marsollek spoke briefly by phone. He advised that there was a meeting by MAHA to discuss moving Forest Lake to D10 from D2. The President or VP from each Association was asked to attend, Marsollek*

*will be there. Also, there was a unanimous vote by region 6 of WAHA to change the age policy to a June 30<sup>th</sup> date. , it was approved and will not go to WAHA for the vote.*

12. Adjourn

*Magnuson made a motion to adjourn, Linn second, all in favor.*

**2015 Calendar - Key Dates**

May 13th - **6 pm - 8 pm - Spring Registration**  
Sept 16th - **6 pm - 8 pm - Fall Registration**  
August 8<sup>th</sup> – RFYHA Golf Fundraiser Clifton Highlands Golf Club  
September 27 - Preseason Camp Starts  
October 1st, 2015 - Compressors Started  
October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – Girls Hockey Weekend  
October 11th, - Ice-in finished (*tentative*)  
October 17th - Preseason Camp Ends  
October 18th, 19th, 21st - Try Outs  
October 20th - LTS Equipment Distribution  
October 28th - LTS Starts  
???? – Team/Individual Pictures  
November 7<sup>th</sup> – Try Hockey for Free  
November 18th - LTS Finishes, **Winter Registration 6 pm - 7 pm**  
December 4th, 5th, 6th - Squirt Tournament  
December 12th, 13th - Mites Holiday Extravaganza  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – Calendar Raffle due  
January 8th, 9th, 10th - Pony Tail Classic Tournament  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – Pizza order forms/money due  
January 15th, 16th, 17th - PeeWee Tournament  
January 29th, 30th, 31st - Blackcat Classic Tournament  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pizza's delivered  
February 12, 13th, 14th - Bantam B Tournament  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, Try Hockey for Free  
February 19th, 20th, 21st - Bantam A Tournament  
March 18th, 19th, 20th - Fat Boy Tournament  
March 25th, 26th, 27th - Midget JV Jr Gold Tournament