

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Wednesday, August 12th, 2015

6:30pm VIA Mezzanine



Present: Meredith Gabler, Janie Ritter, Sarah McCabe, Steve Simpson, Jason Matilla, Scott Mirwald, Justin Temple, Craig Nelson, Mark Jones, Mike Bakalars, Earl Tollefson, Jamie Stebbeds, Bill Monroe, Steve Scadden, Roxanne Brazeau, Steve Simpson

Call to order – Janie Ritter at 6:30pm

Approve Minutes from the June 2015 Meeting

Motion to approve by Bill Monroe, 2nd by Earl Tollefson

Ice Inc. Report – Justin Temple

They have been meeting to discuss Verona Fest. They would like the association to help raise money for the rink during this event. They are asking for help getting sponsors – Justin will get a list of the sponsors that we currently have. They are creating 3-D imagery showing the additions/renovations to the rink and they are looking to co-op with association and Ice Spirit to raise money. During Nest Fest the association will get the proceeds for bouncy houses, tail-gate, and concessions and we will cover the cost of insurance and posters.

Treasurer's Report – Roxanne Brazeau

- a. Taxes sent to Elaine (accountant) 8/3/15
- b. July Financials
- c. 2015-2016 Budget

We discussed the operational budget for the 2015-2016 season.

Motion to approve the budget by Jamie Stebbeds, 2nd by Bill Monroe

Motion approved unanimously

President's Report – Janie Ritter

Received an email from Dean Dietrich (WAHA legal counsel) – turned our request down, Mt. Horeb residents will need to skate for Dodgeville.

Committee Reports and updates

- a. **Concessions** – Angie Kamoske

The concession stand is turned back over to the association Oct. 1st. We need to get DIBS up and running by mid September.

- b. **Equipment** – Tom Osting

We will be working on cleaning and throwing equipment to get it ready for the season.

- c. **Coaches Committee** – Steve Simpson

Three reps from our association attended the annual WAHA meeting and they felt they offered good sessions. They attended one on Safe Sport. The committee met last week – went over evaluations and they are all set,

discussed Bantam hockey (coaching and numbers), Squirts and Peewees – probably 3 teams each, for the 1st month of practice all 3 teams will be out on the ice together to practice skills as well as game situations (it will create more ice times for the players). They will have a coaches meeting in September where Joel Marshall will have them do some on-ice drill work and they will have a guest speaker.

- d. **Ice Scheduler** – Earl Tollefson
Pre-season dates are online and on the calendar. He has worked on a tentative schedule for Oct. Some teams have already begun to call regarding scheduling games.
- e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman
We will be updating the evaluation process on the website.
- f. **Rebranding/Fundraising** – Craig Nelson
They are working with Polar Sports to help with sizing etc for new families during Verona Fest. They are also looking to have warm-up sizing available during that day as well. Athletic Republic would like to do a brat sale and Craig will be in touch with them. They are working on applying for the Homecoming Parade so the association can participate.
- g. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars
Working with Kari to get registration up and running.
- h. **Tournament Coordinator** – Kari Brotzman
Nothing to report.
- i. **Recruitment** – Kristin Simpson
Think about putting up yard signs to promote registration, look into putting it into the Verona Press.
- j. **Team photos** - ?
Empire photography – would like photos scheduled the 2nd week of November.
- k. **Jersey Handouts** – Justin Temple
Justin will be putting in an order for new jerseys.
- l. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP** – nothing to report
 - U6** – scheduling meeting Aug. 25th 7:30pm
 - RWB**- scheduling meeting Aug. 13th 7:30pm
 - Squirt** – hoping for 3 solid teams to start the season
 - PeeWee** – roughly 38 players to start the season
 - Bantam** – discussing the coaching situation, no one is stepping up to take control, meeting Sept. 1 with all potential Bantam coaches – discussing evaluations, coaching and process.
 - High School 2** – hoping for 14 players

Old Business

Goalie DoJo – Greg has begun going through items and is looking to purchase any new equipment we may need. They will have ice beginning in Oct. and will share with U6.

New Business

- a. Approve addition of Scholarships and Financial Assistance into the Parent Handbook (see below for addition)
Motion to approve by Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Mike Bakalars
- b. Approve addition of Jersey Rental into the Parent Handbook (see below for addition)
Motion to remove concessions hours as any kind of penalty and make it \$150/jersey if they are not returned by Jamie Stebbeds, 2nd Bill Monroe
Motion approved unanimously
- c. Approve addition of Code of Conduct into the Parent Handbook
Motion to approve by Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Mike Bakalars

Motion to Adjourn at 8:28pm by Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Mark Jones

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.

Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey has funding and scholarship opportunities available to assist families and skaters with the cost of playing hockey. It is important that our association not allow family financial challenges to be a reason for non-participation in this great game.

Recipients of scholarships and financial aid will be required to actively volunteer for additional VWYH fundraising opportunities in addition to the required concession and volunteer hours. Additional opportunities may include support and planning of tournaments, Verona Fest, New Year's Eve Skate, service on committees, coaching, etc. Player(s), parent(s) and/or guardian(s) must remain members in good standing with VWYH. Further aid will be denied if member does not remain in good standing, is subject to "Code of Conduct" violations, is not forthright regarding the need for financial assistance, or for any reasonable concern as identified by the VWYH Board of directors.

Contact Association Treasurer Roxanne Brazeau with questions or to learn more.

Jersey Rental

The Verona Wildcat Youth Hockey Association implemented a jersey rental program as part of our rebranding campaign during the 2014-15 hockey season. This new policy is an important funding source for our association each year.

Skaters at the Squirt, Pee Wee, and Bantam levels are required to rent a set of jerseys each season for a nominal fee of \$50.00. Specific details regarding care, returns, distribution, number assignment, and purchase options can be directed to the VWYH Jersey Rental Coordinator.

JERSEY SETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE UPON A SKATER REACHING THEIR FINAL YEAR OF ELIGIBILITY WITH VERONA WILDCAT YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AS A BANTAM SKATER. Squirts, Pee Wees, and Bantams with remaining eligibility cannot purchase their jerseys and must abide by the association rental agreement and return policy.