

Worthington Hockey Association  
December 7, 2015

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

Excused Absent:

Absent: None

Others Present: Eric Pedersen

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Darrel Ponto

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Deb Olsen to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting, seconded by Scott Langerud and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Finance Report: Cliff Shreiner reported. The majority of registrations have been paid in full. Account balances as of November 30, 2015 were as follows: General Fund \$17,478.12, Fundraising \$16,701.27, Savings \$36,171.05, Capital Campaign \$23,922.21, Wombats \$3,535.52. Cliff will transfer the \$1,800 payment from the Wombats account as payment for ice time for the whole season. In November the daily operation of the arena (open skate, skate sharpening, skate rentals etc.) brought in \$7,159 of revenue. A motion was made by Kevin Black to approve the finance report subject to audit, seconded by Chad Henderson and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Pull Tab Report: Deb Olsen Reported. Allowable expenses for December 2015 were \$6,177.28, which includes games, maintenance, rent, & bill for calendars. Lawful purpose expense was \$136.77 (3% tax to the city of Worthington) plus utility & gas bill. October 2015 profit and loss were as follows: the Tap had a loss of \$3,147.84, Hickory Lodge had a loss of \$2,919.01, for a total loss of \$6,066.85. This was due to paying \$7712 to Rink Systems for the flooring at the arena. The bank balance as of October 31, 2015 was \$6,567.49. After Calendar payouts of \$475 the available balance is \$6,092.49. All but 17 calendars were sold. There were 1,400 calendars and 21 ads at \$200 each. This will leave a net above \$22,000. A motion was made by Cliff Shreiner to accept the pull tab report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Scott Langerud and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

High School Update – Josh Dale: Josh was not able to make it to the meeting. There have been injuries at Boys Varsity and it has hurt their numbers. Due to this there were three more bantam players moved up to the team. This leaves 12 skaters at the Bantam team.

Arena Manager Report: Eric Pedersen presented. Indoor air quality was the first topic. He has looked at a possible purchase of an electronic air quality tester. \$700 is the cheapest quote to date. The current system includes using 6 boxes per season (tested twice a week) which equates to \$460. This is a timely manual test with the possibility of human error. An electronic meter would not require any “refills” and would be much easier. There can be a recalibrating annual fee which can run \$100 a year. Darrel had gotten a quote for \$3,000 for an electronic air quality tester. The fans in the arena are now properly running so the air quality should improve. The state inspector (Kelly Smeltzer) recently visited the WHA and gave 3 violations for the following; lack of accurate record keeping available, failure to test twice a week, and having untrained personal perform the testing. There can be up to a \$10,000 fine if these violations are not remedied. Kevin Black made a motion to purchase an electronic air tester at the lowest price with a minimum of two bids, seconded by Kyle Johnson and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Eric had questions on liability dealing with open hockey and alumni game. He believes that open hockey should be open to the public with no restrictions to age. Darrel reviewed the league of MN cities information specific to ice arenas. Different topics were discussed concerning open hockey & Old Timers. Some agreed with Eric. Others felt that this would bring liability to the WHA and limit access of open hockey to Worthington hockey players with the ice getting too crowded. More information was read on USA hockey coverage. Darrel read and stated that the current policy will stay in place (open hockey is open to any youth skater registered with USA Hockey and any WHA coach. Coaches shall be limited to supervision) until a committee is put together and looks at the legality and feasibility of having open hockey available to the public. Volunteers for the committee are Darrel Ponto, Kevin Black & Scott Langerud.

#### Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Rambo's first order has been distributed. The second order will be delivered around Christmas.

Ace Coordinator: Some coaches still need to complete tasks and Kyle sent the information out. Tyler Nienkirk plans to speak to the PeeWee coaches about moving up one player. The deadline for rosters is December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

#### Old Business:

Tournament on Website: The Bantam tournament has been cancelled due to lack of teams. The girls 10u/12u currently has no teams. The Squirt tournament was successful with 8 teams.

Sports & Rec. Fund Request: Nathan Holt sent a letter requesting \$5,000. Some money was granted but not the whole amount. The exact amount was unknown. These funds are allotted for a hospitality room.

Winterfest Representative: Tina Gonzalez is our representative.

Edger Update: Air quality level tests have not been done after extensive ice work since the fans have been working. Edging should be done daily. This will be tabled again.

Concession Stand Update: Kris is using a debit card instead of having her own checking account. This is working well.

#### New Business:

Worthington Area Foundation Meeting: Scott Langerud and Eric Pedersen received a \$1,500 grant specific towards rental skates. Eric stated that there are options for rental specific skates that are around \$60-\$70 per skate. This would also allow there to be a system put in place to keep all the skates sharpened. The old skates could also be sold with money used to purchase new. Cliff made a motion to purchase \$3,000 worth of rental skates using the grant money and fundraising money, seconded by Kyle Johnson unanimously supported. Motion carried.

The hockey program was discussed on how to improve our players. Different ideas were discussed including hiring a consultant, having weekend camps, etc. It was also discussed to have a separate committee based solely on focusing on player development. Tracie & Kevin will look into utilizing the resources we have (boys varsity coaches) in order to spearhead player development throughout the age levels. No committee was formed.

Open Hockey: Already discussed.

There was a fall in the parking lot and a claim has been filed against the WHA. There was a light out and a slippery walkway due to thawing and freezing. The light has been replaced.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Kevin Black to adjourn the meeting at 8:56, seconded by Joe Vosburgh and unanimously supported. Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted  
Jason M. Johnson  
Secretary