

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Thursday, November 19th, 2015

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Present: Meredith Gabler, Kari Brotzman, Greg Zieglebauer, Mike Bakalars, Earl Tollefson, Craig Nelson, Mark Jones, Steve Scadden, Jason Mattila, Jim Martin, Janie Ritter, Roxanne Brazeau, Bill Snow, Scott Mirwald, Jamie Stebbeds, Steve Simpson, Bob Schaffer

Call to order – Janie Ritter at 8:07am

Approve Minutes from the October 2015 Meeting

Approve Minutes from the Evaluations Meeting

Approve Minutes from email motions Nov. 12, 2015

Earl Tollefson makes a motion to approve all above minutes, 2nd by Craig Nelson
Approved unanimously

Ice Inc. Report – Craig Nelson

They are working on finalizing the date for Home Town Brew Down. Speed Skating is coming back in March.

Treasurer's Report – Roxanne Brazeau

Working on collecting registration money – still registering skaters, all teams have been registered for the state tournaments.

President's Report – Janie Ritter

Attended Region 4 meeting –

- Girls rep asked that we all consider playing them as they do not have many teams to play.
- RWB games began Nov. 1 – they ask that the coaches read the rules.
- Squirt – looking for a rep for region 4.
- PeeWee – looking at improving scheduling meeting, they are hoping to put more information on the region 4 website.
- Bantam – all is good.
- Ice scheduler – they began assigning playoffs, 118 teams participating in playoffs, 7 hosts, playoff brackets will be finalized at the board meeting on Dec. 10th.
- WAHA report – waiting for 3 regions to finalize their teams, team managers need to edit their rosters with numbers and positions, if coaches have not completed any of the requirements they are not allowed on the ice, **make sure coaches and team managers look at the website for the region 4 hockey council to check seeding procedures**, remind parents that we have several new young officials and please be patient.
- Everything ran smoothly with Evaluations.
- Board members will begin rotating through attending the Region 4 meeting.

1. Committee Reports and updates

Concessions – Angie Kamoske

Building in hours this week and will send out an email when it is complete.

Equipment – Tom Osting

We purchased 5 hockey bags with full gear, as well as shin guards, gloves, and elbow pads for the LTP players. We also purchased 10 hockey bags. We are hoping that we get some gear from USA hockey.

Coaches Committee – Steve Simpson

They had a meeting last week, discussed the overview of each team. Began season running Squirt and Peewee level practices 3 times a week for the first month and they received some positive feedback. They run summer ice on Thursday mornings and they used that money to purchase a flat screen in the board room – it includes an apple box.

Ice Scheduler – Earl Tollefson

Everything is set and we have refs scheduled.

Website Update – Kari Brotzman

She will limit who has access to the website as some have been making changes.

Rebranding/Fundraising –Craig Nelson

Several of you have gotten a request for a WAHA grant, application deadline is Dec. 1st. It is a grant to grow hockey in our area. Online store – sold 138 items, profit of just over \$1000.00. Having kids fill out holiday cards if a skater fills out 5 their name will be entered into a drawing for a Joe Pavelski hat – they will be sent to Senior citizens, military, and sponsors. Verona Wildcat Hockey baseball caps have come in and will be sold in the concession stand. They are looking into offering a Paint Night. Parents Night out will be Jan 16 at Wisconsin Brewing Co.,

Registrar's Report – Mike Bakalars

Background checks are complete. Registration is still open and will be open until Dec. 31st.

Tournament Coordinator – Kari Brotzman

The Tournament is full with 3 on the waiting list.

Recruitment – Kristin Simpson

Nothing to report.

Goalie DoJo – Greg Ziegelbauer

Program is growing. Greg is coming out and joining practices. Bracelets will be going out next week.

Team photos – Tara Matilla

Nothing to report.

Jersey Handouts– Justin Temple

All distributed

Update from ALD's

LTP: It is nice to have different colored jerseys to separate the kids - color code them, 6 different colors (10 of each). 55 kids registered and

participating. They have plenty of coaches (have about 5 new coaches) – Bill will send out an email weekly if they are short coaches. The board members will be getting buddy families (2 families) to touch base with – pictures will be this Saturday at 9am.

U6: 26 skaters, games begin Dec. 6 and draft schedule is done and final schedule will be sent out on Sunday, each team will have 5 home games.

RWB: 40 skaters with 4 ice spirit skaters, 4 weeks into the game schedule, they will be working on the 2nd half of the schedule.

Squirt: 36 skaters, all is going well

Peewee: 37 skaters and all teams are doing well

Bantam: 23 skaters, 2 goalies, coaches are set. Tryouts went well.

High School 2: potentially 14 skaters – 4 of them are Dodgeville skaters, he has been working with Dodgeville – they wanted to do a co-op (WAHA stated that that was not the best solution as we would then be limited to Verona School District and Dodgeville School District skaters only), Dodgeville also did not want to pay any more money (we charge \$1190.00, they charge \$450). We discussed offering them the Jingles scholarship and their association could match it or applying for the Kelsey scholarship which needs to be done by Dec. 1. If they apply for a scholarship we would split the match with Dodgeville.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Should we change name of Learn to Play?

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Mike Bakalars, 2nd by Mark Jones 10:33pm