

Worthington Hockey Association  
September 9, 2016  
YMCA Conference Room

Members Present: Ryan Como, Chad Henderson, Jason Johnson, Scott Langerud, Josh Langseth, Sarah Nickel, Deb Olsen, Cliff Shreiner, Joe Vosburgh, Chad Wiener

Excused Absent: Tracie Luinenberg

Absent: Lonny White

Others Present: Eric Pedersen, Kris Hohensee

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Scott Langerud

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Cliff Shreiner to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2016 meeting, seconded by Chad Henderson and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

High School Boys: Scott Langerud gave an overview of the High School Boys discussion. Five members of the Varsity team and two parents spoke. There is a two year minimum for any merger per the MN High School Association. The original thought was to merge with the Windom Boys Varsity for one year due to strong numbers and talent at the bantam level. The Worthington team played with Windom this summer. Both teams are struggling for numbers. Worthington is expected to have 9 or 10 skaters. The Windom numbers were not known. Josh Dale is in favor of the merger. Some questions were raised about coaches, schedules, potential payment for games forfeited, travel etc. The plan would be to have school vans for transportation. There was concern that this cost would fall back on the WHA. The school does not want to be the decision maker and will support whatever decision is made. The projected numbers for the WHA high school next year is 22-24 skaters. The ethnic makeup of our community was discussed for long term planning. Last year the WHA Boys Varsity had been down to seven players at one point. According to the presenters it is possible to do this for just the boys' team and not the girls' team. Every returning player desires to merge. It was unknown if Windom wants to merge.

Scheduling: Winterfest will be January 21<sup>st</sup> 2017. Try Hockey for Free event is on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Eric is working on a Learn to Skate program that will start on November 5<sup>th</sup> and run for 6 weeks (excluding Thanksgiving weekend) and will run another 6 weeks after Christmas vacation. This will be from 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Normal play for youth teams will start on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This is one week later than normal. Josh Langseth will sign the WHA up for the Try Hockey for Free event. Game 7 industries camps were discussed. Kris Hohensee stated that there are resources from MN Hockey that are free. They will evaluate programs and set up clinics based on the Association's needs. Steve Carrol will also give free goalie clinics. Coaches were discussed. Some are still tentative. Bantams – Tyler Neinkirk, Peewees – Damon Onnen, Squirts – Jeff Nickel, Tim Hansberger & Mike Wildeman, 12u Trevor Nickel, 10u – Eric Milbrath & Fred Apel, Mites – Ryan Como, Chad Henderson & Josh Wasmund, Mini Mites – Joe Vosburgh, Jesse Flynn & Jason Johnson. Anthony Bui may be willing to help out. The next District meeting is set for October 15<sup>th</sup> but it may be before that. The District has voted to structure the Mite and Mini Mite games schedules. This may restrict teams' abilities to go to tournaments. Not all of the details were known. Kris Hohensee left the meeting.

Finance Report: Cliff Shreiner reported. The WHA has received \$14,000 in registrations to date. Account balances as of August 31, 2016 were as follows: General Fund \$18,880.58, Fundraising \$24,896.34, Savings \$49,704.09, Capital Campaign \$23,940.23, Wombats \$3,495.30. Total current assets were \$121,407.54. Net Income for August was \$12,627.77. A motion was made by Joe Vosburgh to approve the finance report subject to audit, seconded by Josh Langseth and unanimously supported.

Motion carried. The accounts receivable was discussed. Cliff is still trying to collect on this before cashing the full deposit check. He sent out letters with details of what was owed and for what reason. This gave the individual an opportunity to write a check for the lesser amount. One deposit check was cashed but the account was closed and the family has moved out of state. Cliff will attempt to cash all deposit checks in which the individual still owes time or money. Cliff gave a list of businesses to Eric on what billboards to take down.

Pull Tab Report: Deb Olsen Reported. Allowable expenses for September 2016 were \$4,185.00, which includes games, maintenance, rent, mileage & tax return. Lawful purpose expense was \$4,169.57 (3% tax to the city of Worthington) plus gas, utility bill & approval for Olympia expenses. July 2016 profit and loss were as follows: the Tap had a profit of \$1,659.99, Hickory Lodge had a profit of \$102.13, for a total profit of \$1,762.12. The bank balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$16,723.67. There is \$2,375.00 to be paid out for calendars leaving an available balance of \$14,348.67. The tax return is complete. There is still a loss carryover so there is no tax due. There is a compliance review every two years. A motion was made by Josh Langseth to accept the pull tab report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Ryan Como and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Ace Coordinator: Ryan spoke to Paul Olson & Brad Foss about getting them on the ice to work on power skating. They are willing to do this. Ryan will continue to pursue this. This will promote proper stride & technique. Ryan would like to see the practice times set. He also discussed the Christmas break camp and wants to get the schedules out by Thanksgiving and potentially lower the costs for participants. These were complaints from the prior years. Attendances at the younger levels have been weak in the past. Joe spoke about WHA paying Paul & Brad for their time and charging \$5 per kid per day. Game 7 industries proposal was discussed. MN Hockey help was discussed. Ryan will follow up on all three options. The cost for Paul and Brad is unknown. Game 7 industries gave two proposals. Six hours of ice time over Six weeks at \$95 per participant with a minimum of 24 kids maximum of 30. Participants must be 2<sup>nd</sup> year squirt/u10 or older. The second option is available to up to 60 participants. It consists of two hours 15 minutes of ice time and two hours of off ice training. This would be \$2,400. It would be done in two groups of 30, one group consisting of mites/squirts, the other peewee/bantam.

Committee Reports: The Fundraising Committee would like to do a preseason family fun night September 25<sup>th</sup> at the arena from 4-7. John Lang is going to cook pulled pork sandwiches to sell for \$5 each. There will be activities for the kids & silent auctions. Hockey families and friends welcome. JBS is donating the meat. There will potentially be floor hockey, broomball & synthetic ice. The WHA booth at the fair was a success. It was nice to be indoors however it was hot. The section of bleachers to be taken out will need to be worked on soon.

Arena Manager Update: Eric Pederson reported. He would like to coordinate a work day this weekend to dismantle the bleachers that are to be removed. His list of workers has not been overwhelmingly successful. He started painting the lobby and hallways today. Eric thinks areas down the hallways should have players' handprints. The conditioner for the Olympia is not back yet but it is ready to be picked up. There will be fluid changes to be done for the Olympia. The overhead resurfacers room door was broken after the fair.

Parking Lot: The Fair Board brought in some crushed concrete. Another load may be brought in. The bottom of the driveway is a mess. Poncho White is working on getting free fill for the South lawn. Cliff Schreiner will follow up on the parking lot. Marshall's open house for their new arena is September 8th.

Practice Schedule: Ryan Como and Eric Pederson will work on a schedule. This will be ready by the registration night.

Old Business: Jason presented on the WRHCF grant to be written by Kris Hohensee. The dryland room is in much better shape. Scott said it has been sprayed down and cleaned up. Mold killing primer was applied on everything. The Roof is not leaking. There is a dehumidifier and fan in the room. The equipment room has dehumidifier. All run constantly. All problems should be fixed. Sheetrock repair is the last step. The musty smell is gone.

New Business: A new or amended Contract for Eric was discussed. He was paid \$30,000 last year. Total payroll was \$5,000 less last year than the year before. This is due to efficiencies and the use of volunteers. Cliff mentioned the potential for flex healthcare. Due to time constraints on the meeting space this was not resolved. Scott Langerud will put together a proposal and send it to the Board to review.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Josh Langseth to adjourn the meeting at 8:59, seconded Ryan Como and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jason M. Johnson  
Secretary