

S. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A. Lalim was absent. Guests included: Jim Lloyd, T. Lenox, T. Holien, J. Birnell, E. Foisel, T. Williamson, J. Foisel, S. Gasner, C. Krueger, A. Botha, J. Espland, P. Hamann, J. Pletan and L. Deutsch.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Espland spoke on behalf of the Girls hockey program to the Board regarding practice times. After much discussion and communication, the practice times will remain the same. All players/parents should communicate openly with coaches and schools that are affected by the new time slots. The Board did the best we could with the time and ice constraints we have.

J. Lloyd motioned to have the coaching committee consider hiring C. Kranz as an assistant coach for the girls program. K. Steen 2nd the motion. The Board went into a closed session from 7:42 pm to 7:50 pm for discussion. The motion passed 6-3. The coaching committee can interview the coach in question again so long as he provides the documents they ask for. The coaching committee will make the board aware of their recommendation and the Board will then take that into consideration.

Treasurer: CJ Hanson

- The report was not available due to a technical issue by K. Evans and will be emailed in the next few days. Please review and send any questions to CJ.

Secretary: M. Evans

- S. Riddle motioned to approve the September minutes that were emailed out, M. Anderson 2nd the motion; all in favor.

Past President: J. Rasmussen

- Life is still good! 😊

President: S. Sheehan

- At the SDAHA meeting in September, the State voted to move the youth programs to BIRTH YEARS for the 2017-18 season. All associations must comply with the USA Hockey birth years at that time.
- Please keep Steve informed of any parent or player meetings as he may attend.
- The scoreboard advertising spot (currently Prairie Lakes) is available for the season for \$1000. Please contact Steve, Jenni or Mike if you know of anyone who would like to advertise there.

Mites: A. Lalim

- Nothing to report

Girls Varsity: K. Steen

- Four players are on the U19 and U16 Team SD teams and have been doing well.
- Coach Lenox has started dryland training with the girls.

U12 Girls: J. Lloyd

- Has been in touch with a few other towns regarding a few pick up games when the schedule will allow for the U12 girls.

Boys Varsity: D. Barse

- The February tournament has been cancelled and a refund will be coming.
- The bus trip for the Varsity will be to Duluth in January.
- Mayville, ND team will be coming to Watertown on Nov 11 for a preseason game.
- The JV team will be playing the U14 Team SD team October 22 & 23 here in Watertown.

Bantams: K. Evans

- We have 1 new player from Castlewood this season.
- We will be playing in a Bantam Jamboree in November in Huron.

Pee Wees: S. Riddle

- One player has withdrawn so we are currently sitting at 22 players and will have an "A" team and a "C" team.

Squirts: M. Anderson

- Equipment check out for Initiation Hockey will be October 17th from 5:30 – 7:30 with a coaches meeting to follow.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The ref clinic in Watertown will be on October 22nd for levels 1 & 2. An email was sent to the Association yesterday. Contact S. Sheehan or S. Riddle for more information.
- CJ will be sending an invoice reminder for the people who donated money last year for jerseys that have a payment due.
- The concessions key will be rekeyed before next weekend. S. Sheehan will contact Steve Dailey to get this done. He will also need to check the latch on the north door.
- J. Rasmussen will help get the Admissions booth windows fixed so sound can get through, as this booth will be used again this season.
- J. Wirkus has started working on selling the program ads and will include the extra option for the State Tournament program.
- Starrography will do team Pictures for all league level teams and will be giving WHA a donation back for each one sold. Contact J. Wirkus if you would like her to assist in setting this up for your team. We need the team photos by 11/3 for the program. She will also discuss getting a banner made for the warming room as well.
- K. or M. Evans will talk to Steve Arbogast about doing the sign out front this season. There were a few problems last year with communication. If you need something on the sign, contact either Mike or Kristie – NOT Steve Arbogast.
- Directors – please let your parents know they need to come to you or one of the Executive Board members if they see a problem at the rink and we will get it taken care of. The city workers in the past have not been treated with proper respect and this needs to change.
- Senior banners – L. Fox and D. Barse will be in communication with this. There are a lot of them this year so they will have to be placed elsewhere this season.
- NO GRASS PARKING EVER. Signs will be posted and an email sent to the parents. Please have your coaches remind they kids who can drive and remind your parents.
- Laura Bohls and Kathy Busch have agreed to co-coordinate the concessions this season. THANK YOU!
- K. Evans motioned to allow up to \$1000 to be spent on video equipment for the Varsity teams including a TV and a Go Pro. CJ Hanson 2nd the motion; all approved.
- Mite and Squirt parents will work open Skate times. They will also be working the concession stand during Open Skates with a limited amount of items available. K. Evans and J. Wirkus will communicate with M. Anderson and A. Lalim on facilitating this.

- Clean up the Rink night will be 10/19 at 4 pm. Everyone will be expected to help out. M. Evans will email to the masses. Directors need to send a reminder on Friday or Saturday

CJ Hanson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm, D. Barse 2nd the motion; all in favor.

Next meeting will be November 8th at 7:00 pm at the Park & Rec Fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted by:



Mike Evans
WHA - Secretary