

WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, July 13th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: The Oaks

In Attendance

Carrie Olson, Ashley Thole, Ashley Ewert, John Christianson, Al Setrum, Cliff Nystrom, Joe Wisocki, Matt Monson, Travis Michelson, Melissa Munsterman, Mary LaRue, Melissa Sorenson

Treasurer's Report

- Ashley Thole will “train” from Mary for future treasurer responsibilities.
- Mary reported on dollars in and dollars out. Motion passed to pay WCC member fee.

On-Ice

- Team Genius (player evaluation software) - \$600/year. Motion by John to discontinue this process. Cliff second. Motion passed. Tryouts will be evaluated by outside source.
- Discussion about whether or not parent coaches should be paid to coach. This item will be tabled until next month.
- 2020 Teams –
 - Squirt A & B (about 13 kids each)
 - PeeWee A & B – Travis Anderson will coach A PeeWees. Motion passed.
 - Bantam A or B – Lengthy discussion about what WHA should do; this year and future years. Joe motioned to go with ‘A’ team. Melissa S. second. Motion passed.
 - 10U – Mitch Olson has expressed interest.
 - 12U – Justin Jorgenson has expressed interest.
 - “Fall Warm-Up” - due to COVID-19, the fall warm-up will look different and it was suggested that we not hire Mike

Lippert (he did it last year). Melissa S. motioned. Carrie second. Motion passed.

- D5 meetings start in August. Cliff and John will represent WHA at these meetings.

Off-Ice

- Willmar Hockey Boosters – they would like at least one of our board members to be at their annual meeting in January.
- Clothing order – Hansen Advertising has earned our business for this year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jerseys – We will look for donors to sponsor teams and purchase 50th anniversary jerseys for around \$1500/team.
- 50th logo – has been approved! We will have hats and pucks (and some clothing options) to celebrate this milestone.

Fundraising

- Kwik Trip Cards – we will do a Facebook blast and talk to parents about how much we could ask families to buy.
- Pull Tabs – we will look for a location to have WHA pull tabs; this would require paying someone to maintain them but could generate well over \$50,000
- Ice Melt Buckets – could be a great money maker; we will look into more details.

Tournaments

- River Lakes – A & B Squirt Tourney same weekend; Willmar has precedent so we will plan to proceed as planned.
- Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 14th. Teams will soon be able to select their away tournament(s).

Set 2020/21 Registration period

- Past years an extra \$100 added after deadline. Deadline will be August 31st; any registrations after that will add \$100.
- We will make an addendum to our registration form that explains that ice time/games lost due to COVID-19 will result in a pro-rated refund.

By-Laws Review

- AI will work on a WHA Handbook to go along with our bylaws. We will work to have a committee for this.

Brainstorm ideas to bring more kids to play hockey

- “First Year Free” – will make decision next meeting as to what levels should be involved in this opportunity.
- Looking into a “diversity initiative” to bring in more families. More to come.
- WHA register for hockey yard signs...come grab them. Monson will take a look and see how many there are.

Willmar Rec News...

- Learn to Skate and Mini-Mites – meeting on Wednesday about the role the city should be in

New Business – Open Forum

Adjourn

- Motion by Cliff. Second by Joe. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 10th 6:00pm Oaks.

*Minutes submitted by Travis Michelson.