

# WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Watertown Municipal Ice Arena, Watertown NY

Date: 03/15/2023

Time: 6:00 PM

## Board of Directors:

<p>Vega Nutting, Board President Michael Ledoux, Board Vice President <b>Board Members</b> *Samantha VanBrocklin, Ice Coordinator Chris Nethers, Learn to Play Liaison *Tim Esposito Tom Eiss *Adam Nyitray Thomas Brown (via zoom) *John Terry *Not in attendance</p>	<p><b>Additional Elected Positions</b> *Brian Nutting - WHA Treasurer Angela Keegan - Secretary Michelle Rist - WHA Registrar *Dan McAloon - Ace Coordinator *Amanda Gregory - Equipment Manager *Lori Felder – Tournament Coordinator *Not in attendance</p>
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## Agenda Items

### Meeting called to order 6:13 PM

**March Meeting Minutes Review:** Vega motioned to approve minutes from 2/15/2023 meeting, seconded by Tom Eiss, no one opposed, motion carries.

**Treasurer's Update:** Paid for Snowbelt and tournaments.

**Banquet:** Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> Squirts 11-2pm, Peewees 3-6pm. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Mites 11-2pm, 3-6pm 14U & 16U. Head coaches to let Vega know about plaques, same as previous years. Put out to Rusty for patches.

**Jerseys:** A lot of thinking about jerseys; need to put out the notice to parents about the jersey purchase now so they can prepare for it. Michelle Rist recommends doing the number assignments now before the end of the season. Michelle will go around to each of the players practice and sit down with the coach now to get that. Squirts and up.

- Who do we get jerseys from? Troy, MLS, Hockey Jerseys Direct.
- Current jerseys, hold in case there are any delays in ordering.
- Get a selection of numbers survey out now. 8 years old and up. If purchased a jersey already, they should be first dibs.

\*Going to design, personalize jersey, each family purchases, pick number and locked in for 3 years. Putting an announcement out to parents to know the plan, Michelle will work on a survey to get numbers from players now. Vega motions to approve, Chris seconds. All approve, motion passes.

**Ice Updates:** April 30<sup>th</sup> is when ice will be pulled out. 14-16U done at the end of March, 12U may go further. Chris: we are going to have to look elsewhere for more ice, we are going to have to pull out of the money coming in/in savings to pay for additional ice. Can we allocate some portion of money to get each team a full sheet of ice for only one team.

Mike: 16U and 18U Pre/post. We have not had this # of kids on the ice for this age level, more money coming in to cover additional ice.

Vega: would it be beneficial to talk to Clayton, Pulaski and Abay?

Tom E: the new facility meeting took place, not much more than what we already knew.

**Elections:**

3 people terming out: Potential to have 4 spots open with possible resignation of Adam N. Announce on FB and via email for anyone that wants to be on the board and then announce board members at Banquet.

**16U/18U:**

Have 29 responses from players, seems like predominant 16U but a number of 18U as well. Mike wants to propose in to start evaluations for 16U/18U in August. Have that sorted out very early. Have a 16U and 18U pre/post and then in gap space have the IHA academy or a version of that to play in the gap. Then we aren't eliminating kids. We are not ready to say we are sending either of those teams to the state tournament this year. A couple tournaments in the pre phase and then when we come back for post we are going to do a tournament or 2. Will be strong at this level going forward. Can work with the numbers to make 2 teams.

**Open Agenda:**

Michelle and Vega are going to USA hockey at lake placid the 26<sup>th</sup>. Association to pay for their rooms. If anyone on the board attends and event that we are responsible to be at then we should cover the cost. Approval process for that and submittal of the receipts, miles and meals covered, no alcohol covered.

***Vega Nutting motioned to adjourn, all in favor.***

***Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 PM.***