

Wadena Hockey Club Minutes
Monday, September 14th @ 6:30 pm
Wadena Ice Arena

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Joe Sworski, Amber McManigle, Tate McManigle, Chrissy Krell, Jenny Deyonge, BJ Fink, BJ Meyer, Derek Tucker, Jamie Hathaway, Matt Lunde, Corey Moyer, Amanda Schmidt, Kelly Zaic
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Chrissy Krell, 2nd Tate McManigle (Approved)
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Chrissy Krell (Approved)
4. Approval of Pee wee Board Rep (BJ Fink): All Approved
5. Public Forum:
 - a. BJ Fink and about 4 others will be at the outdoor rink on Sunday to fix the boards that need to be replaced.
 - b. Corey Moyer wanted to address deciding on the levels of play for the bantams. He has coached a few kids that were bantams last year and they loved the winning, but some also felt it was not as much of a challenge as they could have had. There are many ways to look at it. He looks at it from both the parental perspective and the coaching perspective. He knows it is hard to make those decisions.
 - i. It was stated that it is hard, but many also stated that we can not put ourselves as just an A team, or just a B team, or just a C team. We need to reevaluate the situation every year and plan accordingly.
6. Treasurers Report: Erik emailed it out. Will get it approved next month when he is here.
7. Reports
 - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
 - i. Met with Carrie to go over the process
 - ii. Subscriptions that need renewal
 1. Dibs-\$250/yr-Motion to approve Amber McManigle, 2nd Chrissy Krell (Approved)
 2. Scheduling Software-\$470/yr-Motion to Approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Amber McManigle (Approved)
 3. Software for Lobby-\$108.90/yr-Motion to Approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Chrissy Krell (Approved)
 4. Jamie and Nate will find some tournaments and let BJ know so he can get them scheduled.
 - b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
 - i. Some board members still need safesport done by the end of this month
 - ii. Numbers signed up so far
 1. Bantams-12
 2. Pee wee-2
 3. Squirts-18
 4. Mites-6
 5. Mighty Mites-7
 6. Hockey Tots-6
 7. New Players-5
 - iii. We will do a registration night for New Players
 1. Kelly will get a flyer to area schools
 2. It will be done at the Rink
 3. We will set up time slots to maintain Covid Protocols
 - c. Buidling (Eric Ness)
 - i. Need someone to get blades for Zamboni from Fargo
 - ii. Hose reel is here

- iii. New locker room benches are at the rink
- iv. Will be doing a glass/board cleaning on Monday, Sept 21st and Tues Sept 22nd from 4-7. Volunteers needed. Amber will get something on Facebook and send out email.
- d. Equipment (BJ Meyer)
 - i. Gear Up Grant-we received \$1200 in Gift cards to fill in the holes where needed with equipment
 - ii. Equipment Handout dates
 - 1. We will be signing up VIA Dibs this year
 - 2. Once Ice is in, we will start with Squirts and work our way down.
 - iii. Apparel Update
 - 1. Will have the online store up and running within the next week or so, will get info to Amber.
 - a. Limited options due to covid
 - b. Checked with Cowing Robards in Alex, they are also delayed and slow going but we will try to phase in with them as well.
- e. Concessions (Matt Lunde)
 - i. Holding off for a bit on the purchase of the new point of sale machine.
- f. Referee (Mac Nelson)
 - i. All training seminars are being done via ZOOM
- g. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
 - i. Coaching inquiries were limited-all returning coaches-no formal interviews
 - 1. Bantams-Head Coach- Cory Sarago, Assistant-Cory Pettit and potentially Chris Lund-Motion to approve-BJ Meyer, 2nd Tate McManigle (approved)
 - 2. October 4th is the final date to decide but the way it is looking we will not have enough for a peewee team. Talked with District head and the peewees can play down with squirts.
 - 3. Squirts-Head Coach-Jamie Hathaway, Assistants-Jeremy Zaic and Nikki Lohse-with 2 teams we will need at least one more coach. Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Amber McManigle (Approved)
 - 4. Mites-Head Coach-Derek Tucker, Assistant-Nate Witthun and Jamie Hathaway-when he can. Motion to Approve Amber McManigle, 2nd Chrissy Krell (approved)
 - 5. Mighty Mites-Head Coach- Tate McManigle, Assistant- Chrissy Krell-Motion to approve BJ Meyer, 2nd BJ Fink (Approved)
 - 6. Hockey Tots-Head Coach-Katie Tyrell, Assistant-Jamie Hathaway when he can. Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd BJ Fink (Approved)
 - 7. Goalie Coach-Allen Uselman Motion to approve BJ Fink, 2nd BJ Meyer (approved)
 - 8. Dryland-no applicant and we can not do it right now with Covid anyway.
 - 9. Jamie has been in contact with a young man, who is Katie Norris' brother, about wanting to help coach whenever possible.
 - a. He cannot commit to full time coaching, but he could maybe be a skating coach/coordinator. Jamie will be getting in touch soon
 - ii. Play Levels
 - 1. Bantams will be playing B's. To speak to Corey's earlier points, this was discussed at length. We will try to schedule harder B teams. Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd BJ Meyer (Approved)
 - 2. Squirts-we expect to have 2 teams. Will do a B1 and B2. There will be tryouts. Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd BJ Meyer (Approved)
 - iii. Campership Reimbursement-
 - 1. 13 applicants' -motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd BJ Meyer (Approved)
 - iv. Mite Tournament
 - 1. Asking if we should charge teams to play in our Mite Jamborees? Other teams charge including Little Falls. Motion to approve charging teams \$75 for our Jamboree-Tate McManigle, 2nd BJ Meyer (Approved)

2. We will have a refund policy if teams choose not to come due to covid or if we need to cancel due to covid. We may need to change it into a 2-day tournament to allow for the teams.
 - v. Fall League
 1. We could start Fall league as soon as October 8th. Want to do 2-3 days per week per level of fall league. Our Regular season starts the end of Oct for some of the levels.
 2. Could do High school and bantams together, Squirts and 2nd Year Mites, and 1st year Mites and Mighty Mites. Price will remain \$50. Motion to approve BJ Fink, 2nd Derek Tucker (Approved)
 3. Discussed allowing people outside of the association to join fall league, decided that for this year we will keep it just our members.
 4. If enough interest, we could have them rent the ice by the hour.
 - h. Mite Director (Nate Witthun)
 - i. Work on more coaches
 - i. Fundraising (Dani Sworski)
 - i. Per Joe, not much. Possibly working on another Hockey Mom's Night Out.
 - j. Marketing
 - i. Amelia Hutson is willing to take over as long as it is like a committee with a few other people. As of now, Tate and Possibly Amber, will help with it. The whole board may need to chip in if we hit a crunch time.
 - ii. Amanda will email any info she has to Tate and Amber.
 - iii. Discussed Banners. \$500/ Year. We pay for the first-year banner, can change the banner once every 3 years. If they want it changed more than that, it is at the company's expense.
 - iv. Will look into getting some new Sponsors. Tate says Drywall Supply is willing.
 - v. The banners must be referred to as Sponsorships*
 - vi. In DEC/JAN we should start talking about getting business logos in the ice as another sponsorship opportunity.
 - k. Blue Line Bids (BLB Committee)
 - i. Per Email from Nette
- The date is set with the VFW.
 - I have spoken with Cody a few times in passing about what the event may look like if they can still only be at 50% capacity.
 - The plan is to continue planning the event as if the VFW is at normal capacity. A back-up plan is in the works if restrictions have not been lifted. It will be an easy transition with minimal to no disruptions.
 - A meeting will be held in October (day/time TBD) and the letter will be finalized and ready to be sent out to businesses in November.
 - Many of the items from last year will be repeated this year so a lot of the work is going to be focusing on donations.
- ii. Our date of February 6th needs to be changed because that is the same weekend as the Squirts Districts that we are hosting.
 - iii. Nette got the date changed to January 30th, 2021
 - l. Beans and Bags (BB Committee)-nothing currently
 - m. Public Relations/Communications/Newsletter (Amber McManigle)
 - i. Please get me any info you want in the October Newsletter by Sept 25th.
 - n. Gambling (Joe Sworski/Mark Lunde)
 - i. Nate talked to Cory Pettit again and he is still willing to get things up and running.
 - ii. Joe talked to Mark and he will get ahold of Cory.
8. Old Business
 - a. Covid Committee
 - i. Discussed that we will be following WDC school guidelines, MN Department of Health, and the Decision Tree they put out.
 - ii. Everyone does their part IF SICK STAY HOME.
 - iii. We have an updated WHC Preparedness plan

- iv. We need to get things installed before the season starts so Motion to approve \$2500 for the Covid committee-BJ Meyer, 2nd Tate McManigle (Approved)
 - v. Once we get a detailed list, we will get it BJ Meyer and he can submit for a Grant from TCHC to maybe reimburse what we need to spend.
 - b. Need to get the TV for the 8U information board mounted to the wall.
 - 9. New Business
 - a. Live Barn
 - i. Few years back, we were just about ready to have everything installed for it. However, the internet we have was not sufficient to run the live barn.
 - ii. One choice would be to get a few dedicated individuals to do Facebook lives for every game. Problem being people to do it.
 - iii. Joe talked with Dana Cantleberry at the school, and they are trying to get somethings worked together to have a subscription for all high school events. Its something we could maybe help with and then we could have it for all our games too. Hopefully know more info soon.
 - b. Day Change
 - i. Not in by-laws just handbook, but if the meeting days and times are interfering with coaches could we change it to Sundays?
 - ii. Determined that for now we leave it as Mondays at 6:30 and if it needs to be changed, we can just let all the board members know.
- 10. Adjourn: Motion to approve BJ Fink, 2nd Tate McManigle (Approved)