

Watertown Hockey Association

8/15/24 - 6 PM

AGENDA

Board Of Directors	Executive Committee
Vega Nutting Michael Ledoux Chris Nethers, Learn to Play Liaison Tony Felder Jordan Reber Shane Caswell	Vega Nutting, Board President Michael Ledoux, Board Vice President Brian Nutting - WHA Treasurer Amanda Caswell- Secretary Michelle Rist - WHA Registrar Jonathan Rose - Ace Coordinator

- Establish Quorum Present- Majority of Directors
Tony (Left meeting at 7:22pm), Chris, Shane, Vega, Mike, Jordan
- Call Meeting to Order (**Vega**)
 - 6:08pm
- Approve Meeting Agenda and July 2024 Meeting Minutes (**Vega**)
 - Vega: Motion to approve agenda and July meeting minutes
 - Shane: 2nd Motion to approve agenda and July meeting minutes
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0
- Officer Reports
 - Registrar (**Michelle**)
 - Concerns raised about how late registration is and if we can get jerseys ordered in time. Michelle is fielding inquiries about who coaches are for each level.
 - 16U roster is needed from coach. 18U registration will be sent out. 6U needs to be opened and will be a \$315 registration fee. 10U/12U/14U are open and registration is currently low.
 - Valkyrie registration needs to be put on main WHA page
 - Secretary (**Amanda**)
 - Need a directory of board and executive committee members.
 - Please go to this link immediately and input your contact information:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hde_TaZet-QrD1WfG4TkyRy2sA7V6utnlkmJ3FB3w8/edit?usp=sharing
- Directors and Coordinator Reports
None
- Committee Reports
 - Finance/Budget Committee (**Vega**)
Budget needs to be set. Vega will be meeting to set budget. Concerns were raised because there has been no information about budget in the last 3 meetings. Vega

assures finances are strong and will be providing information for the next meeting.

- Old Business

- Power Play Sports 6/8U Program

- it is estimated that about 60 players for the age level. Cost of registration \$315. We have lost 8U director and need one. Power Play Sports could assist with filling void.
 - Discussion was tabled. The board will meet in next couple of weeks to vote.

- Ice Contract (**Vega**)

- Will be sent out to the board. Vega is working with Mercedes Nethers on setting schedule and wants to have set by September 7th

- Open Positions Board and Committees (**Vega**)

- Taylor Imhoff resigned position.

- Bylaws say Board can vote on members to fill positions. Discussion around best path forward to benefit the organization. Suggestion and discussion to post an announcement for 7 days and call for letters of interest for 2 temporary positions that will be filled through the next election in 2024.

- Amanda: Motion to advertise for 2 board positions to be filled until the next election

- Jordan: 2nd motion to advertise for 2 board positions to be filled until the next election

- Ayes: 5

- Nays: 0

- Abstentions: 0

- Golf Tournament Updates (**Vega**)

- Will be held September 7th. Food is being planned. There is a need for more raffle baskets, volunteers and hole sponsors.

- Safety coordinator position description (**Shane**)

- Tabled

- Red Level 8U team separate from 6U and 8U during practice

- No discussion

- Status of 16U & 18U refunds from last year (**Tony**)

- No Discussion

- 8-14U Coaching and Registration (**Vega**)

- Current Coaches:

- 6/8-

- 10- Ask Matt Call to consider

- 12- Griff Beirdron

- 14-Randy Comenole

- 16-John Rose

- 18U-

- Need to recruit for open coaching roles.

- Ice Schedule (**Vega**)

- Vega is working with Mercedes Nethers to finalize by September 7th.

- Bylaws Review (**Shane**)
 - Tabled
- Girls' Program (**Amanda**)
 - Amanda attended the Thousand Islands Hockey Association meeting and presented the program and requested 2 ice times be donated for the program during the year. She felt it was a positive meeting and TI will be getting back to her about ice time. There were concerns raised about Watertown colors rather than neutral colors. Registration needs to be put on WHA Main page.
- New Business
 - 18U Collaboration with TI for Tournament Bound Team (**Tony**)
 - Concerns expressed about having just a Watertown or just a TI Team. Suggestion to create a Unity team rather than a TI/Watertown team. Concerns raised about jersey being a combined and who would purchase. Potentially could they wear TI jersey half of the year and Watertown half of the year. Tony presented to TI Board on Tuesday and it was well received. The TI Board wanted a few days to discuss and then make a decision.
 - If the tournament team doesn't happen could it be a Snowbelt team because there would be time to make the decision. Both boards would have to approve the coaches, assistance and ace coordinators. Need a minimum number of 13 players for the team to go. Want to make sure this is a positive experience for kids and associations.
 - Waiting for TI to respond and board can have a zoom meeting to discuss and approve.
 - Storage and dissemination of meeting notes (**Amanda**)
 - A Google drive is needed. Shane volunteered to set up.
 - Posting of meeting agenda for association (**Amanda**)
 - Tabled until next meeting
- Other Business:
 - None.
- Action Items:
 - Registration needs to be sent out
 - Mike will send language about 2 board positions; will send to Amanda and Vega for proof read.
 - Post and send out information on 2 open board positions
 - Search for coaches. Post in WHA and Northern NY hockey Facebook pages.
 - Shane will start to develop a Google Drive for WHA information.
 - Call for volunteers, hole sponsors and raffle baskets for golf tournament
 - Mercedes Nethers will have ice schedule completed by September 7th
 - Michelle will make all registrations live.
 - Vega will email association and post on social media that registration is open.
 - Vega will send correspondence about open committee positions
 - From July Meeting:
 - Chris will draft policy and procedures for ice time
 - Budget committee will meet to create and then provide the budget
 - Vega will send an email and Facebook post with all open board and committee positions asking for volunteers.
 - Shane will review how to initiate bylaws change

- Meeting Adjournment
 - Jordan: Motion to adjourn
 - Shane: 2nd motion to adjourn
 - Ayes: 5
 - Nays: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Amanda Caswell, Secretary