

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Annual Meeting April 21, 2021, 7 pm Hometown Days Festival Pavilion



Association members in attendance: Jason Mattila, Justin Temple, Lesley Steffin, Sara DeTienne, Brian Lindow, Craig Fey, PJ Gregoire, Kari Brotzman, Christina Gehrke, Kristen Manning, Mark Markham, Matt Murray, Mike Bakalars, Travis Richert, Mike O'Brien, Wayne Pfahler, Mindy O'Brien, Erin Ludmer

- 1) **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Motion to approve 2020 Annual Meeting minutes by Justin Temple, second by Mark Markhan, motion passed.
- 2) **Ice Inc. Report** – Revenues this year down due to COVID restrictions. We have been able to open up opportunities for private ice rental and expect that going forward, the rink will see revenues pick up since restrictions are easing. Ice Inc. continues to explore options for more ice, either by upgrading the outdoor rink or possibly building a second indoor sheet of ice. We will be hiring a consultant to explore options,
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Collections to date ~\$255k, expenses ~\$185k, accounts in arrears ~\$8.5k. Puck Pass accounts refunded for the year due to no concessions. This year we were able to pay for state tournaments out of the budget and did not charge the four teams that qualified for their state tournament an additional tournament fee.
- 4) **President's Report** – Thank you to everyone for all of your efforts this year. COVID restrictions required a lot of extra effort from the Board, coaches, managers and parents. We were able to have a full season, and we were able to do it safely. Looking forward, we will continue to stay on top of WAHA and PHMDC rules so that we can continue to play wherever and however we are able.
- 5) **Committee Reports and updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** – PNO and tournaments being canceled hindered fundraising efforts. However, we were able to hold our annual sale (pizza this year) which raised \$5332. We will hold a silent auction at some point to sell prizes intended for PNO and tournaments.
 - b. **Ice Scheduler** – Would like to thank everyone especially the team managers this year for all of their help in getting games and ice at other rinks in this season of COVID. Hopefully everything will be back to normal for the 2021-22 season. In 2021-22 at this time, the VAHS team only has one home game during the week, which will make practice scheduling a lot easier. Would like to implement the practice time schedule that we had in February (5:20-6:10, 6:20-7:10, 7:15-8:05, 8:10-9; 9:10-10). Would be two teams on the ice for SQ,

PW, Bantam and Mavericks practices. This would allow enough practice ice so that we can have all the RWB practices during the week. We would also gain more game ice slots on the weekend. Hope is to split Mavericks practices between Verona and Sun Prairie this season freeing up the possibility of full ice practices. Finally, a reminder that if anyone has a son or daughter age 12 and up that would like to start officiating, please go to the Dane County Hockey Officials website to sign up. They are short on officials and need the help.

- c. **Website** - COVID protocols and policies were on the web page this season and seemed to be a good resource for parents. We will continue to update it as conditions change. Looking at registration for next year and making improvements to paperwork, sign up, etc. Should consider early bird registration dates if COVID persists.
- d. **Communications** - Good communication throughout season letting people know about changing policies, etc. Thank you to everyone for their help getting out the necessary information. We will be looking to returning to a possible discount night next season if we can.
- e. **Concessions** – No report. Concessions closed for the season.
- f. **DIBS** – No report. DIBs not applicable due to COVID restraints.
- g. **Registrar’s Report** – 276 registered skaters for the season.
- h. **Tournament Coordinators** – No report. Tournaments not held due to COVID restraints.
- i. **Update from ALD’s**
 - LTP** – LTP went well this past season. We had 36 participants sign up with many more hoping to join, however, with COVID restrictions, we were unable to allow late registrations. One participant did move up to U6 during the season, but the others remained. We saw great growth throughout the season and consistently saw about 30 participants each week. Just about all skaters were off the crates by the end and we were able to treat the last few weeks in a more organized practice manner as compared to the predominantly open skating sessions we started the season with.
 - U6** - Overall, we had a successful season. Numbers are lower than previous years, but all who attended seemed to have fun and I expect a good return next year.
 - RWB** - RWB teams had a good season, regardless of the restriction in Dane County. We were able to hold games in other rinks. Looking forward to a return to normal.
 - Squirt** - We were able to have a successful season. Two teams made the State Tournament. Not too many issues related to COVID, teams adapted to protocols and kids all played a full season. Thank you the team managers for all of the extra effort in finding ice and keeping everyone up to date on rink protocols.

Peewee - Overall the season went well despite the COVID challenges. I appreciate that families were patient/understanding and were able to roll with the ever changing protocols. A huge THANK YOU to the team managers and ice schedulers for keeping the families informed of rink protocols and working hard to find ice. Now that things seem to have settled down a bit, I'm looking forward to spring/summer hockey opportunities and can't wait to watch the kids play next fall...at home!

Bantam – The Bantams had a great year. Thanks to the team for all of their efforts making it a successful season. Looking forward to next season!

U14 Girls – Congratulations to the B team for making State. Season went well with a few hiccups that everyone faced. Good season. I expect to have 3 teams next year.

6) New Business

Elections-

- a.) Vice President - Justin Temple nominated by Kari Brotzman, second by Mike Bakalars. Justin Temple elected as Vice President for 2021-22, 2022-23 seasons.
- b.) Treasurer - Travis Richert nominated by PJ Gregoire, second by Mark Markham. Travis Richert elected as Treasurer for 2021-22, 2022-23 seasons.
- c.) Secretary - Erin Ludmer nominated by Lesley Steffin, second by Kari Brotzman. Erin Ludmer elected as Secretary for 2021-22, 2022-23 seasons.
- d.) LTP ALD - Danielle Pellitteri nominated by Kari Brotzman, second by Erin Ludmer. Danielle Pellitteri elected as LTP ALD for 2021-22 season.
- e.) U6 ALD - Wayne Pfahler nominated by Travis Richert, second by Mark Markham. Wayne Pfahler elected as U6 ALD for 2021-22 season.
- f.) RWB ALD - Brittany Grant nominated by Wayne Pfahler, second by Erin Ludmer. Brittany Grant elected as RWB ALD for 2021-22 season.
- g.) Squirt ALD - Todd Carlson nominated by Erin Ludmer, second by Mike Bakalars. Todd Carlson elected RWB ALD for 2021-22 season.
- h.) PeeWee ALD - Eric Grudzinski nominated by Craig Fey, second by Justin Temple. Eric Grudzinski elected PeeWee ALD for 2021-22 season.
- i.) Bantam ALD - Craig Fey nominated by Brian Lindow, second by Kari Brotzman. Craig Fey elected Bantam ALD for 2021-22 season.
- j.) U14 Girls ALD - PJ Gregoire nominated by Brian Lindow, second by Justin Temple. PJ Gregoire elected U14 Girls ALD for 2021-22 season.
- k.) Midget ALD - No nominations. Position vacant.

7) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Erin Ludmer, second by Kari Brotzman. Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.