

WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Watertown Municipal Ice Arena, Watertown NY

Date: 02/15/2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Vega Nutting, Board President Michael Ledoux, Board Vice President (via zoom) Board Members Samantha VanBrocklin, Ice Coordinator Chris Nethers, Learn to Play Liaison Tim Esposito (not in attendance) Tom Eiss Adam Nyitray Thomas Brown John Terry	Additional Elected Positions 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
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Agenda Items

Meeting called to order 6:12 PM

February Meeting Minutes Review: Samantha VanBrocklin motioned to approve minutes from 1/18/2023 meeting, seconded by Tom Brown, no one opposed, motion carries.

Treasurer's Update: Bills Paid:

- \$6,095 - City Ice
 - \$2,100 - Referees
 - \$8,082.50 - Tournament Registrations
- \$93,750.26 in registrations, \$1,135 in refunds.
\$19,843.01 in fundraising**

There is more money to deposit from Mite Jam. 3 remaining payments for ice to the city, need to pay refs for Feb and March, more tournament registrations and state tournament to pay for, and the banquet.

Vega Nutting motioned to approve the treasurers report, Tom Brown seconded, no one opposed, motion passes.

16U Pre/Post: Multiple injuries on the team and 2 players not returning. Looking to approve a couple players to substitute for 2 players not returning and to sub for current injuries. 2 players to be added made the pre/post team in the fall but had previous engagements that did not allow for them to play. Players approved with a \$150 fee for post season since it is approximate 1/3 of the season.

Jerseys: Tom E. Why do we not have people buy their jerseys instead of going through all the work to get it. Maybe build it into registration. Michelle to reach out to Karen Dalin and talk to Sam VB. Tabled for discussion, do we have a jersey committee? Next month plan will be brought in.

Failed Payments: Parents on the payment plan whose payments don't go through. Coach would reach out in past. Possibly a blanket email from WHA stating that their payment didn't go through. 6 that didn't go through, she didn't run it again. If someone is behind on payments how to handle

after the blanket email? Email will say pay in full by March 1st and if not paid in full, they are ineligible for WHA activities past that date.

16U/18U update: 1 pre/post in both divisions, maybe a high and a low. May be able to fill two 16 person rosters. What happens in the gap? If we refine the IHA program, focus on WHA players that would be playing hockey for IHC, would be an 18U pre-post gap team. Pre/post 16U and pre/post 18U. There are a number leaving to do HS. Fill the 16U/18U who don't make the HS team with IHA in the gap. Whether to play TB or not? Play in several tournaments instead of being TB. Table the discussion for later. Chris N. After evaluations are done, what is the skill level after evaluations, can they compete as TB? If so, should we do that? Could we make an announcement that we'll be doing evaluations the last week in July or beginning of August for 16U/18? Vega saying can we announce in April at the banquet.

Coaches: Coaching committee, need to look at and send out forms to head coaches now. Role description changes for head coaches, or directors. Once head coach is named for the level, they will get things off the ground. Once teams are decided, and coaching staff is selected for the team, the head coach is the head coach of just that team. Other team coach and same level doesn't get dragged into anything with another team at their level that they know nothing about.

- Vega to reach out to coaching committee to set up a meeting to discuss what they want this to look at and say we have to get going with it before next week so we can have it release by March 1st. Will have to be looked at by By Law committee to see if it is something needing changing in the by-laws. Pick Managers early on, to help with team.
- Michelle to add to registration the option to of volunteering for coach, manager, etc. Soliciting players, entice Midget program, need to get coaching out for at least that level for interested players in that level.
- Vega to reach out to ABay and Clayton and board to have that conversation with ice for the fall and if they'd come for a board meeting.

Power Play Sports (PPS): Selling their board space on the ice, cherry pick which businesses to advertise. Would it make sense to have WHA on the boards? Is there any value in having WHA on the boards too before he sells the advertising on boards. \$750/board section per year. Tom E. is there a marketing budget? May be of value since everyone starts there at learn to skate. Not interested in doing other associations. Chris will go to Anthony and Paul to discuss cost for WHA.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 PM for executive session.

Executive Session Adjourned at 8:15 PM.