

2023 Annual Meeting Minutes (Virtual)

Attendees:

Heather Little, Jeremy Freyer, Molly Freyer, Jessica LaPerle, Leanne Tapley, Cara Edmunds, Dean Edmunds, Mary Alberty, Lisa Marks, Nate Rand, Matt Piper, Greg Hartford, Dave Matz, Lauren Thompson, Andy Palazzo, Michelle Palazzo, Ryan Soos, Brittany Soos, Brian Kelley, Kevin Hughes, Ashley Pedoty (20 in attendance)

Mission: Woodstock Youth Hockey strives to promote the game of hockey and provide a welcoming environment to come together as a hockey community.

Vision: To create the best local hockey organization

Values: Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Fun, Community, Continuous Development, Welcoming to all Skaters

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decisions
7:00	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *16 families need to be represented for a quorum • 22/23 Season Accomplishments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 members in attendance. • Review of season accomplishments: Jerseys, inclusion events, swag, very little wasted ice time, collaboration with Storm, Varsity players leading LTP program, solidification of Varsity funding
7:05	<p>Proposed By-Law Changes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update Purpose/mission/vision 2. Change officer terms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 2 Section 1: Jeremy motioned to vote, Heather seconded. 17 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstained. • Article 6, Section 2: Jeremy motioned to vote, Kevin seconded. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
7:20	<p>Board Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are up to three open board positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Call for new board member nominations ◦ Electronic voting • Welcome to new members, Thanks to retiring members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>2 openings with 3 years remaining:</u> Dave Matz was nominated and nomination was seconded. Lauren Thompson was nominated and nomination was seconded. Brittany Soos was nominated. Brittany declined the nomination. Mary Alberty was nominated and the nomination was seconded. Mary declined the nomination. Lisa Marks was nominated. Lisa declined the nomination. Jeremy was nominated and the nomination was seconded. Each representative said a few words about wanting to join the Board. Voting took place via Pollev.com. Dave graciously stepped down from his nomination in favor of being nominated for a 1-year position so that Lauren can help with Treasurer responsibilities. Jeremy and Lauren were voted onto the Board for these 2 open positions.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>3 openings with 1 year remaining:</u> Dave Matz, Mary Alberty, Lisa Marks, Andy Palazzo, Greg Hartford, and Jessica Laperle were each nominated and each nomination was seconded. Mary Alberty and Lisa Marks declined the nominations. All others accepted their nominations. Each representative said a few words about wanting to join the Board. Voting took place via Pollev.com. Dave was voted onto the Board. <p>Andy Palazzo, Greg Hartford, and Jessica Laperle were each nominated and each nomination was seconded. Jessica was voted onto the Board.</p> <p>Andy Palazzo, Greg Hartford, and Matt Piper were each nominated and each nomination was seconded. Andy was voted onto the Board.</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting: Until the By-Laws are voted to be changed during the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Board may approve a clarifying interim policy for the 2023/2024 season that the By-Law related to <i>only 3 coaches allowed on the Board</i> applies only to Head coaches.</p>
7:35	<p>Call to open the 23/24 Season <i>Volunteers help make this organization be the best that it can be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrar • Coaching Director • Safesport Coordinator • <i>Tournament Director</i> • Scheduler • Equipment Manager • <i>Ref-in-chief</i> • <i>State Rep</i> • Webmaster • <i>Fundraising Chair</i> • Media Coordinator • Volunteer Coordinator • Girls Coordinator 	<p>Nominations for each position below were made and seconded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registrar: AJ Tapley with help from Chris Marks • Coaching Director: Greg White • Safesport Coordinator: Lisa & Chris Marks • Tournament Director: Kim Gaines • Scheduler: Brittany Soos as head scheduler; Mary Alberty for 12U; Lisa Marks to help with 14U Swarm. TBD for 8U and 10U • Equipment Manager: Ryan Soos with help from Jeremy • Ref-in-Chief: Andy Palazzo • Sate Rep: Kevin Hughes • Webmaster: Tracy Hartford / Brittany Soos • Fundraising Chair: Jess Laperle and Leane Tapley • Media Coordinator: Ashley Pedoty

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Coordinator: Jess Laperle and Leaane Tapley • Girls Coordinator: Andy & Michelle Palazzo and Heather Little <p>17 votes in favor of panel shown above.</p>
7:50	<p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from end of season survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Additional feedback from membership • 14U updates • Girls devo Planning • 2023-2024 registration deadline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess summarized end of season survey feedback. • 14U update: Currently enough for a 13 player team and a 12 player team; Green/Blue jerseys being designed. A second round of placements will happen in early Fall, then likely to announce rosters. • John Cioffi (VSAHA) is willing to discuss residency requirement for non-tournament bound (T3 and T4) teams. • Girls devo – give girls the opportunity to skate together often, promote fun and togetherness, need to develop camaraderie. (Greg and Andy to help out with coaching.) Previously approved 1-night per week girls devo practice. • Previously approved ‘23/’24 season fees to increase by \$100 on 7/1/23. Jess to confirm season registration close date.
8:15	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.