



Woodbury Area Hockey Club
Monthly Meeting of Board of Directors
September 16, 2019
HealthEast Sports Center - 2nd Floor Conference Room

Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 8:04 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ryan Warner, Matt Shillings, Scott Szybatka, Brandy Kane, Tom Och, Ron Tarlton, Dan Kraft, Bill Kulesa, Tim O'Connor.

Board Members Absent: Dan Weinmeyer

Other Attendees: Dan Hammersley-Equipment Coordinator, Dave Roth-WAHC Member/Coach, Lonie Nelson-Administrator

Open Forum

Dave Roth presented an idea for an extra skills session – once a week – for older kids that are picking up hockey a little later. It would be a NO-COST program and ideally held at HSC on weekend afternoon each week. As an alternative, this session could utilize a shared ice format with a team with dedicated ice scheduled.

Per D. Roth email: My proposal for the board is Power Skating sessions for newer skaters

Have a parent/coach volunteer work on power skating. (Brandy Knows one that will) Have this person once a week run a practice. Make it on a team that has solo ice time, so others can attend that fit the criteria. Also alternate teams weekly to use their solo ice. This practice will consist of power skating etc.

Kids able to come (open to criteria) heres a suggested peramiters. No mites and no 6u. For skaters that have played hockey for 3years or less May attend and are encouraged. Get it out to coaches at the squirt c, pewee c, 10u b, and 12u b, levels.

I would choose weekly a 10U B team, a Squirt C team, 12UB team Potentially, and a C Pewee team. Make this at NO ADDITIONAL cost to the players/parents. We already have the ice time, we already have the coach to run it, and have the teams that need this extra power skating class.

The intention of this is to retain the kids that may have a bit of a late start in hockey. I like to think of it as NO KID LEFT BEHIND. Also a tool in supporting the coaches that have the newer skaters as it is difficult to have a couple kids on the ice that are slower, and that tends to hold back the rest of the group. This will assist with the newer skaters to advance more rapidly. Everybody wins

Discussion followed around ice resources, cost/fee, eligibility. This is similar to the *Early Morning Breakfast Club* program Matt Shillings proposed for kids looking for additional skills training in season – with exception that participants would pay a fee and it was designed to use ice that has typically been under-utilized – before school.

Considerations:

- The place to get the ice this late in the season roll-out is **early morning/before school** - dedicated ice once a week
- We don't want to deflect our scheduled team practices - solo or otherwise
- WAHC has a PLAYER DEVELOPMENT program in place.
- We have incorporated and designed our player development sessions for every season and for every player and every team. We designed our preseason development (for every player) and our in season development for every team each season using our hockey directors and skills specialists.
note: We can continue to provide a point of emphasis to our skills specialists for their in season work with these newer skaters (if that isn't already communicated)
- We have also emphasized and implemented more coach training/development which should transfer to our player development.
- We understand the position of our older skaters/late-comers to hockey and the need for extra skating/practice 'to catch-up'.
- We appreciate the opportunity we have to *fill the gap* here and to provide convenience for our families by having a program at our home rink(s).
- We also see the benefit in providing ice for skaters who are looking to supplement their in-season team training with private / small group lessons (i.e. Matt's proposed *Breakfast Club*)

Next step: To identify the ice options for such a program – it is believed that early morning – before school is the best/only option.

Approval of Board Minutes

The Minutes of the August 2019 Board of Directors meeting are in draft by Dan Weinmeyer. Dan to circulate via email for approval.

Charitable Gambling Report

Gambling Report Review for the Period Ending August 31, 2019

- Net income for the month is 17,404.09 Actual Allowable expenses including Lawful Purpose expenditures total \$17,305 and included \$1,477 for workers comp insurance. Actual expenses are under approved expenses by @ \$8,000 and reflects combined receipts tax budgeted at high end. Motion to approve Actual Expenses for August was made by Scott Szybatka, second by Ryan Warner. Motion carried.
- Estimated Allowable expenses for the month of September total \$23,744 and are consistent with August estimates. Motion to approve Estimated Allowable Expenses was made by Ron Tarlton, second by Matt Shillings. Motion carried.
- Cash balance is \$34,905.58

Financial Review

Cash Balance as of 8/31/2019 is \$365,341.

Revenue in August includes \$55,000 from our first season fee deposits paid with registrations for our SQ/10U, PW/12U and BN players. Expenses include the annual \$25,000 capital asset payment made to Ramsey County for Harding.

Hockey Director Model

This is the 2nd year of our 2 year contract with our Co-Hockey Directors. Discussion followed regarding what’s working and where we have opportunities for improvement.

Level Directors Announced

- BANTAM: Marshall Tschida
- PEEWEE: Bill Rogina
- SQUIRT: Kris Zuber

All are returning from the 2018-19 Season. Discussion followed on how to better utilized the Level Directors to support our coaches in – season and to provide more leadership. Expectation is for Level Directors to attend/report to the Hockey Group routinely throughout the season.

WAHC ICE SCHEDULER UPDATE

WAHC Ice Scheduler, Aaron Etshokin gave notice that this will be his final season as Ice Scheduler. This timing allows us to find a replacement and allow for training. These are BIG SHOES to fill! Thank you Aaron for your dedication and commitment to our Club. The relationships you have built with our rink partners have been invaluable to our longer term ice strategy and solution.

Board discussed the Ice Scheduler Job Requirements & Responsibilities submitted by Aaron and how best to recruit for a replacement.

PLAYER PROJECTIONS / BUDGET TO ACTUAL REVIEWED

YOUTH

MINIMITE 83 / 79 budget
MITE 90 / 119 budget
SQUIRTS 122
PEEWEEES 114
BANTAMS 116

GIRLS

6U 17 / 20
8U 29/ 45
10U 57
12U 50
15U 22

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.