

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021 @ 2nd St Station

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Sheehan, E. Skott, T. Bramer, K. Hendricks, F. Espland, T. Holien, T. Randall, M. Randall, T. Barton, M. Anderson, J. Knopf, J. Kasuske, and L. Stricherz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Deutsch, S. Schlapkohl, E. Witt, R. Holien, L. Jurgens

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm.

Motion to approve agenda made by T. Holien, 2nd by M. Anderson. All in favor.

Motion to approve December minutes made by T. Bramer, 2nd by S. Sheehan. All in favor.

Motion to approve December's financials made by K. Hendricks, 2nd by J. Kasuske. All in favor.

Reid Holien made a presentation to the board explaining the status on building a new ice arena. Outlines what he needs from the association to encourage the city council to move forward. Reports the association need to make a monetary promise and get a positive discussion going in the community. City Council meeting Monday at 5:30 and attendance is encouraged. Encouraged running names of possible donors by T. Holien before approaching so duplicate requests are not made.

S. Sheehan addressed the skate sharpening status and that current sharpeners are overwhelmed. Need a few more parents involved to ease the commitment time for the sharpeners. Directors will reach out to parents.

T. Bramer discussed the need for a refund policy for future families that request refund.

S. Schlapkohl discussed Stick it to Cancer event. Each division will put together a basket for the event to be part of a raffle. Sticks are being signed by both girls and boys varsity to be auctioned off. Logo for the even was finalized. Girls will each have a personalized jersey and they will keep them when the event is done. There will be special Stick it to Cancer jerseys to be auctioned off.

S. Schlapkohl discussed latest City Ice Meeting. We gave the figure skaters some extra ice time to use. The new practice schedule is out and will be distributed. Mens league players that come in the back door must sign in.

S. Schlapkohl discussed the plan to update Dibs manuals. Board members to look through current manuals and make updates or corrections.

Brought to associations attention that we need to do better about being off the ice on time and remaining off the ice until the Zamboni door is shut. Main clock will be updated.

L. Deutsch discussed locker room assignments and working with figure skaters for locker room availability.

L. Deutsch gave update on SDAHA raffle tickets and association sold all of them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dibs update given by M. Anderson. Spread sheet given to all directors to look over and assure players that are exempt are crossed off. Discussed making a policy for if DIBS workers are late. As if now, looks like we are good on DIBS points available vs DIBS needed.

Need more skates for open skate in sizes 6-10. Watch for clearance or good prices. Tabled to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concussion screening-The last few players have been notified to complete their concussion screening ASAP.

DIBS policy needs to be made regarding being late for DIBS. It is volunteer's responsibility to find a replacement if they cannot make it. Need to inform M. Anderson of all DIBS offered to people.

Decision is made to have one big end of the year banquet geared toward the parents where the elections will be held for the following year. Considering having the varsity boys serve dinner and doing Dine with the Lakers the same night. Each individual level will have their own end of year banquet on different nights and times.

Board meeting minutes need to be consistently uploaded to the website.

E. Skott proposed a RFA which is a WHA commitment letter meant to be given to the City Council and signed by all the board members. Motion to approve this RFA is made by M. Anderson, 2nd by T. Randall. All in favor.

Discussed the possibility of hiring a professional fundraiser if things move forward with the building of the ice arena.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Mites – had their first Jamboree last weekend and it went well. Consider the mites wearing their jerseys to school on game day and giving free popcorn tickets to friends to encourage more kids to come to Laker games and hopefully increasing our numbers.

Squirts – Had their Big Brother/Little Brother or Sister get together last weekend

Pee Wees – Nothing to report

U14 Girls – Parents night will be 1/16/21 and Stick it to Cancer event is 1/30/21

Bantams – Nothing to report. Discussed importance of games starting on time so other games don't get pushed back too far.

Girls JV/V – Parents night is 1/16/21. Big sister/little sister get together is 1/19/21. Stick it to Cancer is 1/30/21.

Boys JV/V – Parents night is 1/16/21 with pictures. Stick it to Cancer is 1/30/21. New player who just moved to South Dakota to start 1/13/21.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Next meeting will be February 9th @ 7:30 at 2nd Street station.

Kasie Hendricks

WHA Secretary