

West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: **Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

West Fargo Hockey Association Office 1122 Prairie Parkway Suite #103 West Fargo, ND 58078

Board Members:

Present:

Josh Benson, Scott Haider, Dr. Jordan Lill, Alex Christiansen, James Cailao, Ryan Thayer, Eric Nelson

Absent:

Brett Anderson (President), Adam Guy (Treasurer)

Others Present:

Executive Director: Jeremy Jorgenson

Hockey Director: Mike Parnell

Director of Gaming: Jason Campbell

Members Present:

None.

PROCEEDINGS:

- **Meeting called to order** at 6:00 p.m. by Executive Vice President, Josh **Benson**.

Minutes Approval: May 2023

Benson

Haider made a motion to approve the September 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as provided to the board of directors. Motion was seconded by Christiansen. Approved by all; motion was passed without dissent.

August 2023 Financials

Jorgenson

Jorgenson discussed current financials. 2023 financial position strong. Tax return is ready. Rink project cost analysis to be done. **Benson** and **Jorgenson** to meet with Voel. Need approval for legal fees. **Haider** made a motion to approve \$20,000 for legal fees related to the rink project. **Thayer** second. All approved. Motion carried without dissent.

Executive Director Updates

Jorgenson

Jorgenson shared with Board that the donor campaign for Vets 3 is under way. Pledge sheets are available with 5 year payment plans. Vets 1 and 2 facilities upgrades begin including banners, dasher boards, themed locker rooms, new dry erase board in dry land room.

Jorgenson shared the Compliance team activated.

Brady Martz stress test on future of gaming. Financial analysis if gaming is lost would cost \$2000. **Cailao** made a motion to approve \$2000 toward a financial stress test. **Haider** seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried without dissent.

Hockey Operations

Parnell

Parnell shared that there are 693 registered players which makes WFHA the second largest in the state. Slight growth with the Termite group (up about 20 players) and about 100 families at intro to hockey. Other age groups remained stable compared to last year's numbers.

Player evaluations were reported to be completed and received very well. The evaluations were used as a training site for officials which was also received well by the officiating group.

Coaches' meeting scheduled for 10/23/2023.

Gaming Operations	Campbell
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Campbell reported operations are steady with nothing major to report.

Investment Committee	Benson
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Benson reported to the Board that the Committee has sent out investment ideas to several companies and will present to the Board when they are reviewed.

Compliance Committee	Cailao
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Cailao reported that the Committee the first case. The process appears to be working in that the website works and information received is necessary to begin investigations. The Committee meets once per week to review cases brought to the Committee. **Parnell** reported that WFHA is the first association in the state that provides paid stipends to the Committee members.

Gaming Operations	Campbell
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Old Business

PACE fundraising - **Jorgenson** reported that fundraising continues for Vets 3.

West Fargo Parks Arena Path Forward – **Benson** reported fundraising continues to move forward for Vets 3.

New Business

Meeting Adjournment	Benson
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Lill made a motion to close the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion was seconded by **Benson**. Approved by all; motion was passed without dissent.

A closed-door session to be held with Board members present immediately preceded the current Board Meeting to discuss performance reviews and merit bonuses awarded to WFHA employees.

Board of Directors

Brett Anderson, President

Scott Haider, Past President

Josh Benson, Executive Vice President

Adam Guy, Treasurer

Dr. Jordan Lill, Secretary

Alex Christiansen, Vice-President of Hockey Operations

James Cailao, Director of Tournaments

Ryan Thayer, Director of Business Operations

Eric Nelson, Director of Fund Raising & Gaming