

**WHA Meeting B Meeting Minutes**  
**Date: Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Location: PLIA Community Room 1**  
**Time: 7:00pm Board Meeting**



<b>Board Members Present</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> & <b>Absent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> :	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Randall (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Dorneman, League Director A	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Lalim (Past President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Travis Young, League Director B	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Sullivan (Vice President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Skott, At Large Director A	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Mathews (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Johnson, At Large Director B	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Schmeling (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Engen, Development Director A	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nate Shuller, Development Director B	

Others in Attendance: Tori Simon, Casey Shuller, Molly Randall, Aaron Roberts, Lucas Deutsch, Karen Groomis

Call to Order 7:12 pm

**1. TREASURER’S REPORT**

- a. April Financial Review: Motion made by Nate Shuller to approve the April 2024 financials, seconded by Kris Donerman. Motion carried.
- b. Approve 2024 – 2025 Budget: Motion made by Nate Shuller to approve the 2024 – 2025 Budget, seconded by Eric Skott. Motion carried.

Waiting on checks for Deuling Pianos.  
 Need to purchase divider boards  
 Reimbursements to coaches for training.  
 Find a replacement for juice for Business. There currently is a discrepancy with balances.  
 Plan for increase in coaching budget due to increase in ice time/duties. Max of \$9,000 increase.

**2. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. SDAHA Spring Meeting Recap- Lucas Deutsch reviewed and updated board.
- b. Summer Camp Updates- Aaron would like to get Nodler live. Projected date August 12-15 (10AM-12PM Younger levels. 2PM-4PM for older levels.) Some D1 players that would come with to assist with camp. Suggested price \$175 Watertown and \$275 for out of town. Power skate (Val will be coming back first week of September). As of now numbers are less than what was projected but do expect to have last minute registrations. Devon Possibly doing defensive camp. Possible Checking and Angling camp. Questions raised to move more towards the end of summer to get an increase in attendance.
- c. WHA/City of Watertown Meeting Updates- Adam Sullivan is in discussion for protocol for scheduling ice time. Some policies pending and not sure when this will be finalized as we are in between PLIA directors. Scott is slowly phasing out and is at the arena for a limited number of hours per week. Adam S. will be following up with Scott G. and possibly Amanda Mack to see if we can get some things set in stone. Currently have links up on website to be able to see what is available to schedule ice time but currently can only see 3 months. Would like to be able to see 1 year in advance. Will also be in discussion if would be possible to cap ice time costs (discussed how Brookings has this in place) or to be able to use both sheets of ice for the cost of one if the other is not in use. Will also touch base with how we can get involved with trying to do cleaning of things in the arena and concessions to help offset workload for city. Will need this info for DIBS planning.

- d. Locker Roomer Filler Panels- ordered. Need volunteers to hang and also to string nets. Will discuss this at next meeting to get this done.
- e. United Way Grant Request- Application and interview done- went well. Waiting to hear back on amount we would receive.  
**Action Item for marketing: make a big thank you to United way possibly put up United way info on center boards, make sure that we give credit to united way and try to help encourage people to donate.**
- f. Golf Tournament Update- Nate and Larin A. have it mostly planned. Entertainment scheduled. Flyer complete. Next step getting kids out to collect sponsors.  
**Action Item: Write script for kids to take out to sponsors and then have our marketing team reach out to sponsors to close deal.**

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. WHA Handbook Revision Feedback- Adam Sullivan would like to make a small group to discuss questions that have been raised and how we can change the handbook wording to better fit our needs. Suggests Amber, Tonya, Jenni, Lucas, Adam, Kris Donerman, Karen G. and he will reach out to them. Handbook revision needs to be done by next board meeting so can be approved as registration will open up on June 15<sup>th</sup> this year. Player move up policy now has a form that will need to be filled out and guidelines. Discussed having a minimum and Maximum number guideline for teams- Coaching Committee to discuss at meeting.
- b. Purchase of Safe for Rink- Scott G states WHA will be able to put right inside administrative area. Will have a drop box part. Will have a one time code to open up for start up money. Tax returns and important WHA documents can also be put in it. One option is about \$1500.  
**Motion made for purchase of by safe Jeremy Johnson. Second by Matt Engen. Motion carries.**
- c. Tournament Committee Director-  
**Motion made for Aaron Roberts to be placed as committee chair by Nate Shuller. Second by Adam Sullivan. Motion Carries.**  
Would like to have rough draft of DIBS needed by next meeting.
- d. Registration Costs for 2024 – 2025- Discussion on rate increases. It was a 20% increase last year 2023-2024. Do we need to raise it again 20% (Allison says this what is budgeted). If we knock it down to 10% only about a \$6000 difference in total budget. Hopes that an increase in numbers can eventually help offset registration costs. If more fundraising is done this can also offset registration costs. Discussion had of how WHA registration cost compare to the rest of state. USA hockey registration is increasing by about 20% as well – will be about a \$13 increase per Lucas  
**Eric Skott makes motion to increase registration fees 10% (nearest round number) Second by Adam Sullivan. Motion carries.**
- e. Summer Coaching Compensation-  
**Eric Skott makes motion to approve budget and authorize summer coaching hours up to \$18,000 . Second by Adam Sullivan. Motion Carries.**  
In future would like to build it into summer programs cost.
- f. WHA Operations Calendar & New Parent Guide- Karen working on calendar and parent guide. Need to collect binders and update. Fine tune job descriptions. Google groups education sessions.  
**Action item next meeting collect team binders and board binders to update as needed. – Beth will send out message to team parents and try to collect those binders.**

4. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS- Coaching Committee**, Adam Sullivan, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff  
Close to an agreement on who Varsity coaches will be. There will be some movement. Devon to stay in place. Will be moving forward with coach placements.

Coach committee has been discussing Ice time: Do we split practices between A and B if we can get a deal on ice time. JV/Varsity practice may be changing and adding ice time. Depends on Devon and coaching staff and the cost of ice time. Will also need to work around Shamrock schedule.

Wednesday and Friday are the same thing. Will combine name to Open Hockey. Would like to have a coach present but may not work out all the time. If no coach will be up to the safe sport certified person to keep watch on ice activities. – Adam S. Will check with city to discuss options of putting it under city to eliminate need to have a USA hockey number and safe sport certified staff present. For time being will need 2 DIBs positions: One will need to have a board member or committee member present that is safe sport certified to monitor locker room. Karen to set up sign up genius for members to sign up. Already have a DIBS sign up for person to collect money. Adam would like to have some guidelines typed up on what is expected and each jobs expectations.

**Dibs/Volunteer Committee**, Sabrina Welder, Chair- Will need to set up a small committee to assist with DIBS.

**Registrar Update**, Jessi Eidson, Chair - This position is still open and there has been some interested candidates.

## 5. GENERAL COMMITTEES

**Marketing & Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, Chair

- Update from Gary Weckworth per Molly R-  
Some suggested Ideas for fundraising-  
Sell apparel at games that would only be offered at the games/arena only.  
Have option for a donation tab on page.  
Will get together as a group to come up with packages and flyer to give options to donors.  
Make sure to not have figure skating and WHA overlap in asking for donations  
Need a few more members to go out to businesses to ask for donations.- need more marketing team volunteers  
ABC Fundraising-WHA will be passing on the option to sell soap- does not seem like a viable opportunity.  
Firework Stand Opportunity- with the time of year and number needed will not be able to meet requirements to assist with this.

**Nominations Committee**, Kristina Suttan, Chair

- Open Positions and Needs- Marketing committee- only have 1 interested person currently.
- Volunteers needed for Laker Legacy Event

**Grow the Game Committee**, Aaron Roberts, Chair

- New Families & Players Liaison, Travis Young – Liaison between board and new families.

**Equipment Committee**, Lindsey Stricherz, Chair-

Mite and squirt Jersey design needs to be finalized and jerseys need to be ordered.

Equipment order needs to be in by mid June per Lucas and list still needs to be compiled.

**Action items: Do we need to have the jerseys professionally cleaned. – Molly was looking into this. Compile list and order needed equipment- Lucas and Lindsey to work on this.**

**IT Committee**, Jeremy Johnson, Chair-

No updates currently. Waiting on feedback prior to moving forward. Will also need to touch base with Shamrocks to see thier needs and what we can overlap (ie: cameras etc) Discuss at next meeting.

**6. STAFF UPDATES**

**Operations Manager**, Lucas Deutsch

**Business Manager**, Karen Gromis

**7. FACILITIES**

**8. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION**

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 pm, PLIA

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Nate Shuller. Second By Matt Engen. Motion Carries.**

Meeting Adjourned 9:47PM