

## WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Location: PLIA Community Room 1

Time: 7:00pm Board Meeting



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Johnson, Todd Randall, Nate Shuller, Adam Lalim, Allison Mathews, Adam Sullivan, Amber Dahl, Travis Young, Kris Dorneman

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Eric Skott, Matt Engen

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** Lucas Deutsch, Karen Gromis, Molly Randall, Casey Shuller, Jenni Wirkus

**CALL TO ORDER** 7:03 pm

**MEETING MINUTES for March 2024:** Nate Shuller moved to approve the March meeting minutes, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried.

**AGENDA for March 2024:** Adam Lalim moved to approve the April agenda, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried.

### 1. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. **March Financial Review:** Accounts are healthy. Allison is simplifying accounts to keep financials simpler. Adam Lalim moved to approve the March financials, seconded by Amber Dahl. Motion carried. A motion was made by Nate Shuller, seconded by Matt Engen, to make a change to the WHA bylaws to make the Treasurer position an appointed position rather than an elected position. Motion carried. This will be brought to the All-Association meeting. When we have 4x4, there was a charge from the city of \$2,400. Discussion was had whether we charge next year, possibly a \$20/player fee to cover expenses.
  - i. **Addition to the Minutes made following the All-Association Meeting.** During the All-Association Meeting on April 14, 2024, President Todd Randall brought forward the motion made by the WHA Board to approve the change to the WHA bylaws to make the Treasurer position an appointed position going forward. A vote was taken and a unanimous response in favor of the changes to the bylaws was passed. There were zero votes in opposition.

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Year-End Banquet – All Association Meeting:** Two applications for the new board. Both are running uncontested. If there is interest in this position, please let Kristina Suttan know (Nominations Committee). The board has discussed an appointment for the Treasurer position. This is the proposed bylaw change based on the vote of the current board. Any objections can be taken at the All-Association Meeting. Karen will be sending out reminders to the association for the Gun Raffle and All-Association Meeting.
- b. **Summer Camp Updates:** Registration numbers are lower than expected for Spring Camp. Reasons could be timing, perceived value, and potential desire for a break from the ice. Infinite Edge camp is looking better. Lucas asked for this to be marketed by both the board and the All-Association Meeting. This is \$8/session, which is \$3 more than Open Skate to obtain skills training with your coaches. Goalie camp went very well. There will be a June power skating camp. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open to anyone (outside the association) on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **WHA & City of Watertown Meeting:** Adam Lalim headed the meeting between WHA and the City of Watertown and will continue to be the liaison for this committee. Scott Gloe will be the contact for anything PLIA related. Scott took action items to schedule visibility to the public. Proposed plan would be to allow Jenny Wirkus, Vince Foley and Scott Gloe one year of visibility to anything for purposes of scheduling. There would be a time frame to negotiate conflicts. General public would

have 1–2-month visibility to schedule events. Scott Gloe owes a response to the committee.

Additional subjects below were discussed:

- i. Maintenance and cleanliness of the new facility. DIBS points were discussed as an exchange to working down ice time fees. City stated they would welcome volunteers. Scott will be creating a procedure or concept. Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> for Scott's action items.
- ii. Todd took action items for the state tournament, which he will take to the upcoming state meeting.
- iii. Adam Sullivan took an action item for Hall of Fame Banquet to be in Watertown.
- iv. Gary Weckworth will be looking at our marketing history for fundraising.
- v. Hosting tournaments: What would ice costs and concessions look like?
- vi. What is owned by the City and what is owned by WHA? City was going to check what are depreciated expenses. Any improvements to the rink will be ownership of the City's. Anything that can be moved out could be WHA ownership.
- vii. Costs to rent ice: If we hit our number of hours, could anything additionally be a reduced rate? Contract is 15 hours/week per user group. Brookings has a set cost for their budget and anything over would be free. Board agreed this would be nice.
- viii. Overflow parking
- ix. All WHA hockey needs to go through Jenni Wirkus until Scott has his protocol.
- x. If there is private time desired for ice, you must go through Jenni Wirkus.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Open Hockey will be Wednesdays with Stick & Puck on Fridays. An anonymous donor provided \$5,000 to pay for the ice time. This will be \$5/session per kid. A USA Hockey number is required to participate in Open Hockey and Stick & Puck.
- b. Locker Room Filler Panels
- c. SDAHA Spring Meeting April 13, 2024. Items on the SDAHA agenda are the following. Meeting minutes for each of the subjects will be listed on the SDAHA website. Discussion had on those with notes below:
  - i. **Lock 10 Violation** proposed by Dan French, SDAHA VP & Discipline Chair.
  - ii. **Team Composition** proposal by Jeff Scheel, SDAHA Treasurer.
  - iii. **Non-League Assessment** proposal by Jeff Scheel, SDAHA Treasurer.
  - iv. **Girls 14U Resurfacing** proposal by Lucas Deutsch on behalf of the WHA GV & G14U Coaches.
  - v. **SDAHA Administrative Rule 6 Registration** proposal by Duke Witte, President of Aberdeen Hockey; Lucas Deutsch, WHA Delegate; Randy Honkomp, Secretary SDAHA.
  - vi. **Playing Rule – Removal of Jr. Gold Teams** proposal by Duke Witte, President of Aberdeen Hockey.
  - vii. **Scorekeeping Game Sheets** proposal by Sam Everson & Amanda Smith, SFYHA Board of Directors. All but one of the board members were in favor of this proposal.
  - viii. **Proposal of having Boji Mammoths from Okobojo join SDAHA.** Several WHA board members had questions. Board recommended allowing games, but not allowing voting rights or hosting of state tournaments and not allow Boji to be members of the SDAHA.

### 4. OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS- reports if any information

**Coaching Committee**, Adam Sullivan, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff: All exit interviews are complete. Coaching committee will be interviewing. Discussion was had on JV and Varsity ice time and would impact the cost of registration based on numbers of registered players. Job descriptions and policies are in review. Handbook needs to be revised. Sullivan has on Google Drive. Board was asked to make suggestions.

**Dibs/Volunteer Committee**, Sabrina Welder, Chair: Sabrina is considering DIBS again for next year with more direction.

**Registrar Update**, Jessi Eidson, Chair: No update.

## 5. GENERAL COMMITTEES

**Marketing & Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, Chair: Discussion on marketing and fundraising ideas (YouTube, Dashers, wall marketing).

- Annual Recognition & Fundraising Event (Laker Legacy Night)
- Golf Tournament: Date is set. Need coordination of sponsors, games, publicity, etc. July 27<sup>th</sup> at Prairie Winds.
- Dueling Pianos Recap: Jeremy mentioned having a break and potentially doing auctions in the middle of the break to raise more money. Todd mentioned Jenny brought up changing venues or dates for Dueling Duos.
- WHA & Shamrocks Partnership Opportunities: Several board members were encouraged about the partnership between WHA and the Shamrocks.

**Nominations Committee**, Kristina Suttan, Chair

- **Nominations for WHA Elections:** Applications came in from Beth Schmeling for Secretary and Nate Shuller for his current position. There are a couple board positions not filled and by the WHA bylaws if there is interest, there can be appointments to the positions.

**Grow the Game Committee**, Aaron Roberts, Chair: Travis Young asked to be a co-chair for the committee and support new parents to assist with new parents and families. Ideas were having orientation, materials, and procedures to better understand hockey. Karen will create a brochure and website information, working with Travis.

**Equipment Committee**, Lindsey Stricherz, Chair: No update.

**IT Committee**, Jeremy Johnson, Chair: No update.

## 6. STAFF UPDATES

**Operations Manager**, Lucas Deutsch

**Business Manager**, Karen Gromis

## 7. FACILITIES

## 8. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

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NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7:00 pm, PLIA