

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, September 16, 2021



1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:31
2. **Approve Minutes** - Motion by Mark Markhan, 2nd by Craig Fey to approve - Passed unanimously
3. **Ice Inc. Report** – Joel Marshall
 - a. Dane County restrictions in place; still ok to play
 - b. Wearing of masks will need to be enforced by coaches/board/parents, not VIA staff
 - c. WEHL season is winding down, youth teams will be starting soon
 - d. Rink is in good shape, second sheet is a work in progress
 - e. Game socks will be sold through the pro shop this year
 - f. U8 jerseys are 4-5 weeks out
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Travis Richert
 - a. Regular collections are ~\$109k
 - b. Will be looking for money to start coming in from concessions
 - c. Discussion on blocking registration for families with past due accounts
 - d. Tournaments fees are more than last year, around \$814
5. **President's Report/Region 4**– Jason Mattila
 - a. Region 4 follow up call soon from meeting held on Aug 24
 - b. PHMDC to start conversation regarding youth sports during COVID, not anticipated that restrictions will be as severe as last season
 - c. Region continues to try to recruit referees
 - d. Girls hockey U8 jamboree grant is available to create experience
 - e. Extended cross roster for girls must be approved by girls hockey director
 - f. WAHA has new process for releasing skaters and has a new appeal process in place
6. **Committee Reports and updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** – Mindy O'Brien
 - a. Opportunity for fundraising at select home UW football games. Families who participate can earn DIBs hours
 - b. Considering selling koozies
 - c. We will sell both pizza and cookies this year, sales period will be Nov 1-15 with pickup on Dec 15
 - d. Will hold an information meeting via Zoom
 - e. Event coordinator for the Bucks reached out with opportunity to host for \$20 per ticket with \$2 per ticket returned to association
 - b. **Equipment** – Mark Markham
 - a. Equipment is here and we are starting fitting sessions
 - b. We have around 16 pairs of skates that are available to lend/rent out
 - c. Received a Grassroots grant of \$1k for goalie gear
 - c. **Coaches Committee** – Joe Beyler
 - a. Preseason going well
 - b. TAP is returning, available dates pending
 - c. Shane Connelly will be doing goalie dojo in October
 - d. Dryland equipment will be going into the corner and some more equipment for on ice drills
 - e. We look to be good on coaches for upcoming season
 - f. Tryouts are looking good, will be getting a couple more people to act as goalie evaluators

d. **Ice Scheduler** –

e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman

f. **Concessions** – Brian Lindow via email

- a. We've sold about \$55 worth of stuff through the first 3 days on a limited menu
- b. Some inventory has been hard to obtain (gatorade, G2, propel, mac and cheese)
- c. I'm looking into Holiday Wholesale for all items not Badger Popcorn or Pepsi Related. Holiday wholesale will deliver everything we need directly to the rink
- d. Holiday wholesale also carries hot dogs which is currently the one item that we buy through costco, would eliminate need for Costco membership
- e. Been some consternation in regard to no more puck pass....this is normal when making a change, discussed options
- f. Trainings have been well attended, square is a hit and very easy to use
- g. After our discussion via email early this week I have been communicating with concessions training attendees that we are starting slow with inventory and will add as we go based on Dane county health directives

g. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars

- a. 303 regular and 3 rec skaters registered, will have Todd email rec families and we will remove the option to register for rec play due to lack of interest

h. **Apparel** -

- a. Jersey distribution will begin after tryouts. We will continue to follow previous rules for breaking a tie between players who want the same jersey number

i. **Legal Counsel** – No report

j. **Recruitment** -

- a. Learn to Play open house is 10/9, 16 kids have signed up so far
- b. We will participate in the VHS homecoming parade on Oct 1 and will be at the Sugar Creek Fun Run on Oct 2

k. **Communications** – No report

l. **Update from ALD's**

1. LTP – 23 registered so far with 2 parents to coach. Will be sending out an email to recruit more coaches. I've had many questions regarding COVID protocols
2. U6 - We have 24 registered, would like to get numbers to 28. Meeting held for Dane Co. league, there would be 11 organizations involved. Will hold parents meeting prior to first practice. So far, we have 10 coaches
3. RWB - Via email As of Friday, RWB registrations were at 53. First 2-3 weeks of season will use practice sessions to determine teams. Plan to break our 4 ice sessions into 2 groups so each group is on ice 2 times per week.
4. Squirt - Without rec players, we are at 63 skaters and 4 full time goalies
5. Pee wee -We are at 54 skaters, will probably be 4 teams, preseason is going well
6. Bantam – At 32 skaters right now, should be good to have 2 teams. Scrimmages with Sun Prairie and maybe the Polar Caps planned. Tournaments are set. Still have preseason sessions funds to collect. We have interest in transfers, but need to determine if the numbers work.
7. U14 Girls – Will probably have three teams, team rosters will need to be approved prior to next board meeting, probably via email. NOTE: Rosters approved via email vote Oct 14
8. Midget – ALD still needed

7. **Old Business** -

- a. First year squirts meeting in the works

- b. New rink continues to move forward, looking to have 100% participation from board and will be deciding on a donation from the Association
- c. City Council meeting planned for 9/27 which has funding for new rink on the agenda to discuss.
We need a strong show of support from families

8. **New Business**

9. **Motion to Adjourn** by Mark Markham, 2nd by Craig Fey - Meeting adjourned at 9:03