

WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 13th, 2023

Location: Second Street Station

Time: 7pm Board Meeting



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nate Shuller, Juliane Lloyd, Adam Lalim, Travis Young, Amber Dahl, Steve Sheehan, Lindsey Stricherz, Debbie Melville, Jeremy Johnson, Roger Schmaltz

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Jenni Wirkus, Lucas Deutsch, Tonya Holien, Molly Randall, Todd Randall

ABSENT: Jason Kasuske

Call to Order at 7:00pm

AGENDA for FEBRUARY 2023 & JANUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES: Nate Shuller moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Travis Young. Motion carried. Steve Sheehan moved to approve the January 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Debbie Melville. Motion carried.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Organizational Emblem Plate for WHA as a fundraiser
 - i. Travis Young made a motion to order 200 sets, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried. Amber Dahl made a motion to charge \$20 for a set of vinyl stickers, seconded by Steve Sheehan. Motion carried. The vinyls will be sold by the association once they have arrived. Information will be sent out to the association.
- b. Dueling Pianos fundraiser will be held Friday, April 7th, 2023. More information to come on ticket sales and pricing.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **GU14 State Tournament** is February 17-19, 2023. Thank you to Team Coordinator Emily Borkhuis, Jenni Wirkus and Lucas Deutsch for their leadership and efforts put forth to host this tournament. Additional thanks to all who volunteered and cleaned.
- b. **Try Hockey for Free Day is Saturday, February 25, 2023.** Registration is available at: https://www.tryhockeyforfree.com/event_detail/1174 - Event will be marketed through area schools (fliers) and Facebook. WHA members encouraged to share information!
- c. **Bus Trip Expenses** were discussed. Current practice is charging a player fee of \$75 per player which covers two travelers with the player. Purpose of player fee is to encourage additional riders (i.e. parents). Coaches (even if a 'parent coach') are exempt from the fee. Discussion was had regarding changing the fee structure. No motions made. Expenses will remain status quo.
- d. **Pink the Rink (Pierre)** feedback from parents regarding Oahe section negative behaviors. An incident report will be filled out and sent to the state regarding the feedback.
- e. **Stick it to Cancer** went over well in Watertown, raising \$7,000 for Codington County Cares! Suggestion for next year was having the ceremony prior to warm-ups. Current structure is warming up, then conducting ceremony. Player feedback was to warm up post ceremony so they can remained 'warmed up.'
- f. **State Tournament Committee** – Roger Schmaltz suggested having a State Tournament committee so hosting the state tournaments doesn't fall solely on the team coordinator. Suggested committee members were current team coordinator, past team coordinator who hosted last year's state tournament, so there is experience in hosting. Roger Schmaltz and Emily Borkhuis would be committee members for next year's state tournament.

- g. **Team Coordinators** invited to March 2023 Board Meeting to provide feedback on season. Suggestion was to include drinks and appetizers to thank them for their efforts.
 - h. **End of year All-Association meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30pm at 2nd Street Station.** Agenda to come. Meeting will include Awards for all divisions, election of officers and an update on BIN and new ice arena. Mites and Squirts will have their own awards ceremonies. Board members going off the board are Adam Lalim, Jason Kasuske, Juliane Lloyd, Lindsey Stricherz and Roger Schmaltz. Recommendations of changing the bylaws to change the “Past President” to “President Elect”, having the Treasurer position appointed, not elected and better defining the requirements of the disciplinary process.
 - i. **End of the Year Awards** will be tied to the end of the year All-Association meeting.
 - j. **Policy on Disciplinary Documentation** for association was discussed. Any concerns should start with an incident report. Once an incident form has been completed, the situation/issue will be investigated and handled according to the severity of the claim. Discussion was held on better defining the disciplinary process and flow, including who writes the disciplinary actions, delivers them and the appeals process. No further action.
 - k. **24 Hour Rule** for WHA follows USA Hockey rules. No further discussion held.
3. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS-** reports if any information
Coaching Committee, Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff – no report
Finance Committee, Debbie Melville, Treasurer – no report or financials presented
Dibs/Volunteer Committee, Tonya Holien and Amber Dahl – discussion was held on the repercussions of people not completing their volunteer (DIBS) points. WHA members not fulfilling their commitment (as signed during registration), will be invoiced at the end of the season. Those members not in good standing prior to next season (i.e. unpaid invoice) will not be allowed to play. A proposal was made to write checks prior to the season starting so members have ‘skin in the game’. Tonya Holien will be sending out reminders to those who have not completed their volunteer points.
Marketing Committee, Molly Randall, chair – no report
Fundraising Committee, Molly Randall, chair – Molly suggested we move funds from the ‘Old Boys’ fund to a Liquid CD. A motion was made by Steve Sheehan, seconded by Jeremy Johnson to move these funds to an account at Edward Jones for a return rate of 4.45%. Motion carried. Other options were presented with Edward Jones having the best return rate. Adam Lalim and Debbie Melville will close this account at Wells Fargo and move it to the liquid CD at Edward Jones.
4. **GENERAL COMMITTEES**
Calendar Committee, Todd Randall, Chair – no report
Growth and Retention Committee, Todd Randall, Chair – Todd shared that a gun raffle will begin shortly. Asking board and members to share information online and on Facebook. Tickets will be \$20/ticket with a goal to sell 6,000 tickets, netting \$60,000 to be used to support the Laker Hockey Mission. A portion of the funds will also be given to the Dave Stahl scholarship fund. Drawing date will be determined and communicated. On a separate note, Todd began discussions on next season’s strategic planning.
5. **STAFF UPDATES**
Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch – Lucas asked for all members to be on their best for behaviors and asked board for their commitment in remaining positive.
Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim) -
6. **FACILITIES** – no report
7. **ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION** – no report
8. **ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

ADJOURN at 8:33pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 13th, 2023, 7:00 pm @ 2nd Street Station