

## WHA Meeting Agenda

Date: September 12, 2022

Location: Second Street Station



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

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** Todd Randall & Molly Randall, Aaron Roberts, Jenni Wirkus, Lori Jurgens, Josh Finstad, Kaye Suttan, Brittany Serie, Lucas Deutsch, Tonya Holien

Call to Order at 7:05pm

**AGENDA & AUGUST MEETING MINUTES:** Debbie Melville moved, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. 2022-2023 REGISTRATION UPDATE

- i. Tonya 149 people registered; 166 registrations last year – we foresee coming up with late Mites and Squirts stragglers

#### b. BIN (BUILD IT NOW) ICE ARENA UPDATE

- i. Groundbreaking went well. PLHS gave \$3.5 million for naming rights. Todd Randall stated there is just over \$8 million out of our \$10 million goal.
- ii. Plan on having a BIN meeting in the next couple weeks for board members and Jodi Driscoll for update.

#### c. 2022-2023 Committee Updates

- i. Todd Randall – Nominating committee (chaired by Steve Sheehan) Kristina Suttan, Jenni Wirkus, Maddie Engen met to reach out to individuals

##### 1. Team Coordinators – 1 Main until team splits:

- a. **Mites:** Beth Jerde
- b. **Squirts:** Heather Ennis
- c. **PeeWees:** Melissa Meester
- d. **Bantams:** Jill Helvick
- e. **JV/BV:** Shane Wirkus
- f. **U14:** Emily Borkhuis
- g. **GV:** Amber Redlin
- h. Meeting for orientation in the coming weeks. Will be allotted an undefined number of volunteer points.

##### 2. Discipline committee is now full. All non-biased parties.

#### d. WHA Scholarship Process

- i. Last year's scholarship form states WHA would reimburse for USA hockey fees. Discussion had whether it should be changed.
- ii. USA hockey has their own scholarship for reimbursement for their fees. Jenni Wirkus encouraged people to apply for USA hockey fees waived prior to WHA registration.
- iii. This year, Amber Dahl and Debbie will be accepting scholarship applications.
- iv. Amber Dahl moved to approve payment of the USA Hockey registration reimbursement to the scholarship applications. Motion seconded by Jason Kasuske. Motion carried.

- v. Tonya Holien mentioned that the UW funds are primarily to support the funds for players to play hockey.
- e. **Proposal for 2022-2023 Budget** – Debbie
  - i. Reduced the depreciation schedule from 34 down to 7 line items.

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Breakfast Club** (formerly known as Powerskating) – Lucas
  - i. Powerskating has been at 6am. At the end of the season, all players were invited to come to the last session. Idea came from PW coach – named this morning session the ‘Breakfast Club’ – want to open powerskating to all players. Goal is to get 35-50 people. At the end, kids would be fed. Breakfast Club would not be required but would be station based. Travis Young suggested a Grab and Go – with financial donations. 1 morning per week – on Tuesdays. Tonya volunteered to run with Breakfast Club.
- b. **Movie Night**
  - i. Coaching committee would like to get as many kids together as possible. VP of Odyssey Theater has offered us the 127 seat theater for \$600+tax. Movie is Hockey Land, which just opened this last week. Small pop and popcorn for \$4+ tax.
- c. **Equipment**
  - i. Lucas spoke on \$10k order of hockey equipment that was ordered in April. Committed to getting gear by July. Now won’t be in until October/November time frame. We received 18 helmets out of the \$10k order. City is on the hook for some of the expense already incurred. Goal is to support local equipment vendors unless they aren’t performing.
- d. **Watertown Laker Foundation – now a 501(3)(c)**
  - i. Lori Jurgens, Josh Finstad, Kaye Suttin and Jack Rasmussen are the main points of contact for the foundation
  - ii. Envision assisting those that want to play hockey that can’t. Want to support the hockey association. Mission statement is to provide resources to positively support and enhance the hockey association. Helping with registration fees and equipment. Goal is to help coaches, players and families. Alumni association will be fundraising options. There will be a 100-gun raffle for \$20/tickets for 6,000 tickets – goal is \$60,000. This will be rolled out after the BIN fundraising.
  - iii. Motion made by Amber Dahl, seconded by Jason Kasuske for \$1,250 to get the funds going. These funds were anonymously donated from a coach.
- e. **Concussions**
  - i. Concussion person for WHA is Wendy Solheim. Concussion training is becoming more in depth. Baseline testing has proven difficult. Michelle Leitheiser (trainer at the high school) recommended we have a person within the WHA who is trained. Todd Randall recommended Dr. Johnston at PLHS.
- f. **Goalie Equipment Ask**
  - i. Motion made by Jason Kasuske, seconded by Debbie Melville to allot up to \$5,750 for goalie equipment. Motion carried. There will be a goalie equipment leftover equipment that is from 2006 – not quality to play with completely. Could be used for street hockey.
- g. **SDAHA Meeting Guidance for upcoming state meeting:**
  - i. **Brandon Valley Bantam Play Down Request**

1. Recommendation for Adam Lalim was to vote on agreeing with the play down request. Unanimous vote to agree to allow BV to play down and forfeit state tournament.

ii. **SDAHA Proposals on Per diem**

1. Recommendation not to allow for per diem changes in the fall as associations determine their budgets for the spring.

- iii. **SDAHA Player Transfer requests being proposed from Watertown.** This is only for future transfer requests. These changes wouldn't go into effect until the spring.

3. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS-** reports if any information

**Coaching Committee**, Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff

Coaches all met last week. Before kicking off for Saturday ice, all coaches saw the final player handbook. First practice was this weekend. Feedback from coaches is that practice went well.

**Finance Committee**, Debbie Melville, Treasurer – nothing additional

**Dibs/Volunteer Committee**, Amber Dahl and Tonya Holien – Tonya getting together with nominating committee to propose volunteer points

**Marketing Committee**, Molly Randall, chair

**Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, chair – Molly said we're beginning to sell the Dashers (signs) and programs. Will do the same format for fundraising as last year. Motion made by Amber Dahl, seconded by Nate Shuller to spend up to \$2k for the Raffle tickets. Players will sell \$500 worth of tickets (20 tickets) and \$700 for 2+ player families. Goal will be to raise ~\$60k. This will be on the agenda for the all-employee meeting. Mites and up. Motion carried.

4. **GENERAL COMMITTEES**

**Calendar Committee**, Todd Randall, Chair

**Growth and Retention Committee**

5. **STAFF UPDATES**

Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch

Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim)

6. **FACILITIES**

7. **ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION**

- a. All association meeting needs to be scheduled as a whole group. Tonya has a date/venue
- b. Game pucks will be played at all levels (except for Mites level).

8. **ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

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NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 pm @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Station