

Watertown Hockey Association

Board Meeting

August 19, 2020 @ 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Dan James	Board President and Board Member
Heidi Lyndaker	Board Member- not present
Tim Esposito	ACE Coordinator and Board Member
Samantha VanBrocklin	Ice Coordinator and Board Member
Vega Nutting	Vice President and Board Member
Jordan Reber	Mite Director and Board Member
Jessica Whitmore	Secretary and Board Member
Tom Eiss	Board Member
John Terry	Board Member

Additional Positions:

Michelle Rist

WHA Registrar

Matt Bednarczyk

Snowbelt Representative and Equipment Manager

Brian Nutting

WHA Treasurer

Called to order: 6:03pm

- 1) Public Participation: PPS: Anthony Netto and Paul Trimper (15 minutes) and Rusty Gallagher (Northern Zone President)
 - a) Paul and Anthony discuss touching base with the association. PPS will be moving to a new location. PPS is considering building a new rink. There is 20% more space now. Discussion on what they would like to offer/partner with the association.
 - b) Power Play Sports Foundation-- 2 major objectives that cover an overall mission: "to enable sports for all ages." "Leveling the Playing Field" --just received a grant from the community. "Operation: Ice Rink" --Not for profit- 4013c approved foundation. Discussion on how to partner as an association.
- 2) Public Participation: Rusty Gallagher-- Will be sending out a letter for an update for everyone. NYS Hockey is waiting for the Governor for approval to move forward.
 - a) Allow individual and distant group activities
 - b) Organized no or low contact training ---when there is any body contact, a whistle should be blown to ensure no contact.

- c) Coaches must find the balance of safety and game play.
 - d) Officials-- double zero tolerance. Players/coaches must keep their mouths and comments to themselves and it will be enforced swiftly.
 - e) Rink Closures- Many are closing their doors
 - f) If you're sick stay home, bring your own water bottle
 - g) Trying to move the sport into the moderate risk area-- currently there is no data supporting the fishbowl shields, but small shields on the helmets. Some associations mandating no parents in the building, individuals inside of the building doing temperature checks.
- 3) Minutes Approval- will be tabled until the September meeting.
- 4) COVID Policy Discussion- Vega and Dan will be attending the Watertown City Rink meeting to discuss their COVID safety protocols.
- a) Current path forward- Guidance from the rink on how many people can be allowed in the rink.
 - i) USA Hockey has opened up hockey for clinic, no-contact skills sessions on the ice.
 - b) Refund Policy- Refund schedule to be established and approved for the 2020-2021 season ONLY.

- 5) Snowbelt- Matt B will be attending the snowbelt board meeting, Watertown agrees with keeping body contact at bantam level at the Red and White teams, but no-contact for Blue.
- 6) Schedules- The board deliberates scheduling. Will complete during meeting on 9/2/20.
- 7) Registration- Open but slow going currently, update provided by registrar Michelle Rist.
- 8) Treasurer's report-- Brian Nutting attends to update the board. Finance committee has been established and will be deciding a budget for the board to approve and vote on.
- 9) Live Barn Update-- progressing, someone has gone to the arena to take pictures and everything is in the works.
- 10) Vega's Corner: Golf Tourney, Team Money, Fundraising-
 - a) Golf Tournament: Can cook at the tournament, not soliciting donations,
 - b) Team Money/Fundraising: There is a surplus of money for all of the teams
 - i) Vega makes a motion to Suspend fundraising until further notice, John Terry 2nds the motion. All approve, and motion passes.
 - (1) Any donations given for the 2020-2021 season cannot go to a specific team but rather evenly distributed amongst all Association teams.
 - ii) Discussion on the Finance Committee providing an allocation of funds to each team to start the season with.

c) Additionally- Vega proposes doing possible 2 board meetings a month, one in person and one virtually.

11) YMCA Learn To Skate Program --the YMCA will not be running a learn to skate program, they are cancelling for the fall. Will touch base in October or December to discuss the winter session.

12) Donations for the Lent Family-- John Terry will contact the family to discuss something to develop in Henry's name.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17pm