

## WHA Meeting Agenda

Date: August 8, 2022

Location: Second Street Station



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nate Shuller, Lucas Deutsch, 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, Jason & Halley Marko

Call to Order at 7:08pm

1. **AGENDA & JULY MEETING MINUTES:** Jason Kasuske moved, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
  - a. **2022-2023 REGISTRATION UPDATE** – 108 registered out of projected 189 players; late registration fee moves to \$100/player on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. **BIN (Build It Now) ICE ARENA UPDATE** – all bids have come in for the construction portion of the arena. The rink is forward moving. Board was encouraged to get their pledge forms in. WHA members are encouraged to complete pledge forms as well.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Proposal for 2022-2023 Committees** – motion made by Jeremy Johnson, seconded by Jason Kasuske to approve committees and liaisons (board members that will report back to the board meetings) as outlined below. Motion carried. Committee Chairs were discussed, but not confirmed as committed to the role.

Committee	Liaison (Board Member)	Committee Chair
Scheduler	President, Operations Manager	Jenni Wirkus
Risk Manager	Roger Schmaltz	Melissa VanGuilder
Referee Coordinator	Vice President	Adam Sullivan
Equipment Coordinator	Travis Young	Lucas Deutsch
DIBS	Secretary	Tonya Holien
Marketing	Nate Shuller	Molly Randall
PR/Communications	Secretary	OPEN
IT/Technical	Jeremy Johnson	OPEN
Nominating Committee	Past President/President	OPEN
Registration	Secretary/President	Tonya Holien
Discipline Committee	President	OPEN
Organizational Committee	Secretary	Past President & 3 Members
Coaching Committee	Vice President	Travis Bramer
Events Committee	Juliane Lloyd	Jenny Kasuske
Growth/Retention	Jeremy Johnson	Todd Randall
Intro to Hockey	Lindsey Stricherz	OPEN
Concessions	Treasurer	Amanda Nygaard
Scholarship Committee	Treasurer/Secretary	OPEN
Travel Coordinator	Treasurer	Jenny Kasuske
Concession Manager	Vice President	Wendy Solheim

- b. **Proposal of 2022-2023 WHA Handbook** – Draft of the WHA handbook in motion. Will have finalized version to vote on in September.
- c. **Tablet request for Hockey Operations Manager** (Lucas Deutsch) – motion made by Travis Young, seconded by Steve Sheehan to approve up to \$700 to purchase an Android tablet and accessories. Motion carried.
- d. **Scholarship Process** – goal is to have the WHA Alumni group manage the scholarship in the future. Until then, the scholarship process with the WHA Treasurer will remain in play.
- e. **Concession Manager Update** – Debbie Melville met with Amanda Nygaard, Concession Manager. Nygaard will be bringing price proposals for concessions for this year due to increasing prices of products.

- f. **PACH back to school drive through August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Jenni Wirkus shared the goal of collecting food and cash donations to support the PACH program. Food items and cash will have designated points (i.e. Peanut Butter is worth 3 points). PACH is having a competition between businesses and non-profit groups. Wirkus strongly encouraged WHA to participate. Board unanimously agreed to have boxes at Dryland practices through August.
4. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS**- reports if any information
- Coaching Committee**, Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff – coaching for 2022-2023 has been finalized
- Finance Committee**, Debbie Melville, Treasurer
- **Proposal for 2022-2023 Budget update** – Debbie Melville and Adam Lalim met with VRS to clean up financials. A proposed budget will be presented at the September 2022 meeting per Melville and Lalim. During the meeting with VRS, discussion was held on cleaning up the depreciation schedule of assets. Goal is to have this completed prior to the new budget being proposed.
  - **Credit Card Usage** – a motion by Travis Young, seconded by Nate Shuller, was made requiring those with credit cards (currently Hockey Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch, and interim Operations Manager, Tonya Holien) to gain board approval for any purchases over \$500. Definition of board approval was two individuals from the executive board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary). Motion carried.

**Volunteer Committee**, Amber Dahl and Tonya Holien – no updates

**Marketing Committee**, Molly Randall, chair – Molly has a meeting scheduled with WFSA (Figure Skating) to tag team on upcoming fundraising opportunities.

**Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, chair

- Lucas Deutsch provided update on WHA Golf Tournament. Final numbers aren't in but estimating net total revenue to be ~\$12-\$14k. Albeit the weather, attendance was good. Thank you to all volunteers and Lucas for making this event a success!
- Technicolor Screen Printing is offering a fundraising opportunity for the new ice arena. Sublimated sweatshirts will be available to order through their website. Sweatshirts will be \$65/piece with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the new ice arena. Motion made by Amber Dahl, seconded by Juliane Lloyd to approve this fundraising opportunity for the new ice arena. Motion carried.

5. **GENERAL COMMITTEES**

**Calendar Committee**, Todd Randall, Chair

**Growth and Retention Committee**

- Discuss ideas on generating more registrations for the Mite and Girls playing levels. A motion was made to allow FREE WHA registration for all Mites and new girls level players for the WHA. Motion made by Amber Dahl, seconded by Steve Sheehan. Motion rejected. An amended motion made by Amber Dahl, seconded by Steve Sheehan, to approve **FREE WHA registration for all Mites level players and any new players up to U12**. Motion carried. Goal is to find sponsorship for Initiation Hockey so new players have an affordable (or free) start to hockey prior to registering for WHA.
- **Back to school flyer** draft was presented to attendees. Dates need to be updated for Initiation Hockey, Wee Wobblers and Try Hockey for Free Day. Jenni Wirkus will provide dates. Todd Randall will organize flyers which will be printed and sent to area schools, focusing on K-6 grades.

6. **STAFF UPDATE**

**Operations Manager**, Lucas Deutsch –

- Lucas asked WHA to purchase Shooter Tutors. A motion made by Steve Sheehan, seconded by Jason Kasuske to approve purchase up to \$2,500 for this equipment. Motion carried.
- Lucas provided **tournament locations and dates for the association**:
  - **Mites**:
    - December 17 – 18, 2022: Mitchell
    - January 7 – 8, 2023: Huron
    - January 14 – 15, 2023: Watertown
    - February 4 – 5, 2023: Aberdeen
    - February 10 – 12, 2023: Sioux Falls
  - **Squirts**:
    - November 19, 2022: Sioux Falls
    - December 10 – 11, 2022: 1<sup>st</sup> Jamboree Location TBD
    - January 13 – 15, 2023: Tyler Wilcox Tournament, Pierre
    - February 4 – 5, 2023: 2<sup>nd</sup> Jamboree Location TBD

- **PeeWees:**
  - January 13 – 15, 2023: Fargo
  - February 17 – 19, 2023: Huron (PWA)
  - February 17 – 19, 2023: Sioux Center (PWC)
- **Bantams:**
  - December 9 – 11, 2022: Grand Forks (Bantam A)
  - December 9 – 11, 2022: Owatonna, MN (Bantam B)
  - February 24 – 26, 2023: Yankton (Bantam A)
  - February 24 – 26, 2023: Rapid City (Bantam B)
- **U14:**
  - December 9 – 11, 2022: Moorhead, MN
  - February 17 – 19, 2023: Watertown
- **GJV:**
  - November 18 – 20, 2022: Watertown
- **GV:**
  - November 4 – 6, 2022: Sioux Falls
  - January 27 – 29, 2023: Madison, WI
  - March 3 – 5, 2023: Sioux Falls
- **BJV:**
  - December 9 – 11, 2022: Brookings
  - March 3 – 5, 2023: Pierre
- **BV:**
  - December 7 – 11, 2022: Minnetonka, MN
  - March 10 – 12, 2023: Brookings

**Business Manager**, Tonya Holien, Interim: Nothing to report

7. **FACILITIES** – nothing to report

8. **ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION** – discussion on whether players who are not registered with WHA should be allowed to practice at WHA dryland. Unanimous decision was made to allow any USA Hockey and WHA registered players to be at dryland or regular practices. Players not registered by both entities will not be allowed to practice/play until registered.

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

**ADJOURN @ 9:21pm**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 7:00 pm @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Station**