

Worthington Hockey Association  
March 7, 2022  
1114 Oxford Street

Members Present: Jason Bush, Jenna Feldman, Jason Johnson, Matt Kennedy, Nicole Kremer, Tyler Nienkerk, Josh Platt, Nikki Reiter, Tina Schlichte, Poncho White

Absent: Deb Olsen, Joe Vosburgh

Others Present: Kenny Granstra, Jay Milbrandt, Kyle Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Nikki Reiter.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Tina Schlichte to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting, seconded by Josh Platt and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Vision 2025: Jay Milbrandt, Kyle Johnson, Tyler Nienkerk and Jason Johnson presented. The four presented a vision to pursue the option of using the remaining dollars allocated in the ½ cent sales tax for the ice arena to be put towards a new facility as opposed to the existing building along with asking the City of Worthington to own and operate the current ice facility. The sales dollars used so far were for either necessities for the building (New roof, bleachers, parking lot etc.) or for things that could be used at a new facility (Zamboni). There is approximately \$1,800,000 left that was earmarked for improving the current ice facility. The largest of the projects are a dehumidification system and new floor/cooling system.

The overall vision is for the WHA board to give the group authority to pursue these two options. Realistically they would like to either skate on a new rink OR skate on the existing rink with a new floor/cooling system by 2025. If the prospect of a new facility proves to be unrealistic then the original plan of fixing the existing facility will continue.

Different options were discussed; participants, scheduling, location etc. Pros and cons of City ownership were also discussed. If the WHA no longer owned and operated the ice facility, they would give up control. There would need to be some type of agreement made allowing the WHA to continue to have adequate ice and access to the facility. If there were two sheets of ice there should be plenty of opportunity for ice time for WHA. Gambling funds can be used to pay for ice rental. The overwhelming benefit would be to allow the WHA to focus on the Hockey program and not have to own and operate a facility. Having two sheets and being City run would allow the facility to be an even bigger asset to the community.

It was agreed that a new facility with one sheet of ice just to the West of the existing facility and attached, if possible, may be the best option. This would allow our community to have two sheets of ice while only having to create one additional sheet.

Jason Bush made a motion to grant the Vision 2025 group of Jay Milbrandt, Kyle Johnson, Tyler Nienkerk, Joe Vosburgh, Josh Miller and Jason Johnson the authority to pursue the option of using the ½ cent sales tax dollars to be used for a new facility and to transfer ownership of the existing facility to the City of Worthington, seconded by Matt Kennedy and unanimously supported. Motion carried. Jason Johnson will report to the WHA board monthly on this.

Arena Manager Report: None

Finance Report: Jenna Feldman reported. For the month of February there was a Total Income of \$24,629.38, Total Expense of \$20,266.66, Total Other Income of \$0.00 with a Net Income of \$4,362.72. Jenna has everything on QuickBooks online now. Billing for the billboards was discussed. It is believed that the billing is for January 1. Prices will go up and WHA will pay to replace the signs. This could happen every year if the advertiser wants. The wrap is done for the Zamboni. With QuickBooks online there is an app that employees

can clock into. A motion was made by Nicole Kremer to accept the finance report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Jason Bush and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT	February 28, 2022	January 31, 2022
UPB Checking	\$ 36,906.39	\$ 32,649.71
FSB Fundraising	\$ 20,886.66	\$ 20,580.32
UPB Savings, Capital Campaign	\$ 36,325.97	\$ 36,325.13
UPB Savings	\$181,682.46	\$181,678.28
Wombats	\$ 5,706.65	\$ 5,946.61
Total	\$281,708.19	\$277,180.05

Pull Tab Report: Jason Johnson presented. Allowable expenses for March 2022 were \$3,764.95 + deposit books which includes games, rents, maintenance, gambling software, command hook for hickory machine and printer ink. Lawful purpose expense was \$11,757.80 (1% city tax \$120.00) plus MN Revenue gambling tax, gas and utility bill and rubber flooring (\$11,637.80) (If approved by Gambling Control Board – April Meeting)

The Tap	January 2022	\$ 2,513.57
Hickory Lodge	January 2022	\$ 3,376.64
Raffles	January 2022	\$ 0.00
Total Profit/Loss	January 2022	\$ 5,890.21
Bank Balance	1-31-2022	\$ 60,267.44
Available Bank Balance	1-31-2022	\$ 51,842.44

A motion was made by Matt Kennedy to accept the pull tab report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Josh Platt and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

ACE Coordinator Report: Tyler is getting asked a lot about Bantams next year. There is not a firm decision on what will happen with Bantams next year. Next year there is projected to be 10 Boys' Varsity skaters and 18 Bantam skaters. Moving up six skaters from Bantams may be an option. Boys' Varsity is only set to have one goalie next year. Bantam's will also only have one goalie next year. Ideally there should be one goalie at every grade.

Committee Reports: Chandra would like to update the flooring in the concession stand. Poncho is lining up volunteers to gut the back bathrooms. DIBS hours was discussed. There were similar problems this year as years prior in that some volunteer spots do not get filled.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Scheduling Special Sessions/Topics
  - a. DIBS
- B. Project Committee Meeting: This will be put on hold during the pursuit of the Vision 2025 group.
- C. Manager Position:
- D. Estimation for Ice Removal: The plan is to turn off the compressors on March 13<sup>th</sup> and to have the ice off by March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Stampede Fundraiser: This is still happening. The game is on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.
- F. Banquet & Annual Meeting: The banquet went well. One main concern was that the Bantams were away at their regional tournament.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Video Board: Amy Ernst got it to work for the banquet. She thinks both units should be sent into Daktronics and see how much it will cost to update. Audio was discussed with the new tablet. Josh Platt will follow up on both of these issues.

- B. Vision 2025: This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
- C. New Board Members: Three vacant slots were filled by Nikki Reiter (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Josh Platt (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Kenny Granstra. One unfinished term was fill (two-year term) by Aaron “Bubba” Sieve.

Kenny would like to schedule the goalie camps again. One in the middle of October and another two weeks later. This would be split between us and Boji.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Location will be sent out to all board members prior to the meeting.

A motion was made by Jason Bush to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m., seconded by Matt Kennedy and unanimously supported. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jason M. Johnson  
Secretary