

WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 8th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Jake's Pizza

In Attendance

Melissa Sorenson, Carrie Olson, Al Setrum, Cliff Nystrom, Ashley Ewert, John Christianson, Matt Monson, Ashley Thole, Mary LaRue, Joe Wisocki, Travis Michelson, Adam Schow, Mike Bowman

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve prior meetings' minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Debit/CC update for WHA Board – Mary did some research. Cliff makes a motion to acquire a WHA debit card and have the president's name on it. Matt second. Motion passed. Al will need to call Bremer (along with one of our treasurers) and begin verification process.
- VFW Bantam Update
- Non-parent WHA Coaches summer hockey camp
 - Mike Bowman laid out a plan for summer mini-camps. West Central Hockey can take this on or we can opt for handling it on our own. John made a motion to support Bowman's camp with a \$3,000 donation with the understanding that Willmar players get first "dibs" at the camp (Willmar players' cost would be \$50 less than other players'.) [This camp would be run through WHA.] Ashley Thole second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Checking Balance as of 1/31/21: \$90,960.08. Savings Balance as of 1/31/21: \$54,323.08. Profit and Loss statement is listed below this document.

Question was raised, "What do we get out of our Willmar Chamber of Commerce membership?" We would like to invite someone from their office to come explain why we should maintain our membership.

Covid-19 Report

No new Covid news since the beginning on January. Keep following guidelines, please.

Off-Ice

No new information to share.

Fundraising

- Approx. 430 buckets of ice melt yet to be sold. We will try to do a 2-week push after our next meeting. We will offer gift cards to highest sellers (per team). These dollars are “full-profit” to us at this point. We need to get rid of these buckets.

Tournaments

- Host Weekends for next year – should we try to reserve the same/coordinating tournament weekends next year? Or do we want to switch some weekends/levels/months to try to draw more teams at all levels? We will revisit next meeting and make a plan to get our dates approved as soon as we can.

Hockey Operations

- D5 Update – still not allowing any more games/scrimmages being scheduled due to lack of referees. Referees are not allowed to take any games/scrimmages unless approved by District 5.
- Mike Bowman is currently suspended til Monday, February 15th due to a “Coaches Match Penalty”.
- Thank you to our Ice Scheduler (Al Setrum) for going through the scheduling process TWICE this year, D5 is grateful for Al’s effort.
- Power Skating Sundays – THIS Wednesday there will be a meeting about how these practices will be handled. All sessions will be sponsored (paid for) and all those nights are covered!
- ****Try Hockey For Free**** Saturday, February 20th Noon to 2pm. This will be advertised by USA Hockey and MN Hockey. We need to advertise as well. One of our summer meetings will be dedicated to recruiting and promoting hockey in Willmar.
- Refunds were discussed for only the two players who got pulled up to JV/Varsity. Melissa made a motion to determine the refund for the two Bantam players who moved up to JV/Varsity; dues should be prorated for their Bantam ice time. Refunds will not be issued for fundraising or other operation costs. John second. Motion passed.

New Business

- West Central Hockey
- End of year meeting with election of new members
- Willmar Chamber of Commerce – can they explain why they want our membership
- Open Forum

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Cliff. Matt second. Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

*Minutes submitted by Travis Michelson. Next meeting will be Monday, February 22nd at 6pm.