

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 2018 P&R Fieldhouse

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Skott, J. Lloyd, S. Sheehan, T. Holien, K. Evans, J. Espland, J. Wirkus, S. Kahnke, A. Redlin and M. Randall.

GUESTS PRESENT: RJ Achterberg, J. Spiering, L. Deutsch and L. Fox

E. Skott called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Added RJ to the top of agenda. Agenda then approved.

Member Questions: RJ Achterberg came to inquire about meeting minutes not on the website (those have been added). Why there is a \$50,000 building fund on our financials (this was a commitment made 6 years ago or so to the future building which is still in the works)? Where does the \$50 raised by each player by selling additional raffle tickets go (this will be put in the future facility funds for the new rink/capital improvements)? Why we quit selling 50/50 at the racetrack for a fundraiser (mainly because no one wanted to head it up and it was very difficult to find workers and the dog training weekend)?

REPORTS (Association Wide Information):

- Secretary: K. Evans
 - A. Redlin motioned to approve last month's minutes; S. Sheehan 2nd the motion; all in favor.
 - Master calendars were handed out with practices and home games. Subject to change.
- Treasurer: T. Holien
 - A. Redlin motioned to approve last month's financials; J. Lloyd 2nd the motion; all in favor.
 - Roster sticker sheets for directors to use will be in the concessions closet.
 - Tonya requests that coaches make their own hotel reservations. If the coach absolutely can't cover the fee until Monday, let her know and she will take care of it if need be. Subject to change.
 - Also questioned the "cash" tip for the bus driver as our accountant suggested a paper trail is necessary. She will contact the company to see if this could be added to the bill.
 - No cash back option for the concessions stands. There is an admissions option on the tablet in the concessions if someone needs to use it to pay admissions. No minimum charge is required unless Tonya can find a flat fee charge.
- Past President: S. Sheehan
 - Bigger Pegs will be ordered and should be used for JV/Varsity and Girls Varsity (unless of course you see the net coming off a lot). City workers will be informed.
 - Steve would like to visit more about Pee Wee/U14 and lower goalie gear. Lucas and him will get some numbers together and present more at a future meeting.
- Vice President: J. Lloyd
 - We have had a few problems with behavior but have taken care of it as it arises. Just a reminder to the board to call people out on their bad/inappropriate behavior. This is a zero tolerance facility. We will have one dedicated parent during security during the boys varsity games. Doug Taken from the city is also willing to help us out.
 - New Laker Hockey decals have been ordered. Will be available in the concessions.
- President: E. Skott
- SDAHA Update: J. Wirkus/E. Skott
 - A letter went out to the entire SDAHA group from the SDAHA president regarding the idea behind the new Squirt Majors/Minors schedule. Discussion was had about how WHA will split. Lucas/Jim/Jamison will talk to our coaches about this.

- Registrar/Webmaster: L. Fox
 - Remember if you have a new player, you need to get Lori a copy of their birth certificate.
 - Board members are almost all verified along with the coaches.
- Chief: L. Deutsch
 - The coach's coats should be here in a week or so.
 - Holding a league level coaches meeting tomorrow night.
 - Captain/Assistant patches need to be purchased. If a senior is the captain/assistant the patch goes with the player. Otherwise, they should be turned in at the end of the season. These are expensive so we need to keep track of them.
 - The water bottle station is at a stand still as the city wants to put it by the bathrooms, which will triple the cost. In the meantime, there are a few Gatorade buckets in the concessions stands if you want to use it.
 - The WHA hockey camp went very well. The coaches and players at all levels were engaged. Notes for next time – add in breaks for the coaches running the camp and more helpers at the younger levels.
 - Locker Room 2 and the ref room are going to be rekeyed. Lucas will get this taken care of and keys to the proper people, including the city.
 - Put it out there that any FORMER coach needs to return their keys. All keys will be collected at the end of this season.
 - Would like to see WHA go to black helmets. Will put on the March Agenda. May have to have an exception from SDAHA for one year. Start one year and each year add an age. We will have to think more about that.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proactive Coaching day was money/time well spent. The association bought a set of the booklets that go along with the information. Turn out was great. Parents that did not attend will have the opportunity to watch the DVD version that WHA purchased, preferably before the league season starts. The coaches have followed up the few players that were missing.
- Jenni has secured radio sponsors for all 8 home games along with Vast Communications streaming those games on their Channel and on the Public Opinion website. They will also stream the entire JV state tournament. Jamison can also use this video footage for coaching.
- The radio ads and the program ads has been a huge fundraiser this year. Nice job Jenni!!!!
- Kristie had a little more info on the bag tags. Jenni is going to follow up with Mike Rawlins about it.
- The Executive Director position has been offered to and accepted by Jenni Wirkus. She will no longer have a vote on the board. Tonya and Kristie will fill in the bantam director position along with Jenni's help.
- An email went out to the association clearing up the miscommunications about the raffle fundraiser and how it works. Lori will make sure this makes it into the policies and procedures manual. First year mite/or squirt players are exempt from selling. In-house participation does not count as a player first year. All other players will participate in selling.
- The Blizzard Night for Lakers has been scratched for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We have no one to open/close the concessions on Wednesday nights for open skate. For now, Kristie will ask on Monday/Tuesday on our Facebook board page. Keep your eyes/ears open for someone who can do this all season.

- The concussion protocol needs to be cleaned up and merged with SDAHA form that just came out. This info needs to be sent to our parents and coaches.
- Big Brother/Little Brother program is getting started and worked on by Jenni, Jamison and Jeanne. First time together will be 12/1 for a JV game at 4 followed by pizza and a skate around at 7.
- Will have to work with the city to get ice cleanings on what the city considers a holiday.

DIVISION/COORDINATOR REPORTS:

- Introductory Hockey: P. Sullivan (by K. Evans)
 - Initiation Hockey report: 95 participants, 58 rented equipment, 39 rented skates. 23 - 5-6 year olds, 36 - 7-8 year olds, 35 - 9-10 year olds and 1 - 11 year old
 - Wee Wobblers report: 40 participants. 14 - 3 year olds, 10 - 4 year olds, 10 - 5 year olds, 4 - 6 year olds, 2 - 7 year olds
 - Try Hockey for Free: 19 participants (10 of them are in Initiation Hockey), 3 showed interest in continuing with in-house this year and several are interested next year.
 - Info has been sent out for what comes next for the Initiation Hockey kids.
- Mites: M. Randall
 - Official mite/squirt sign up will be 12/3.
 - 4 on 4 frenzy went well. 25-30 mites and 25-30 squirts participated.
- Squirts: A. Redlin
 - Someone paid twice – will work with Tonya to get that reimbursed.
 - Has a kid that broke his leg before the Squirt season has started – Tonya will reimburse them as well.
- Pee Wees: S. Kahnke
 - Would like to see a skate-sharpening plan.
 - Kristie will show Sheri what to do to open/close for games and help her out for the 12/2 and 12/9 when Sheri will not be there.
- Bantams: J. Wirkus
 - Bantam Jamboree went well.
- Girls U14/Varsity: J. Espland
 - A few people need their \$50 Laker bucks for recruiting new girls. Need to find out if they would like to save it to use for registration next season or they can have a \$50 credit at the concession stands. Jeremy will let Tonya know how they would like to proceed.
 - J. Lloyd motioned to allow the girls to spend up to \$1500 on a bus trip, warm ups or something similar in return for the help they contributed at the golf tournament and dine with the Lakers. J. Espland 2nd the motion; all in favor. Jenni offered to help look into a bus trip.
- Boys JV/Varsity: S. Sheehan/J. Spiering
 - Bus trip coming up this weekend for the Varsity to Rapid.
 - Working on Team meals for the season.
 - Cenex is sponsoring a team meal for the Girls and Boys JV/Varsity on 11/24 at noon at the Elks. The Elks will be sponsoring a LAKER fan social with light appetizers after the last game. Kristie will get this info out to the members via email and put it on Facebook.

S. Sheehan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 pm as he walked out the door. K.Evans 2nd the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting will be December 11th, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kristie Evans
WHA – Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES:

JV Jamboree – 11/16-11/18

Meet the Lakers / Tailgating Party – 11/24

WHA Mission Statement

To provide for growth of Watertown Hockey Association players.

*We do this by emphasis placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, respect
for the individual, integrity and love of the game.*

