



**WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES-OCTOBER 12TH, 2022**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Mike C., Chad M., Kurt H., Tom G., Chris P., Chris S.; & Patti E.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Bobby G; Tim W.,
4. **Membership in Attendance:** Jeff Ellenbecker, Valerie Shurley, Erik Olson, Jen Knuth, Jason Meyers, Kevin Kaszabowski, Nate Schacht, Jen Barker, & Niqole Varani
5. **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris S Approved, Chris P Seconded**

**SEPTEMBER TREASURER REPORTS:** Organizational finances are doing well and starting to incur in-season expenses; Speed camps and golf outing were profitable; Winter classic: Organization has started receiving registrations from outside teams; Tax information has been sent to our CPA; Ice bills are starting to come in (\$30K in September); Just a reminder that items such as socks cost (approximately \$13K) are covered in skater fees; All skater fees have been billed for the season, including late registrations; **Next items:** AmFam credits – expecting soon, waiting on final proceeds; Jersey invoices – 1<sup>st</sup> order to be billed 10/10; Jersey billing process needs to be updated for next year, (Patti would like to propose paying for jerseys at time of registration next year); Jersey pricing will most likely increase \$10 / per jersey (organization needs attain pricing ahead of time from Hockey Haven); Warhawk Day – need someone to collect payments at U8 sessions – Tom Gibbons, Jason Meyers, and Valerie S. volunteered to be at Eble to help collect payments; Manager meeting – Team funds will be discussed along with Ref fees; Final settlements with AYHA regarding girls that decided to go from WCYHA to LCW; working on AYHA ice billing for LCW usage. **Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved, Chris S. Seconded**

6. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENT: Valerie:** Chick-fil-A fundraiser made a small profit during tryouts; Bunt Cakes will be (\$6/each) cash or credit at Warhawk day; Trivia night is sold out with (2) seats available – Tacos will be the entree, still looking for donations for alcohol table (each team to potentially donate a bottle). Organization had a donor provided glassware for the winning table. Still looking for a happy hour sponsor (\$1,000). If there are no happy hour donors there will be a cash bar. The first Warhawk Wednesday will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at Panda Express. Participants are encouraged to order online or via the App; The organization's raffle licenses have been renewed

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **WAHA Region 5 Meeting Update:** Lack of attendance from other associations; Officiating seminars and coaching clinics are underway; next meeting Jan 23 – seeding meetings; League games need to be complete by Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> for playdowns – noted that Waukesha would be willing to host Bantam C1 state tournament. WAHA scheduled a leadership meeting to discuss culture of the associations, Bud, Sean Allen, & Ben Gerds attended the call; All coaching and Safesport certifications need to be complete; Rule changes need to be submitted by March and will be reviewed by the May meeting; Most divisional organizations have at least (3) teams at each levels through the various age levels.
- B. **Tryout Recap:** All teams are now rostered and have been on the ice; Feedback has been positive, independent evaluators did a great job and appreciate the efforts from both KMMO and the Wings for supporting the process. Evaluators felt that the organization has a lot of talent through all levels.
- C. **Referee update for 2022-2023:** Unfortunately, we are not going to have enough officials this year to use the three official system consistently. The (3) man system is good for more physical game play (Bantam Level) and mentoring situations. Bryce's plan is to use two officials for everything, and we discussed the fees. For this year: Bantam A/B \$60 each and PW A \$50 each. U14C/G stays \$50, U12B/C/G \$40, U10 \$30, and U8/6 \$20.

- D. **Scholarship Applications Due by November 4<sup>th</sup>**—Please send all submissions via email to VP Off-Ice, in addition to the scholarships available in the past, there will be an additional scholarship specifically for Girl's Hockey.
- E. **Wreath Orders are Due by October 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Pick up is on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-3PM at EBLE. All volunteer spots have been filled.
- F. **Knockout Game Purchase**: Initial investment is approximately \$3,700. The shooting contest game can be utilized at various events such as: Winter Classic, various local and state tournaments. **Chad motioned to approved, board unanimously approved the purchase.**
- G. **Compensated Positions within the WCYHA**: Various discussion around the waiving of skater fees for roles such as Master Scheduler, Ref scheduler, and Goalie director. Board determined that we would keep the policies as is this year and address during the review of Policies and Procedures after the season.

## 8. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT**: Warhawk day is coming up Sunday. Unfortunately, we didn't receive the Johnsonville brat grant this season; Equipment coordinator position is still vacant for next year; Approximately 20-30 % of volunteer hours were not filled last season, but we are seeing the numbers improving early this season; Manager & Scheduler meeting is next week. Next month starts the required attendance for team representative to the monthly board meeting.
- B. **VP ON ICE**: Team funds are determined by the specific tournament registered for by each team and will be discussed at the manager meeting; please return any tryout jerseys to your respective practices if you accidentally took it home during tryouts. All ice has been assigned as planned due to level requirements and roster sizes. There might be the potential to schedule extra away games or tournaments due to lack of home ice availability; Warhawk day – coaches' game will be great; Teams will be looking to find locker room managers to help enforce Safesport requirements. If you are interested in being locker room manager, you need to be Safesport certified and background check. Any interested individuals will be reviewed by the organization; Mouthguards are mandatory at PeeWee & Bantam level, teams will be penalized if skaters do not wear mouth guards, this will be emphasized at parent meetings.
- C. **VP OFF ICE**: Picture day is coming up, please try to attend your scheduled time; Warhawk Day Patch distribution— Playmaker and Shutout Patches will be handed out at main check-in desk; Board members will make themselves available for birth certificate verification; blood drive time slots are still available; Warmup samples will be displayed and available at on-line store, but adult sizes are not available at this time; Still need a complete list of team managers and schedulers to get them sports engine access; Reminder of Trivia Night; Manager and Scheduler meetings upcoming on 10/19 at Ingleside; Team Reps must attend all board meetings from November-March to fulfill the 10 hours; Many team meetings taking place this week; Managers are required to have background checks and safesport certification, this is required for anyone that has frequent contact with kids in the organization. Majority of coaches have met the certifications, need to have modules and outstanding USA hockey tasks completed.
- D. **TREASURER: N/A**
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR**: Good start to the season with competitive skating sessions – good vibes starting the season
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR**: Good start to the season and good on ice coaching support – working through a coaching scenario with one C team
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR**: All coaches have been assigned to respective teams and things are going well
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR**: One of the best seasons of tryouts for the A/B evaluations; 8U/U6: Getting blue pucks to Eble for younger skaters to utilize; Winter Classic: seeing early registrations; Additional Ice Sheets: would like to see additional ice sheets to create a smaller tournament at the end of the season and also creating potential revenue opportunities; Development League Draft and announcing of the teams on October 23. Tournaments are set and working on a girl's tournament; practice jerseys are being handed out; Try Hockey for Free will be November 5<sup>th</sup> and looking forward to adding new families to the organization.

**Adjourned 7:13PM**

