

# WHA Board Meeting Minutes

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 P&R Fieldhouse

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Spiering, L. Deutsch (Chief) & J. Wirkus (ED)

E. Skott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Agenda then approved.

## **REPORTS (Association Wide Information):**

- Secretary: K. Evans
  - A. Redlin motioned to approve last month's minutes; J. Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.
- Treasurer: T. Holien
  - J. Sheehan motioned to approve last month's financials; A. Redlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.
  - T. Holien motioned to approve a line of credit through Great Western Bank for a few of the coaches next season. Treasurer will have control over amounts and these will be used for hotels only. No cash option will be available. Chief of Hockey will have more spending options. J. Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all approved.
- Past President: S. Sheehan
  - We are in need of a longer microphone cord. T. Holien will take care of this.
- Vice President: J. Lloyd
  - Just the usual taking care of discipline, parent and coach issues as they arise.
- President: E. Skott
  - Sent a letter to the association addressing parent behavior in the stands and reminded the board members to help facilitate good behavior.
  - Would like to see the scheduling of multiple levels of teams playing games on the same day at the same location continue. Thank you the SDAHA scheduler (Jenni) for that!
- SDAHA Update: J. Wirkus/E. Skott
  - J. Lloyd, L. Deutsch and E. Skott are working on player safety issues and officiating issues to present to SDAHA.
  - Reminder that the state meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> in Huron.
- Chief: L. Deutsch
  - Medical supplies need to be replenished before we host the JV state tournament.
  - Coaches have been taking cell phones at the beginning and giving them back afterwards for now.
  - Coaches have also been better about being in or near the locker rooms at all times.
  - There will be a strict policy for next season and will be clear before day one regarding cell phones and locker room supervision.
  - Reminder that a board member can sit outside the locker room or in it. The door can always be propped open too.
  - Working on a plan to have a few practice sessions at the end of the month for what will be the bantam and pee wee teams next season.
  - Has fielded a few coaching inquires for next season. When anyone hears of someone interested, send his or her information to Lucas.
  - Performance reviews will be done at the end of the season or all coaches.
  - Will be looking to add more non-parent coaching at squirts next season (will need to add that to the budget).

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Locker room update – see above
- When there is no coach or there is a need for an additional coach on the bench during a game, WHA recommends proceeding according to USA Hockey rule 201(b): the adult must be registered with USA Hockey and preferably have gone through the USA Hockey Safe Sport program. The adult can register as a USA Hockey volunteer in 2 minutes on the Internet.
- J. Wirkus has heard nothing new from her request for further information regarding USA Hockey liability insurance.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion of board positions for next season. K. Evans will send out a letter to the association. Current board members should be actively recruiting. J. Espland recommends that a U14 director be added to the current board if there is a team next season.
- The squirt/mite end of the year skate around will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5:30.
- The End of the Year Association wide banquet will be at the end of March. As soon as a date is set, all will be notified. A. Redlin motioned to have Board voting done at both banquets. T. Holien 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Discussion was had. 4 yes votes and 5 no votes. Motion failed. All voting will be done at the one end of the year banquet.
- Zero Tolerance Policy should be played at the beginning of EVERY game. A note will be taped by the announcer booth. There will be a recording on the iPad.
- Reminder that jerseys need to be returned and inventoried for damages sooner rather than later. Don't forget the extras that the coaches have.
- Next year's budget should include roughly \$5000 for a new set of Bantam jerseys. The current bantam jerseys can be integrated with the Pee Wee jerseys.
- T. Holien will get a \$50 gift card for Steve Arbogast to Dakota Butcher along with a koozie for updating the sign all season for us.

## **DIVISION/COORDINATOR REPORTS:**

- Mites: M. Randall
  - Mite jamboree went well. We could have used more concession workers.
- Squirts: A. Redlin
  - Squirt jamboree went well
  - The "A" team got 1<sup>st</sup> at the Yankton tournament.
  - Has some concerns/comments/suggestions for continuing the squirt league.
- Pee Wees: S. Kahnke
  - Will be collecting the jerseys at the last day of the state tournaments next weekend.
- Bantams: J. Wirkus
- Girls U14/JV/Varsity: J. Espland
  - The bus trip went well despite the extra nights' stay due to bad weather.
  - Senior night for the one senior is this weekend.
  - U14 girls are heading to the state tournament next weekend in Yankton.
- Boys JV/Varsity: S. Sheehan/J. Spiering
  - Jeanne working on stuff for hosting JV State.
  - Jamison would like to remind everyone that coaches need to hear from the players BEFORE he hears from the parents (at the older levels). It is important for kids to learn to talk to the

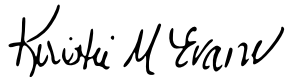
coach. If they are not comfortable with their particular coach, they should contact Lucas. If it is a safe sport issue, they should contact the Risk Manager, currently T. Holien. K. Evans will send a letter to the association regarding this and address bullying, parents in the hallway and the 24-hour rule.

- The Oahe varsity game next weekend will be broadcast on KSDR with a patch in from the local Oahe broadcast.

J. Sheehan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. J. Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Kristie Evans  
WHA – Secretary

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Hosting JV State Tournament – 3/8-3/10**

**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.*

