



Woodbury Area Hockey Club Board Meeting April 15, 2024

In attendance: Pat Sondreal, Todd Wiggins, Matt Berdahl, Josh Wendel, Jaime Wyeth, Jonnie Zook, Eric Fugleberg, Tim Affeldt, Charitable Gambling Manager-Mary Lemmer, Administrator-Lonie Nelson

- Call to order by Pat Sondreal at 8:07pm
- Approval of Mar 24, 2024 meeting minutes
 - Motion by Pat Sondreal, seconded by Matt Berdahl, all in favor no opposed
- Financial Review 2023-24
 - Gambling results and projections
 - Budgeted \$115k for gambling and contributed over \$200k for the first time ever
 - Motion to approve actual expenses for March '24 of \$110,958.66 by Todd Wiggins seconded by Josh Wendel, all in favor no opposed
 - Motion to approve estimated expenses for May '24 of \$93,303 by Pat Sondreal seconded by Todd Wiggins, all in favor no opposed
 - April Ice donation of \$25,000 motion by Todd Wiggins seconded by Matt Berdahl, all in favor no opposed
 - Review of annual budget to actual
 - YTD results at March 31 is \$150k profit. There is an additional \$100k in outstanding ice to be paid in April. At fiscal yearend, we'll be about +\$50k after all expenses paid
 - **\$200k contribution to MHealth Fairview Sports Center** outdoor ice expansion is not included in this budget as it was approved as a special expenditure from our balance sheet.
 - Expecting **ice costs** at our main rinks to be increased per hour again next year
 - MHFSC confirmed **\$250/hr** (23-24 \$240/hr)
 - Woog **\$235/hr** (*estimate* based on 23-24 \$230, 22-23 \$225, 21-22 \$220)
note: Annual capital asset payment \$30,000/800 annual hrs = \$37.5/hr
 - Harding **\$230/hr 2024 & \$240/hr 2025** (estimate based on 2024 \$230, 2023 \$220, 2022 \$220, 2021 \$215)
Note: Annual capital asset payment \$10,000/300hrs = \$33.33/hr
 - Review of balance sheet and final payments and position at fiscal year end
 - Future board will have to look for ways to replenish the cash position to previous levels
 - Need to look into HR policy for WAHC employees (15 charitable gambling employees, 1 WAHC employee) because of Minnesota employment law changes
- Hockey Committee Report
 - **Hockey Advisory Group** met to discuss season '24
 - Discussed overall goal for each level
 - Skills development plans for each level
 - Discussion of East Grand Forks model where they all play each other for the first two months of the season
 - Collectively agreed to keep our team levels and plans the same as was done with '23 season; all teams were very competitive
 - Agreement to move forward with the plan presented by the hockey committee



- **Tryouts** will be slightly changed – Adding a 5th tryout day and modifications to approach for tryout night 3 so that there is more movement that can occur between the top half and bottom half.
 - Top can score 3 – 10 for night 1
 - Bottom can score 1 – 8 for night 1
 - Great scoring overlap for remaining nights to allow for more movement
 - Night four follow the same scoring process
 - After night 4 the top 10 become locks and bottom 27 and don't participate in night 5
 - After night 5 the top (10) XX depending upon size then the next five are picked from next 10 best due to position needs and variable for choosing teams so the same split at each level using top locks and then pick 5 from next 10
 - Refer to Hockey Committee's full season plan presentation in the board meeting; provided to all board members
- **8&Under (Mite & MiniMite) Level Restructuring** Reviewed – Refer to Hockey Committee's full season plan presentation in the board meeting; provided to all board members
- District 8 Requests for Association Feedback
 - Do we want to make **GameSheet player stats** public?
 - General discussion and the board agreed to not make them public
 - Should D8 pay for D8 HP program goalie coaches to attend **USA Hockey Goalie Symposium**? \$575/ea.
 - General discussion and agreement that we have never done this in the past and will not agree to contribute as this is a special team outside of the association that should be self-funding
- **Avario Ice Contract**
 - General discussion and agreement on AVARIO Scheduler services for 24-25. Proposed scheduling services and software licensing fees consistent with 23-24 season.
 - The WAHC Hockey Group will meet with Avario and review the past two seasons to make improvements.
- **Strauss/K1 Jerseys** agreed to another two-year contract as per previous board discussion. Contract signed.
- **City of Woodbury Memorandum of Understanding** will be signed in alignment with previous board meeting approvals to contribute to the outdoor ice boards, making them hockey ready for more MN Health ice hours in '24. Full payment of WAHC's contribution will be made on or before June 1, 2024.
- Review of **tentative tournament hosting** schedule
 - Same memorial tournaments we hosted in '23
 - Dec JrGold-Garrett Bumgarner
 - Feb PWAA-John Erickson
 - Take no region tournaments due to ice constraints with our B2/C & SQ/10U & 8&Under teams still playing thru early March
 - Suggest to the District that we'll host as follows:
 - Host **up to 4 post season tournaments**
 - 1 Late-February Playoff Tournament (Girls)
 - 1-2 Mid-March Playoff Tournament
 - 1 State Tournament (in place of early Mar Regions tournament)
 - Try not to host until at least the second half of March due to WAHC ice constraints.
- Motion to Adjourn
 - 10:00pm by Pat Sondreal