

Wadena Hockey December Minutes
Sunday, December 18th, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Wadena Hockey Arena

- 1) Call to Order: Amber McManigle, Jamie Hathaway, Derek Tucker, Tate McManigle, BJ Fink, Jeremy Goddard, Mac Nelson, Nette Nelson, Norm Gallant, Harley Jabas, Alli Jabas, Joe Sworski, Dani Sworski, Amanda Schmidt, Phil Schmidt, Erik Ness, Katie Tyrrell, Sam Meyer, Steve Davis, Monica Merickel
- 2) Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Mac Nelson, second Jeremy Goddard (Approved)
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Tate McManigle, second Mac Nelson (Approved)
- 4) Public Forum:
 - a. Norm Gallant-HS Activities Director
 - i. Girls Hockey Program
 1. Last year had talked with Park Rapids and DL about doing a co-op with us. DL wants to move forward, but everything (practices, games) would be in DL. They would be DL Hockey.
 2. A co-op with Sauk Center and Long Prairie is not really an option. DL has the ability to sustain a program.
 - a. Questions-we have girls from all over our current co-op, how does DL feel about that?
 - i. Unsure, but Norm will reach out.
 - b. Would some kind of transportation be available?
 - i. There could be potential to pay a parent mileage or potential to get an approved parent to use a school van. Would need to be discussed further.
 - c. Parents have talked about doing a 15U program for a year, would this impact the school's willingness to do this co-op in the future?
 - i. It is not a deal breaker but the school would like to get this deal worked out asap and get it going for next season.
 3. Most parents did not seem to object-Norm will move forward with the DL co-op.
 - ii. Boys Hockey
 1. Next few years will be challenging-next years' numbers 10 skaters and 2 goalies, year after that-7 skaters and a goalie. Potentially one coming back but we do not know that for sure. We do not have many 8th-9th grade kids coming up as of now.
 2. Options
 - a. We do nothing and just play as is. Games and practices are here, they are wolverines. No JV team for a few years, more potential for injury and having to cancel games.
 - b. Do nothing-next year play varsity, year after play JV-which is hard.
 - c. Potentially talking to PR about a co-op. But everything would be in Park Rapids as they have HS kids that come from Walker.
 - i. Coaching staff we have now would not be in for a co-op.
 - ii. We depend on kids from all over the co-op we have now. PR co-op may not be ideal for that.
 - iii. Would some bantams be willing to move up to play varsity?
 1. That would be up to each parent
 2. Our kids are small-worried about injury

- iv. If we had a small and young team, Norm would plan schedule accordingly.
 - v. Norm would like a commitment from us that those kids would move up-we can not provide that at this moment.
 - vi. We want a coaching staff plan for HS so we can also plan.
 - b. Phil Schmidt-Alumni Game
 - i. Reached out to 40-45 people, 12 have committed and a couple of maybes. Moving forward with games.
 - ii. It is \$40 per player and they will have a donation bucket set out day of.
 - c. Amanda Schmidt-player movement
 - i. Son Hunter is a 1st year mite but is in the 3rd grade. His friends/classmates will move up to squirts next year and according to his birth date Hunter would not. She wants him to be approved to be considered a second-year mite this year and move up to squirts with his friends.
 - 1. She had reached out to MN Hockey and they have different scenarios to take into consideration for movement if birth date does not allow.
 - a. They offer 4 scenarios-scenario 3-Player started kindergarten at age 5, and the player wants to “move up” to skate with his/her classmates. Minnesota Hockey rules require associations to make accommodations for players with June, July, and August birthdates that start school on time and desire to play up so they can participate with their classmates.
 - b. No additional discussion
 - c. Motion to approve letting him move up as a second-year mite and be a squirt next year Steve Davis, second Jeremy Goddard (Approved)
- 5) Treasurers Report:
- a. Discrepancies on squirt internationals account-Monica was reimbursed twice for the Fargo Force tickets. Once it was pointed out it was rectified. This will be reflected on next months financials.
 - b. Other things that came out of that account that should have come out of other places.
 - c. MN HP paid on Friday.
 - d. Suggested that we get 4 independent members that could be an audit committee that looks over financials once a year. Motion to approve looking into getting someone to look at auditing our books Steve Davis, second Monica Merickel (Approved)
 - e. Motion to approve December financials Mac Nelson, second Jeremy Goddard (Approved)
- 6) Reports:
- a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)-nothing
 - b. Registrar (Dani Sworski)-nothing
 - c. Building Maintenance (Erik Ness)
 - i. Heater is working but it is maxed out-Erik is talking with rep about more options.
 - ii. Heater in concessions will need to get fixed
 - iii. Ice troubles-we had a freon leak on the compressors. Want to come up with an emergency “crash” kit. Potentially look at getting an alarm. There is a temp gage so have Zamboni drivers check that.
 - iv. If we are here and it needs to be shoveled and ice melt thrown out please do that-send message to club and parent directors.
 - v. Erik wants to change the maintenance position from manager to maintenance person. He will stay on as a managerial person-help train and maintain everything. He will send Amber a new advertisement.

- vi. We need more help getting people trained at the lower levels to be Zamboni drivers. Erik and one other could train and get them going.
 - d. Equipment (Jeremy Goddard)-nothing
 - e. Concessions (Sam Meyer)
 - i. November Sales-\$4800, December sales so far-\$5600
 - f. Referee (Mac Nelson)
 - i. Games are covered-will be doing some mentoring on the ice.
 - g. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
 - i. Next week T/Th MM will skate at the Varsity games
 - ii. Trying to get something worked out with Varsity for an open hockey of sorts for peewees and squirts on NYE day. Will keep us posted.
 - h. Mite Director (Katie Tyrrell)-nothing
 - i. Events (Dani Sworski)-nothing
 - j. Marketing (Amber McManigle)-nothing
 - k. Public Relations/Newsletter/Communications (Amber McManigle)-nothing
- 7) Old Business
- a. Nette wants the motion for squirt internationals funds from last month changed to the original ask of \$5000 for food and pins.
 - i. Motion to approve the Squirt Internationals budget to not exceed \$5000 BJ Fink, second Monica Merickel (Approved)
 - b. Squirt International Registration
 - i. Not to discuss but for everyone to think about-6-7 years ago we only sent one team at the cost of \$900. We now sent 2 teams and registration fees cost \$3875. That is a large increase.
 - 1. Maybe we do a raffle at BLB or increase squirt registration fees to try to cover some of the registration costs.
 - 2. Will discuss at later date
- 8) New Business
- a. Railings per insurance
 - i. Railings need to be added to the stairs to equipment room and possibly the front steps. Contact a Sprinkler company to make sure our system is up to code.
 - b. BLB silent/live auction stickers
 - i. Oversight-made corrections and they will be done soon. Jeremy Goddard is having them printed.
 - c. Board meeting mins upload to website
 - i. Someone came to BJ Fink asking why mins are a month behind and if we could do something different so they are more in the loop with what is discussed.
 - 1. Month behind because they are not board approved yet.
 - a. Suggested we upload them to the website within one week of meetings/or what is reasonable for secretary. It will say pending board approval
 - 2. Discussed to have things we approve via email be on the website as well. Will go back through the start of this fiscal year and get them on the web.
 - 3. Motion to approve if moneys requested is over \$1000, an emergency meeting will need to take place within 48-hours to approve Mac Nelson, second Derek Tucker (Approved)
 - d. Voting for Board members
 - i. Voting-example single parent with multiple kids, is it fair that a family that has two parents gets two votes?

1. Our by-laws state a family member defined as a member of a family unit that has paid the family membership dues hereafter provided and having children play hockey. May consist of mother and father (married or divorced), Single parent, Guardians, foster parents or grandparents.
 - a. Each individual member of the family unit shall have 1 vote. Each family unit is limited to 2 total votes.
 2. An example given is that for your school board vote, you are only allowed one vote per individual person and it does not matter how many children you have in the school.
 - ii. Can discuss more at next month's meeting
 - e. Jeremy is asking for a budget of \$300 for trophy's for the Squirt B2 home tournament. Motion to approve Monica Merickel, second Derek Tucker (Approved)
 - f. Harley Jabas-at the Moorhead game the road conditions were horrible and they were told for the week prior that the road conditions were not good and to get to the game safely. This game the roads were worse. They were 4 mins late, Harley let his parent director and the level board rep know and to tell the coaches as he did not have the coaches phone number. His daughter was reprimanded with sitting a half a period.
 - i. He is upset that this was the course of action taken and wants the board to do something about this.
 1. This is a coach's decision-Jamie will remind the coach that consistency is necessary and safety is most important.
- 9) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Amber McManigle, second Mac Nelson (Approved)