

Wadena Hockey Club Minutes
Monday, October 12th @ 6:30 pm
Maslowski Wellness Center

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Joe Sworksi, Amber McManigle, Erik Olson, Eric Ness, Matt Lunde, Mike Olson, Nette Nelson, BJ Fink, Kelly Zaic, BJ Meyer, Derek Tucker, Jamie Hathaway, Mac Nelson, Amelia Hutson, Chrissy Krell, Michelle Allred
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve Michelle, 2nd BJ Meyer (Approved)
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve BJ Meyer, 2nd BJ Fink (Approved)
4. Public Forum:
 - a. Mike Olson-wants us to know he will continue to do our snow removal this winter and he was dropping off goalie equipment.
 - b. BJ Fink-Outdoor rink boards are done, they will be leaving a spot open and reinforcing it with railroad ties so there is a place for a water truck, etc. to go in to make it easier to use. They have another day or so of work.
5. Treasurers Report: Motion to approve BJ Meyer, 2nd Amber McManigle (approved)
 - a. Registrations are about the same as last year currently
 - b. We can see the Squirt Golf Tournament is on there. It was successful and raised about \$7700. There was an error, but Eric had already fixed.
 - c. Michelle asked what the \$500 tournament was, it was the Brainerd Tournament for Mites for 2 Teams.
 - d. Asked why tournament fees are in the concession's funds? That was the club credit card that was used.
 - e. Asked why we spent more money on a tournament then was approved by the board? There was a tournament for bantams that was supposed to be in DL but that got cancelled so executive decision was made between Joe and BJ M to get a new tournament scheduled. The gate fee was \$200 more than the DL tourn. It was stated that it was something that should have been brought to the board.
6. Reports:
 - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
 - i. Bantams have scheduled 13(H), 12(A), and 3 tournaments
 - ii. Squirt b1 have 9(H) and 9(A), b2 has 9(H) and 8(A) for now.
 - iii. Was able to schedule games for the weekend in Feb that we had for BLB since we had to move that to Jan 30th.
 - b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
 - i. Bantams-12, Squirts-22, Mites-15, MM-10, Hockey Tots-24
 - c. Building Maintenance (Eric Ness)
 - i. Ice is in-we need to work on getting more volunteers. We need to remind people that this is a part of our commitment to our kids. With the New hose reels etc., it helped make things easier.
 - ii. Talked with the fire dept. to figure out our max capacity, we also will need fire extinguishers. Eric is getting an estimate for fire extinguishers.
 - iii. Took off plexiglass from the inside of the lobby to clean them, clean the glass, and remove the pucks from behind the glass.
 - iv. Reminder that if you have keys or key fobs DO NOT COPY them. We have a key fab policy.
 - d. Equipment (BJ Meyer)
 - i. Dibs is working well for signups to return equipment, exchange, etc. We will keep using.
 - e. Concessions (Matt Lunde)
 - i. Unsure how high school will work out or how many games-so far 16.
 - ii. Concessions will be limited since there will not be many spectators.
 - iii. Amy has chosen not to continue helping this year.
 - iv. Matt will not be getting the Square System this year. Will hold off until next year.
 - v. Pop will be here this week for the pop machine.

- vi. Matt wants to offer free hot choc to Mike Olson for the season. No one disagreed.
- f. Referee (Mac Nelson)
 - i. Seminars are all zoom. Only a few left.
 - ii. Let's get the younger kids involved and excited about refereeing.
 - iii. The official's room is small and will not allow for proper social distancing, so suggesting we use the dungeon. It needs to be cleaned up, but it would allow for the distancing and they would have their own restroom and own entrance if needed.
- g. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
 - i. Peter Lenz, Brother to Katie Norris-member of association, still wants to help. Cannot on the weekends but is open all week. Once he completes level 1 and background, we will have him float for the first few weeks and see where he best fits in. Potentially a Skating Coach. He Played for Duluth.
 - ii. Jason Rudrud petitioned to moving up to bantams, he would be a 3rd year Peewee, the hockey Committee thinks he would do simply fine moving up-motion to approve BJ Meyer, 2nd Derek Tucker (Approved)
 - iii. Coaches Rules-sent out via email to board members to read, Mighty Mites will get next month, Tate is out of town. Motion to approve all coaches' rules BJ Meyer, 2nd Amber McManigle (Approved)
 - iv. Squirt Tryout/Placement-BJ Fink
 - 1. Has had some questions from people, who is on the player development committee?
 - a. The committee is Jamie, Joe Sworski, Nate Witthuhn, Paul Warren, and Corey Sarago.
 - 2. Who will be doing the evaluations and placement of the 2 teams?
 - a. Jamie has the 4 High School Coaches that will be doing the evaluations and placement. Jamie will only offer anything if those Coaches have questions about players.
 - 3. Has a plan that the kids will get jerseys with numbers on the backs and that is how they recognize the players.
 - 4. Parents will NOT be allowed to watch tryouts.
 - 5. What happens if a child makes the B1 team but wants to play on the B2 team?
 - a. Will discuss that if it happens, would not force a child to play where they don't want to.
 - 6. Tryouts will be the end of the month, 3 nights for sure, possibly a 4th.
 - 7. We have 2 peewees that will play down at squirts, everyone will get an even tryout/ placement on teams regardless of their age.
 - v. Squirt Internationals
 - 1. Got email that there will be no pin trading this year as in previous years. What they are thinking would be that the coaches could take so many pins and give to other teams or teams that we play.
 - a. Discussed the idea of buying each squirt a heavyweight jacket personalized with their names as a special memento.
 - b. We would have plenty of \$ for jackets, some pins, books, and meals.
 - c. Motion to approve buying all Squirts new black jackets this year, will rediscuss every year, and then it will be only for first year squirts after this year-BJ Meyer, 2nd Eric Olson (Approved)
- h. Mite Director (Nate Witthuhn)
 - i. Looking for approval of Jason Merickel for assistant Hockey Tot coach pending level 1 and modules. Motion to approve BJ Meyer, 2nd Erik Olson (Approved)
 - ii. Doing survey monkeys now for Parent Directors for all 8U levels so we can have that person named for Orientations next week.
- i. Fundraising (Dani Sworski/committee)
 - i. Volunteer of the Month will run November-February.
- j. Marketing (Amelia Hutson/committee)
 - i. Still getting familiarized with everything.

- ii. Chrissy Krell is doing a banner. Tate has Drywall Supply and Northwest getting banners. Continue to try to find some new banner sponsors.
 - iii. Discussed the new Skin on the Zamboni...BJ M has a sponsor interested. Just needs to know a price.
 - 1. It was \$5000 for the whole Zamboni with a 5 yr commitment. The Committee has decided that is too much and we will be reducing it. Talked about \$2500 a year and a 2-3-year commitment.
 - 2. Will be making new Sponsorship Opportunities info and will get that out.
 - 3. Invoices for Banners have gone out.
 - 4. Suggested to do an entry level sponsorship where we put their names or business logos on a supplemental advertising sheet in the brochures given out at high school games.
 - k. Blue Line Bids (Nette Nelson/Committee)
 - i. Currently planning the fundraiser as normal, however, with things the way they are we most likely cannot have things as normal. The amount of people we can have is extremely limited.
 - 1. Options-we could continue to plan as normal and at the last-minute change into Super Silent Auction.
 - 2. We could push back the date and do the in person fundraising event at a different time while we still would need to do raffle tickets the end of January.
 - 3. Have different options for increasing raffle ticket sales to help recoup some of the \$ we will lose this year,
 - a. Motion to approve increasing the number of tickets sold per each family by 5. Each family will sell 35 tickets at \$20 a ticket-Eric Olson, 2nd BJ Fink-4 in favor, 3 opposed (Approved)
 - b. Motion to move the event until March 27th Eric Olson, 2nd Amber McManigle (Approved)
 - c. Discussed the idea of scratching Beans and Bags and turning that into a golf fundraiser and adding to it to make it more like BLB especially this year if we cannot have a get together type fundraiser. We could do outdoor tents, showcase baskets and raffles, food, entertainment, etc.
 - i. Talked about maybe doing this one at Whitetail Golf course to keep some of these events in Wadena. We will get more information and discuss at Novembers Meeting.
 - l. Public Relations/Communications/Newsletter (Amber McManigle)
 - i. Best Communications-email and Facebook
 - m. Gambling (Joe Sworski/Mark Lunde)
 - i. Cory Pettit is no longer showing interest. So, we are back at square one.
 - 1. Sounds like Jamie Pettit would be interested but not for a year or two when one of his other commitments is over.
 - 2. Matt Lunde said he will step in and do it-Motion to approve Matt-Eric Olson, 2nd BJ Fink (Approved)
7. Old Business-Nothing Currently
8. New Business
- a. Hockey photos-2 options
 - i. Tolifson Photography reached out the last 2 years with interest in doing our pictures. About the same prices as Caulfields. A few more options. Caulfields is interested as well. Most were happy with how they went last year.
 - ii. Mentioned if anyone has spoken with Rex Studios to see if she would be interested? No one has but Amber said she could reach out to Kim.
 - 1. Everyone agreed that she should be offered a chance if she would want to take us up on it.
 - 2. Mike Olson also suggested Sierra Rach, his sister. We will reach out to Sierra as well.
 - b. Covid Committee
 - i. Brochures were looked over

1. Motion to approve arriving to the arena 15 Minutes prior to practices and 30 mins prior to games BJ Meyer, 2nd Amber McManigle (approved Michelle abstained from voting)
 2. Discussed that NO equipment at ANY LEVELS will be left in locker rooms overnight at the arena. If they need to be left H.S. and Bantams can use the upstairs-we can lock it. Per new cleaning routines we need to be able to get into the locker rooms and sanitize.
 3. The Covid Guidelines and Rules are for our ENTIRE association and the arena. Everyone needs to follow.
 - ii. WHC symptom screener was decided on. Need to add that if your school has told you to stay home you cannot come to hockey.
- c. Date Complications
- i. Some have mentioned that it may be easier for our coaches that are on the board to move the meetings from the second Monday to the second Sunday instead. 3 Members were opposed.
 1. Discussed that we do not want our coaches to have to choose between the board and coaching.
 2. We will just make decisions every month about the date that will work for the majority.
9. Adjourn
- a. Motion Amber McManigle, 2nd Erik Olson (Approved)