

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, October 19th, 2023
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: Jason Mattila, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Mike Bakalars, Wayne Pfahler, Amanda Ferwerda, Kyle Dziubla, Todd Carlson, PJ Gregoire, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Adam Sodersten, Jill Scheibel, Lelsey Steffin, Brian Lindow, Kaiti Bohacek, Eric Helsher, Mike O'Brien, Mark Markham

1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the September 2023 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Lesley, second by Wayne. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Mike O'Brien) – Rink is on target for December 1, pouring the concrete tomorrow. Bathroom partitions going up the week of October 30, will be doing the boards starting the week of November 6. Joel needs 4-5 carpenter skilled people. Goal for the bar upstairs in the mezzanine to be open by November 1. Will work with Joel once it gets closer to pick specific days/times.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – October payment just brought in \$110,00 for the club. There are four families that have bad debt from DIBS credits, which amounts to \$1,400. Motion to right off bad debt for the 2022-2023 season by Earl, second by Wayne. Motion passed.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Jason Mattila) – Scheduling meeting this Sunday at MIA, lots of discussion about locker room policy, cell phone policy, and GameSheets. Team managers should plan on using stickers for the first few games. Lesley and Brian will take care of purchasing the 4 iPads.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – BoosterShot will pre-pack 10 tickets per player to sell. The fundraiser will NOT be mandatory, but highly encouraged. We will develop an incentive program with the club for players who hit goals. The fundraiser will be introduced at parent meeting at end of October. Once rosters are set, team parents will handle distribution of tickets in early November. Team parents will also have extra tickets in case players on their team need more to sell. Turn in of money & ticket stubs will be centralized in lock box at ice rink. Sales should be completed no later than Dec 1. BoosterShot will also create an online store where supporters can purchase tickets online with a credit card. BoosterShot will ship these orders out for you. Culver's night will be Wednesday, December 20th from 5-8pm. I will get a sign-up genius going next month. We will need 4 parents per shift to help. I have flyers being made too.
 - b. **Equipment** (Adam Sodersten) – Goalie gear is all sorted and new gear is put away. Geared up several different goalies across Squirt and PeeWee teams. Outfit several Learn to Play skaters after the open house. Still need to get leg pads back from the Miller family. Kyle asked for additional goalie gear for Squirt B, Adam will need to finish the Mite bags.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – Doing good, have another potential coach at the Bantam level.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Practice schedule out through December 4, first time on the new rink is December 9 and 10, start using it the following week for practice. RWB games will all be on

the original rink, but the tournament will be on rink 2. ALDs to send information out to the Team Managers to sign-up on the site so that managers can see if they are short referees.

- e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – U8 teams are loaded and ready to be made public. Registration open for the PeeWee C2 tournament, currently have 3 teams registered. Jason will send an email out to the Region 4. Registration is still open for LTP, U6, U8, Bantams, Midgets, which we'll keep open for now.
- f. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Open and running. Need to prioritize staffing the concession stands based on the High School games but should try and staff the other concession stand when there is U6, RWB, Squirt.
- g. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – No report.
- h. **Registrar's Report** (Mike Bakalars) – Working on rosters, ALDs need to remind coaches to get registered. Tournament applications sent to WAHA.
- i. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- j. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – 30 kids at the open house, had a bunch of kids' sign-up afterwards. Parade was cancelled.
- k. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – No report.
- l. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Online apparel store is open through October 29, extra hats will be sold in the store. Coaches and player jackets are getting embroidered, should be ready by the end of this week. There are a few coaches that still need jackets.
- m. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, and Mavericks. Most kids have gotten nameplates, just a few stragglers.
- n. **Photography Coordinator** (Jill Scheibel) – Pictures will be November 6-8. Mike will send the rosters. A few teams won't be practicing in Verona that week.
- o. **Tournament Director** (TBD) – No report.
- p. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Moved the girls jamboree to January 19, scheduled first Junior Lynx meet and greet on Tuesday. Have ice-time starting in December.
- q. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – Joined all the Squirt and PeeWee meetings to give an overview of the program. Jason to work on standard repercussions for parents. Signs are up in the locker room, helmet stickers were distributed to coaches, 66 hats are ordered for the CATS culture winners, coach mentoring is also in progress and going well. Goal to have at least a few winners by the end of the month.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Danielle Pellitteri) – We are good for LTP, still working on the coaches schedule. Mites are taking the first two sessions on 11/4 and 11/11. Practice plans are done. Will host a LTP coach orientation in the next two weeks. We are short on knit hats - Todd and Katie will order more.
 - U6 (Wayne Pfahler) – Going to have 5 teams with 7 kids each.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – 59 kids on rosters, will 2 more that will likely be registering. Games will be starting on November 4. We are sticking with blue pucks only. Holding the scheduling meeting tomorrow.
 - Squirt (Kyle Dzuibla) – Going well, games start next weekend.
 - Peewee (Todd Carlson) – Ditto.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – 1st scrimmage was hard to watch - we lost. Our next scrimmage is October 28th at home. 3 sheets has been awesome- Thank you Earl! Brian Clark is interested in being an Assistant Coach on C team. Mason Struts sister passed away. Mike motions to approve \$500, second by Erin. Motion passed. Her visitation and funeral service is on Saturday October 28th. We picked up another Dodgeville player Luke Bender Injury Report- Dodgeville Skater Jaden Hessling has a broken Ankle. Out till mid-December. Kellie Christian has been scheduling games for all 3 teams. We are close to being full for all 3.

- Mavericks (PJ Gregoire) – Need to do a tournament registration page for the Mavericks Showdown, March 15-17. PJ to send Karin the necessary information.
- Midget (Janis Strutt) – No report.

7. Old Business

- a) **CPR and AED Training at the Rink** – Adam is going to the Fire Department tomorrow to see if we can coordinate opening the AED. We might need to purchase another one for the second rink.
- b) **Tanner Kaltenberg** – Planning to meet with Kristy as well as Joel or Kari on behalf of VAHS as well. Lesley to cover Jaxson Brummer's skater fees and DIBS coverage, Erin second. Motion passed.

8. New Business

- a) **Eval Review Subcommittee** – Need to collect names and then Justin will figure out next steps. Karin, Joe, Amanda, Mark, Kyle, Kim Bakalars, Wayne, Bill, Todd, Biser to start. Lauren to send these names to Justin.
- b) **PW B Schedule Resolution** – One of the teams asked for the board to cover a 4th tournament to equalize the game amount. Lesley motions to pay for the 4th Tournament for PeeWee B Orange, Erin second. Motion passed.
- c) **Disciplinary Actions for Parents** – General idea is if a parent or coach is removed from the rink by a referee, there is a mandatory 1 game suspension. Incident will then be reviewed by the committee for additional action. Kyle makes a motion to approve the policy, seconded by Erin. Motion passed. Jason to review the verbiage with Brian, will then need to add it as an addendum to the parent code of conduct.
- d) **PW C1 State Tournament Questions** – We will need to have teams donate 2 raffle baskets, which Katie can coordinate with the other coordinators. Jason to reply to her email regarding the other questions. Erin will also reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to submit the form regarding all of the upcoming tournaments.
- e) **Lack of Goalies** – Would like to talk about ideas to promote more kids playing goalie during the next meeting. Lauren will add to the agenda for November.
- f) **First Aid Kits** – ALDs to let coaches know they can get them from the House of Hockey if they don't already have one.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to readjourn by Mark, seconded by Wayne, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.