
WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2022-2023

Date: Monday, February 20th

Time: 6pm

Location: Willmar Civic Center

IN ATTENDANCE

Al Setrum, Shawn Engstrom, Justin Rucks, Ashley Thole, Matt Morton, Carrie Olson, Ashley Ewert, Travis Michelson. Not in attendance: Melissa Sorenson

Secretary Report

Minutes will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shawn provided a balance sheet as of January 31st. Our checking account is sitting at around \$25,000. (This amount is about the same as it was last year.) We are still collecting player fees and we'll still have two more ice bills to pay.

HOCKEY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

There were a couple issues with reffing at the Peewee B2 tournament this past weekend. Plenty of missed calls and player safety concerns; these issues will be brought to the next District 5 meeting.

Zach Navarro, our goalie coach, has exhausted all of his approved paid hours. A couple months ago we voted and approved a specific dollar amount and now, that is all gone. We will need to decide whether or not we can afford to pay him for the last two months of the year. We will check with boosters as well to see if they have any interest in helping pay for Zach.

Fundraising

Pull Tabs – For January, we will have netted about \$1700; that would be our best month so far!

The final Bingo night of the year is NEXT Tuesday, February 28th. The Squirt C team will host.

DISTRICT 5 UPDATE

Safesport – They are looking into the amount of time that parents/locker room monitors are required to monitor. 30 minutes before and after? 45 minutes before, 15 minutes after?

Behavior issues – This is happening all over and D5 is asking boards to do their part to help keep parents and athletes calmed down.

Scheduling refs – this has to happen through D5. No exceptions.

OFF-ICE COMMITTEE

We will get communication out to team managers about how to correctly wash and collect them once each teams' season is done.

The left over salt buckets need to be sold or at least moved out of our room upstairs.

TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments are done! Except for current district tournaments and potential regional tournaments. At this point, we know that our Bantam A team WILL make it to the regional tournament!

Also, we will be hosting the 12U Regional tournament next weekend. We will need help filling Dibbs for that tournament. We are lucky to get this tournament and we will make a nice chunk of money.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND MARKETING

Wounded Warrior recap – This was such a positive event! Everything was well-run and the Warrior leaders said this was the best event they've been a part of. Special thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this event happen.

Justin Rucks will be working with boosters to start planning a couple of Try Hockey for Free events this Spring/Summer.

NEW BUSINESS

- Play-Up Practices/Parent-Player Games – for now, practices will be scheduled one week at a time until the end of each team's season. Each level will be offered a couple play-up practices with the kids they will play with next year.
- 12U Regional – Al will get Dibbs loaded for NEXT WEEKEND's tournament. This is a huge event for Willmar and it will be a fun event to run.
- 3v3 Spring League – Justin J. has put together a proposal for a Spring 3-on-3 league for all age levels. We added some questions and concerns and Justin will continue making plans for this to happen. The board suggested sending out a poll to WHA and Willmar Rec skaters.
- Spring Meeting (Board Elections) – We will plan this event for April
- Civic Center Issues/Concerns – There have been a high number of complaints lately with the Civic Center; the biggest concerns are concession stand staffing/hours and cleanliness of facility. We like to brag about how impressive our facility is (honestly one of the nicest rinks to play in in the area) but sometimes we're embarrassed by how dirty the facility is and people often complain about our concession stand not being open.

- Joe Wisocki announced that he will be leaving Willmar to live and work up in the Eveleth/Virginia area. We will miss the Wisocki family and we all wish them well in their future!

Adjourn

ASHLEY T. MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. JUSTIN SECOND. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25PM.

*MINUTES SUBMITTED BY TRAVIS MICHELSON. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 13TH AT 6PM.