

Windom Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday October 7, 2020 – 6:15 PM
Windom City Arena

Present: Ryan McNamara, Jerome Robillard, Amy Pigman, Travis Janssen, Justin Espenson, Michelle Baerg, Tim Mellstrom, Joel LaCanne, Mike Pigman, Eric Lohse, Jeremy O'Donnell, Sam Balloun

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m.

1. Athletic Director Report – Jeremy O'Donnell

Updates on state HS hockey

Most of the games are re-scheduled. Still working on the finalization.

As of now, no spectators allowed even though it is at a city arena.

Discuss locker room usage

Come dressed as much as possible. Will have 10 minutes to get dressed. Must bring bags and all equipment home each night.

2. Arena Manager – Tim Hogan

He will block off every other row in the bleachers for the parent meeting.

Captain's practice will need to be scheduled by the varsity kids through Mike Pigman who will work with Tim.

Kids will need to use the QR code each time they enter the building.

Will be a check in for open skating/ hockey with the arena. Recommend getting a season pass or punch card.

Dryland and shooting room are not available unless a team is using it with a coach present.

Entrance will be the center door and exits will be the new locker room door and doors next to the community room.

3. Secretary Report – Michelle Baerg

- Review September Meeting minutes

Approved by Justin with a 2nd by Mike Pigman.

4. Treasurer Report- Ryan McNamara

Financial report approved by Justin Espenson, 2nd by Mike Pigman.

5. Registration-Joel LaCanne

- Status of registration
149 players registered

- Player age appropriate review and player team assignment.
If any kids are moving up early, it must be mutually agreed between the coach and the parents.

- Review new player's registration.
Sheets will go out to the schools on Friday 10-9.
Register by October 15th.

Mike Pigman made a motion that if Fiona Robillard chooses to move to Bantams for this this season it is allowed due to numbers. This was 2nd by Eric Lohse. Motion was approved with one No by Tim Mellstrom.

6. Tournament Director- Amy Pigman

NA

7. Web Page-Amy Pigman

NA

8. District 4- Mike Pigman

Scheduling is done but there are game changes already. It will not be posted until the changes are finished. The first league games will be around November 14th.

9. Equipment: Jerome Robillard

- Discuss date for Mites' equipment distribution.
October 31st will be the date to hand out equipment and first day on the ice. 9-10 am for last names A-J with practice at 10 am. For last names K-Z equipment hand out is 10-11 for last names N-Z and on the ice at 11 am.
- Discuss goalie equipment distribution night.
Jerome will work with Justin on equipment for all goalies up to Bantams.

10. Coach Coordinator-Travis Janssen

- Hockey development committee
There should be a skills program developed for the association. This will help develop how the association and kids in the association grow.
Justin Espenson made a motion to make a hockey development committee. This motion was second by Tim Mellstrom. Motion was passed
- U 19 team for fall league
U19, coaches want to do a fall season from last week in October to week before season starts. This would be 2 games a week. The high school would not be able to coach and we do not want the football players to play as it would cause problems with the school. The coaches in the area needed to vote for this by today. This would not affect any eligibility with the players. This would be for non-fall athletes. The cost is USA Hockey fees to the kids and \$185 per home game for referees.

Motion was made by Mike Pigman to allow the association to go forward with a U19 fall league. No bussing would be provided and each player would be responsible for their own USA Hockey registration and fees. Second was made by Justin Espenson. Motion was passed.

- Attract and retain non parent coaches
Lost goalie coach. There are only 2 coaches in the association that are not parents. We need to start recruiting more non-parent coaches. Would like to shoot for 4 non-parent coaches a year.

11. Concessions-Michelle Baerg

At the moment there are no concessions allowed for any games.

12. Fundraising- Justin Espenson

- Discuss Calendar distribution, and raffle date.
 - Raffle drawing will be December 16th.

- Turn in of calendars will be November 30 – December 6th.
- Previous calendar raffle volunteers need to be contacted to see if they will take care of the calendars this year.
- Torkelson Raffle was a great success.
- Ham sales sheets will be available for the parent meeting.
- Try a gold tournament this summer.

13. Safety coordination- Tim Mellstrom

- Review WYHA protocol and prepare for parent meeting
 - Have QR code for contact tracing. Each person entering the arena must use the code and answer the questions.
 - Discussed how kids will come to the arena (i.e. dressed as much as possible).
 - *****add in form from Tim Mellstrom
 - All kids must bring their own water bottle and are not allowed to use anyone else's. There will not be any available at the arena.
 - If equipment is forgotten, nothing will be provided. It is the family's responsibility to remember all equipment including mouth guards.
 - If a kid is showing symptoms of COVID, the coach will send the kid(s) home.
 - COVID Protocol:
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| Level of Play | Minutes in/out of Facility | Spectators allowed for Practice | Dressed/ Not Dressed | Locker Rooms |
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| Mites | 10/5 Minutes | 1 Adult Person = Parent/Guardian | Come Fully Dressed Skates on with Guards | Limited Space |
| Squirts | 10/5 Minutes | 1 Adult Person = Parent/Guardian | Come Fully Dressed Skates on with Guards | Limited Space |
| 12U | 10/5 Minutes | Drop off and Pick up | Come Fully Dressed Skates on with Guards | Limited Space |
| Peewee | 10/5 Minutes | Drop off and Pick up | Come Fully Dressed Skates on with Guards | Limited Space |
| Bantam | 10/5 Minutes | Drop off and Pick up | Recommend to come Dressed | Limited Space |
| Girls Varsity | 10/5 Minutes | Drop off and Pick up or Drive Self | Recommend to come Dressed | Limited Space |
| Boys Varsity & Junior Varsity | 10/5 Minutes | Drop off and Pick up or Drive Self | Recommend to come Dressed | Limited Space |
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14. Old Business- NA

15. New Business-

- a. Will ask figure skaters to help coach the mites again this year.
- b. Need to talk to the schools about helping out with the cost of the sport as the other schools do in the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. with a motion made by Mike Pigman and 2nd by Eric Lohse.