

White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association

Gambling and Board Monthly Minutes

March 15, 2023

Attendees: Chris Olson, Jessica Smeed, Harleigh Brown, Nicole Kopp, Jody Eastburn, Jesse Fiddle, Matt Simmons, Rick Kissner, Rob Wielinski, Kim Gillespie, Kyle Gillespie, Kyle Anderson, Jon Barghini

Board Members: Brian Griffin, Joe Law, Nicole Giefer, Eric Johnson, Brett Maas, Matt Ryan, Jason Sampson, Joel Starke, Ben Butters, Nick Anthony

GAMBLING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. Call to order (Chad Marquardt) - 7:00
 1. Motion - Joel
 2. 2nd - Brett
2. Gambling Report (Chris Olson)
 1. Balance in account today \$1,496,518
 2. Allowable Expenses (April 2023) - Routine
 3. Lawful Purpose Expenditures (April 2023)
 4. Routine (City of Vadnais Heights Taxes)
 1. Routine (City of White Bear Lake Taxes)
 2. Routine (City of Maplewood Taxes)
 5. Player Appreciation Party Cancellation - The player appreciation party has been canceled due to scheduling conflicts.
 6. Update
 1. Another month has passed and nothing has changed, the President and board continue to not follow the bylaws and the MN GCB rules and statutes. This puts White Bear Lake Hockey at risk of losing their license. I have spoken to the MN Gambling Control board and they have advised me to continue to follow all bylaws and rules. The opening date on the lease for the Bingo Hall was March 1, 2023. Since it has not opened on March 1st, the lease is now in default. Had the board followed the bylaws and the vote by the membership the bingo hall would have been open March 1 st under my management. Decisions regarding the Bingo Hall have been out of my control. As I reported last month, the opening of the bingo hall has been placed with Todd Wanka, a board member. Because of this, I have stated to the President that the bylaws and rules are not being followed, therefore, I am not responsible for the decisions that are being made regarding the Bingo Hall. As the Gambling Manager my duty is to protect the integrity of the gambling operations and to do what is in the best interest of White Bear Lake Hockey.
 7. Lease in default
 1. Bylaws need to be followed
 8. Nick Anthony -
 1. Subsequent Offer made to Chris - was declined
 2. Can you clarify the bylaws being referenced?
 1. Points out two mentions
 - a. Page 5 - Section 3 - Subsection c: The Gambling Manager shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

- b. Page 16 - Gambling Manager. The Gambling Manager will serve on the Board in a voting capacity on gambling related issues and in a non-voting capacity on all other Association matters. The Gambling Manager is a paid position. The salary received by the Gambling Manager is set forth by the WBLAHA Board of Directors
 - 3. MN Gambling Control Board -
 - 1. Review bylaws and determine what conforming needs to occur with WBL hockey bylaws. Salary, Structure, Checklist, etc. guidelines
 - 2. Chris - currently paid on a per location
 - a. MN Gambling Control Board bylaws - indicates salary is set by members.
 - b. Currently 70 employees, 7 locations, 6 different game types, 800 shifts
 - 9. Bingo Hall build out discussion and bids
 - 10. Matt Simmons - What are the next steps?
 - 1. Chris remains Gambling Manager
 - 2. Chris to provide a counter proposal
- 3. Adjourn - 7:52
 - 1. Matt R|Nick 2nd|Motion Carries

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

- 1. Call to order (Chad Marquardt) - 7:52
- 2. Approval of Agenda
 - 1. Motion - Joel
 - 2. 2nd - Brian G
- 3. Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes - February 2023
 - 1. Motion - Eric
 - 2. 2nd - Brett
- 4. Member Forum
 - 1. Nicole Kopp - What is needed to be done with Level Fees and/or Refunds?
 - 1. Level Fee Reconciliation will be handled in the coming days, as needed
 - 2. Rick - how to handle each team(levels, boys/girls) - what if they don't have the same number of D2 games, etc.?
 - 1. Eric - will be done very detailed/granular
 - 2. Team accounts can be reconciled
 - 2. Goalie Refunds - work with Eric if missing
 - 3. Harleigh Brown
 - 1. JG review -
 - 1. Last place in standings
 - 2. Can we look into what we can do to resolve some of it - understanding talent, etc. can be considered? Team declarations, structure(A, B, 16U), do we need to visit cuts?
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Open/Eric Johnson)
 - 1. General Account - \$279,038.28
 - 2. Rink Fund \$1,069,628.13
 - 3. Reports will be offered and available in the coming weeks
 - 4. 3 or More Skater Discount – Refunds by end of March
 - 5. Coach Reimbursements – Reimbursements by end of April (the end of our Fiscal Year for taxes)
- 6. Vice President of Business Operations Report (Brett Maas)
 - 1. Nothing to report
- 7. Vice President of Hockey Operations (Todd Wanka)
 - 1. AA bantams state congrats and good luck

2. great showings by wbl teams with 6 making it to regions
 3. many great showings from many girls teams , squirts and peewees also peewee c and b2 teams with one wbl team winning each of those
 4. Bantam c team 2nd place finish
 5. positions for non parent coaches will be published April 1
 1. Chad/Joe - Looking for clarification from Todd
 6. tournament committee being assembled with 5 members who will assist me in ensuring tourney entries And hotels locked on time for all boys and girls teams. Coordinated with treasure for smooth operations. If any members have tournaments they'd recommend again for teams please drop me an email.
 7. looking to close in on AJ JOHNSON to become a trainer for wbl hockey on specific nights focused on hipp Ice only. More to come once I connect with Ben and Nicole on this.
 8. Great season for wbl hockey it really showed in the standings for district play! Well done coaches, players and parents.
8. President's Report (Chad Marquardt)
 1. Clarification on meeting minutes on HDM board, refrigeration and WBC location
 1. Negotiations with city and RinkTek
 2. We currently do not purchased anything from a hockey association standpoint on this.
 3. City prefers the roof be done in phase 1 - including parking lot
 9. D2 Representative's Report (Joel Starke)
 1. PWC Playoff Recap - thanks to all that volunteered
 1. Huge thank you to Ashely Hoit for her awesome work for the tourney
 2. Volunteer Update for this weekend 12U and 15U State Tournaments in Stillwater
 3. Next D2 Board Meeting in Sunday, March 19th
 10. Director of Administration (Matt Ryan)
 1. Working on bylaw and handbook updates for annual meeting.
 2. Looking for non parent coaches, and suggestions or referrals
 11. Directors' Reports:
 1. Boys Director (Joe Law)
 1. Congrats to AA Bantams on making state tournament
 2. Year in Review for Boy's side
 1. 5 of 6 region eligible teams qualified for regions
 2. District Championships for B2 and C peewees
 3. B2 and C bantams, as well as B squirts played in the district championship games
 3. Look for coaching surveys soon
 2. Girls Director (Jason Sampson)
 1. Thanks to all coaches, managers and volunteers
 2. Thanks Casey Yoder for putting together jamboree
 3. Girl Team Season recap
 4. Thanks to Nick for Winter Blast
 5. Reimbursement emails sent - will follow-up
 6. Surveys coming soon
 3. Mite Director (Nick Anthony)
 1. Wrapped up the season with the end of year jamboree and skills competition.
 2. Did the inaugural squirt send off for 73 kids. Each got a certificate and a bottle of squirt. Parents made signs with pictures of their mite through the years and hung them at wbsc during jamboree weekend. It was really great to see!
 3. Asked the coaches for end of year player evaluations so if you'd like any insight on areas to focus on for development this off season please reach out. Still waiting on a few teams
 4. Looking at ways to improve mites and clinic for next year

5. Still need to continue developing goalies
 4. Boys Player Development Director (Ben Butters)
 1. Launched STP registration - 162 registrations - closes in the next week or so.
 2. Working with the coaches on developing plans for summer
 5. Girls Player Development Director (Nicole Giefer)
 1. Sign up for summer STP training
 2. Home workouts will be distributed in April. - Optional
 3. Survey for intent to return
 4. Need to review age guideline proposals, if they are coming
 6. Junior Gold Director (Harley Greene)
12. Old Business
1. Board Motions:
 1. To have an annual party for the managers. Motion for \$3500.
 1. Motion: Eric Johnson
 2. 2nd: Matt Ryan
 3. In Favor: Brett Maas, Todd Wanka, Joe Law, Nicole Giefer, Nick Anthony
 4. Motion carries with quorum
 2. To eliminate the level fee for the 2022-2023 season
 1. Motion: Nick Anthony
 2. 2nd: Matt Ryan
 3. In Favor: Brett Maas, Todd Wanka, Joe Law, Nicole Giefer, Eric Johnson
 4. Motion carries with quorum
 3. Not Present for votes: Brian Griffin, Jason Sampson, Ben Butters, Joel Starke
 2. New Business
 1. Reason for proposing change in election to April - need to review how fiscal year would impact this.
 1. Mostly for Hockey Operation positions(Boys, Girls Directors, VP of Hockey - generally about 10 days to get ready for coach interview -
 2. Recruitment and retention goals
 3. Tournament setups, commitments
13. Adjourn - 8:36
1. Brian G - Motion
 2. Joe L - 2nd