**WAYHA Board Meeting 8/23/20**

1. **Call meeting to order 7:05 pm**
2. **Roll Call (must notify board member prior to meeting to be excused)**
   * Present: Luke Fleming, Kendra Cichy, Melanie Hirte, Pete Olson, Howie Abhold, Danielle Hafferman, Robert Schulz, Bryon Prey, Sheri Olson, Becki Niemuth, Tricia Oltmann, Forrest Wright.
3. Excused: Chris Gusmer, Eric Anderson, Jake Waller
4. **Approval of WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes for July 2020**
   * *Motion by Becky Grundman, Second by Forrest Wright motion passed.*
5. **Approval of Positions:**
6. Forrest will call Sara Rogers and discuss the coordinator position and Melanie will talk to Tom Grant.
7. **Covid-19 planning/protocol:** 
   * May want to change to wear masks on ice per WAHA tele-meeting this past week. It is noted that USA hockey has posted a link to CDC recommendations of no masks during strenuous exercises. Will plan to follow CDC guidelines as moves closer to the season.
   * We are likely too far away from games to determine guidelines at this time
   * The other question to be asked is how much are we able to lose this year to make a season happen. If we are unable to have concessions, tournaments etc, we are going to lose considerable revenue.
   * Another option is to start the season a month later to avoid increased time running the compressors and to have a little longer to feel out the progress of the numbers. We will re-evaluate again next month. As of right now will plan on attempting to have kids on the ice by mid-October with re-evaluation in September.
   * Insurance recommendations are to follow CDC guidelines
   * Eric Anderson-please remove # of coaches on ice during practice. Could we link CDC recommendations to not wear masks during strenuous exercise to the mask recommendations. Also, place a date on this document and add a disclaimer at bottom that this document is subject to change at re-evaluation.
   * **Open skate:** Will continue to re-evaluate as we get closer to the season. Would recommend to continue scheduling games as if open skate is going to occur to leave that time open.
8. ***Ice Schedule- Chris Gusmer***
   * Nothing to report
9. **Financial Report:** 
   * As the rink is sitting empty and there will likely not be large numbers of spectators this year, we should cancel cable for this time. Howie will call Joel Bartel who is on the cable account and ask him to cancel.
   * *Motion by Melanie Hirte to approve financials through June, Second by Sheri Olson. All in favor. Motion passes.*
10. **Registrar Report:** 
    * Registration has been slow, as expected. There are 8 registered currently. Prior to today it was rink rats and Mites. One squirt today.
    * Knowing registration will be slow, we will plan to send out a survey to gauge interest/commitment in the season. Luke will put together the survery. It will include high school players if they are interested in a Midget year if the WIAA season is cancelled.
    * A Midget registration would likely be the same price as Bantams $425
11. **High School Coach:** 
    * None
12. **Director of Hockey: Forrest Wright**
    * In response to last months concern with athletes being out due to exposure to COVID. USA hockey indicated they are not going to provide a waiver for team size with these considerations
    * We are still looking for Bantam and Rink Rat head coaches. If there is interest at any level, contact Forrest.
13. **President’s report:** 
    * We really need to watch what we do this year as it will affect WAYHA for years to come.
    * In further discussion in future years we may want to consider slight increases in ice rental fees.
14. **Tournament Director:** 
    * Howie previously talked to Jake and he currently does not see how we can hold tournaments the way things are currently. At least not in the way we have in the past. We will likely need smaller numbers, more time in-between games etc.
15. **Maintenance Report-Howie Abhold** 
    * Ice-in: Current goal to have kids on the ice by mid-October. Ice-in goal date, first weekend of October.
    * ICA came to evaluate our current compressor system/program. They gave a quote for $6897.85 to rewrite the program to current language allowing parts and updates in the coming years. This would include a new PLC, email capability and capability to update to remote access.
    * *Pete makes a motion to approve expense of up to $8,000 to update the compressor programing/system. Second by Luke Fleming. All in favor. Motion passes.*
16. **Girls Jr. WVU update:** 
    * *Motion by Melanie Hirte to approve updates to WVU Jr. Eagles Handbook. Second by Rebecca Grundman. All in favor, motion passes.*
17. **Apparel:** 
    * Becky Grundman was not present last month and asks if she is to go ahead and talk to Mada or price out. Becky will look around for pricing with considerations to Gary Como, 3K (Amherst), Team Outfitters etc.
18. **Fund-raisers:** 
    * **Gun-Raffle:** John Woodliff called and asked if we were planning on having a fall gun raffle. Fall is a good time for a gun raffle. We will go ahead with a fall gun raffle. We will plan to draw around Halloween. Becky will ask John what his recommendation is but we will have a goal of around 10 guns. Tickets will be $5/each, 5/$20. We will print 500 tickets.
    * **Mask sale:** We will move forward with a mask/gaitor sale. We will plan to go with MADA due to no set up fee and no minimum order. If cost is typically $10.00, we will sell for $15.00 for fund-raiser. Eric Anderson: please contact MADA and see if this is possible and if we can set it up?
    * **Golf Outing:** September 26 there is an opening at Hidden Waters. It would be a scramble but Bobby S. is willing to run a golf outing if he has the help of one other person. For $100/person it would be 18 holes, 2 drinks and a meal, cart (cost of $32). Additionally, would look for hole sponsors, sell Mulligan’s, yard sticks etc. Hole sponsors will be $200. September 26, 8 am, shotgun start.
      + Bobby will call to reserve the course. He has supplies yet from a previous outing he arranged. Forrest will help him. Availability for up to 72 golfers. Bryon will also help with hole sponsors. Will plan on google doc for sign-up. We will try to get R&H to print signs for hole sponsored.
19. **Walk-in items**
    * + **Melanie Hirte/printing calendars:** This is typically the time of year we have Chain Litho start printing calendars. Cost is $2,700 to print. We pay out $12,300 in prizes. We would need to sell 750 calendars to break even. Last year we printed 1650 (1500+150 for high school). This year we will plan to print 1500 calendars.
      + **Luke Fleming/other fall/winter sports:** We may want to look at what other youth sports in the area are. If wrestling, basketball, dance etc are not able to be held, we may want to consider a learn to skate program.
20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Becky Grundman to adjourn meeting at 8:46 pm. Second by Byon Prey, motion passes.*

**Next Meeting Sunday, September 27 @ 7 pm at the Expo**

Minutes submitted by Kendra Cichy, WAYHA Secretary