

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2018 P&R Fieldhouse

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Skott, S. Sheehan, J. Lloyd, T. Holien, K. Evans, J. Wirkus, J. Espland, D. Woertink, A. Redlin, and T.Aas

GUESTS PRESENT: L. Deutsch and L. Fox

E. Skott called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Agenda was approved.

REPORTS (Association Wide Information):

- Secretary: K. Evans
 - S. Sheehan motioned to approve the December meeting minutes; J. Lloyd 2nd the motion; all in favor.
- Treasurer: T. Holien
 - A. Redlin motioned to approve the financials; J. Espland 2nd the motion; all in favor.
 - A new upright freezer was purchased for the concessions stand for \$700.
 - J. Wirkus will get the list of dasher board and program ad bills to Tonya.
 - The WHA players that completed the officials requirements will be reimbursed. \$45 for level 1 and \$75 for level 2.
- Past President: S. Sheehan
 - J. Wirkus will check into if SDAHA has purchased the ref equipment for each association yet.
 - Started Wee Wobblers this evening with other past presidents and coaches. Great night with about 25 participants.
 - Discussed briefly the out of state teams in our league. Need to discuss more at the next meeting.
- Vice President: J. Lloyd
 - Dealing with more parent/coach/kid issues as they arise. Lack of communication between parents and kids and 1-sided stories lead to most issues.
 - Squirt/Mite coaches are all certified. There will be a few reimbursements coming through for training.
- SDAHA Update:
 - There was an appeal that was not overturned for a season ending coach decision that J. Lloyd was on the call for.
- Registrar/Webmaster: L. Fox
 - Working on a points update for everyone. Will email to the people and have them check to make sure we have everything accounted for so far.

OLD BUSINESS:

- J. Wirkus is still working on Radio Sponsors for the rest of the season. K. Evans will get the opportunity posted and send it out to the association. Please contact Jenni if you know of anyone interested.
- The heater in the admissions booth is being looked at. Directors – **MAKER SURE THIS GETS SHUT OFF AT THE END OF THE DAY.**
- A note will go out to families regarding the heat at rink. K. Evans will take care of this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The USA Hockey ADM philosophy needs to be linked from our website and better communicated with the parents. This should be addressed at ALL parent meetings next season.
- Eric has written a President's letter to all of our families regarding behavior, ADM and coaching. Directors will send this to everyone and Kristie will make copies, which will be sent home with players. L. Fox will post it on the website as well.
- The yellow barriers near the bathrooms need to be up at all times during games. Only players and minor officials are allowed beyond there. Parents are not allowed in the hallway, with the exception of Squirt and Mite parents.
- The city is still inching slowly toward a new facility. They are currently pursuing both the mall and the softball diamond locations, with expectations of breaking ground this fall.
- J. Wirkus has been in touch with the Blizzard to help us out with some goalie coaching.
- Need to discuss those players that are freshman still playing bantams. Those 3 players this season were pulled up to JV and has been going well.

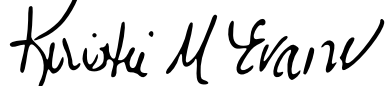
DIVISION REPORTS:

- Initiation Hockey/In-House/Wee Wobblers: P. Sullivan
 - E. Skott has appointed Paige Sullivan to head up the in-house program and wee wobblers for the remainder of the season. She had it whipped into shape and it is heading in the proper direction.
- Mites: T. Aas
 - Just working on finalizing the jamboree here in town. Otherwise, all is well.
- Squirts: A. Redlin
 - Youth task force will meet again on 1/24.
 - Squirts will be starting their season this weekend at the Tyler Wilcox in Pierre.
- Pee Wees: M. Anderson - absent
 - Parent peewee meeting with Jim and Jenni representing the coaching committee. Their grievances were heard and Jim will be following up with that.
- Bantams: D. Woertink
 - Doing some further research on concussions. Big Stone Therapies has some package deals that the Figure Skating Club is going to use. We will discuss this more at the next meeting. For now, properly fitting helmets and educating parents and players should be a priority.
- Girls U14/Varsity: J. Espland
 - Senior night is being taken care of by some moms
- Boys JV/Varsity: J. Wirkus
 - Meet the Lakers went well
 - Setting up Big Brother/Little Brother for the season.
 - The bus trip is set for the end of the month.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 13th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Fieldhouse

S. Sheehan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. A. Redlin 2nd the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kristie Evans

WHA – Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 23rd-25th – WHA hosting Girls JV Tournament



WHA Mission Statement

To provide for growth of Watertown Hockey Association players.

We do this by emphasis placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, respect for the individual, integrity and love of the game.