
WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2022-2023

Date: Monday, November 14th

Time: 6pm

Location: Jake's Pizza

IN ATTENDANCE

Al Setrum, Matt Morton, Ashley Ewert, Joe Wisocki, Melissa Sorenson, Carrie Olson, Ashley Thole, Travis Michelson, Justin Jorgenson.

Secretary Report

Minutes will be posted on the website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shawn is not at this meeting but he did provide a Profit and Loss document and said that everything is "status quo" and our accounts are in similar standing as they were last year at this time.

HOCKEY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

- PeeWee Goalies – Right now, we have 1 goalie on PeeWee B1 and 3 goalies on B2. There was much discussion about our possibilities in regard to in-net time, fair play and best situation for the team. The board will plan to have conversations with goalie families before we make any decisions.
- "New" Squirt Player – The HOC recommendation was to ask this player to play in the Lakes Region house team. The WHA is required to allow this skater a place on one of two Squirt teams. The board will have a conversation with this family and then a decision will be made. "If" this family pays their dues (deposit & full greens buyout), the board will vote to place this skater on a team.
- Nick Hinz has put in his resignation as HOC Chair. He requested that either Joe W. or Mike Bowman be his replacement. We will discuss this at our next meeting.
- District 5 Update –
 - Willmar is the smallest association in D5; STMA is the largest with over 450 skaters!
 - There is still a need for more adult referees at this time.

FUNDRAISING

Greens Sorting/Pick-Up – THIS Friday is sorting and pick-up day.

Joe made a motion that all short sales of greens will be due by December 5th. Ashley T. second. Motion passes. There were 5 families that did not meet their quota and will be notified.

Bingo Night – We're looking at doing 6 nights of bingo. Each team would be asked to help with a night. Melissa suggests that we need 5 to 6 people per team, per event to help make it happen. There should also be at least 3 board members present at each bingo event.

Joe made a motion to purchase a drivers' license reader. Motion is tabled til next meeting.

BIO Steel – Melissa has created a Google Sheet for this fundraiser ~~but we will wait until after green sales are completed.~~ Justin J. will handle the sales and distribution of this energy drink.

Pull Tabs – Travis made a motion to pay for a subscription to "CG Made Easy" for \$25/month. (This payment is an allowable expense that will come from our monthly pull tab proceeds and will make the recording/reporting much easier for us. More than 1350 MN gambling premises use this software. They will help to prepare our tax returns as well.) Matt second. Motion passed.

OFF-ICE COMMITTEE

Pictures – WHA Picture night is TOMORROW! Schedule has been sent out to everyone at least once. Sarah Martinka is going to take these photos this year.

Old Jerseys – We will sell these old jerseys for \$10 per jersey.

TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments are filled and good to go EXCEPT for the 10U tournament; they are still looking for one team to fill that tournament. Our first home tournament is THIS weekend! Come out and support our Cardinals!

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND MARKETING

Justin R. met a couple weeks ago with a few people....

They are looking to get a few more members for this committee.

MN Wounded Warrior Hockey Game....this event is a GO! The City of Willmar has agreed to paid for the ice for this event; as long as their name is attached to the event.

They want some signage and tablecloths with marketing/promotion information on them. They would be looking to keep the cost of this under \$500.

Any "try hockey for free" event will make a point to reach out to home schooled students, Boy/Girl Scout troupes, etc.

Advertising on the local electronic signs....any type of advertising/marketing we do, we will try to get this info on all our local electronic signs, i.e. the Willmar Fire Department sign on 1st Street.

NEW BUSINESS

DIBS - We will offer DIBS credits for EMTs at tournaments. (As of now, we have EMTs who want to work tournament games to earn DIBS credits rather than be paid. One hour will equal 1 DIB credit.)

Co-Op Update – KMS is all set to play for Willmar Hockey effective next season. NL-S is still in conversations but, from what we've heard, mostly positive conversations have been happening. We will learn more about this situation very soon.

Zach Navarro (goalie coach) – Is living near Annandale right now; he wants to continue helping our goalies but wants to be paid less for the actual coaching but he would like to request mileage. Melissa made a motion to pay \$35/session AND mileage for Goalie sessions (once per week). Carrie second. Motion passed.

Adjourn

MATT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ASHLEY T. SECOND. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:06PM.

*MINUTES SUBMITTED BY TRAVIS MICHELSON. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT JAKES PIZZA 6PM.