

Windom Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Wednesday September 9, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Windom Country Club

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

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Update Phase 3 reopening
2. Athletic Director Report – Jeremy O'Donnell
 - Minnesota State High School will not make any updates on the high school season until October
 - Girl's JV games will be scheduled, there are 4 games at the moment.
 - School will pay for half of the huddle subscription if we want to use it.
 - If MSHSL cancels High School hockey, the current coaches will not be able to coach the teams if they are assigned as the high school coach. He will check to see if the coaches can volunteer on the U19 teams. MN Hockey is working on this with MSHSL.
3. Arena Manager – Tim Hogan
 - Discuss delay for the arena rework to March 2021
 - This will be after the season and 1st priority after hockey and figure skating is all completed. The delivery of the sealant was going to be too close to the start of the season.
 - Lawsuit was off the table due to combining the expansion joint and glycol issues together so this is now heading to arbitration.
 - Ice in target date is October 12th. Main rink will be flooded prior to the studio rink.
 - Dirt is hauled in and leveled on the studio rink. Most of the mats are rolled out. The door will be on the west side of the rink.
 - All the concrete on the west end is in.
 - The walkway by the Zamboni area will be blocked off from people heading to the studio rink on the east side of the arena.
 - Hand sanitizers are by the new locker rooms and in the hallways. There is also one in the concession stand.
4. Secretary Report – Michelle Baerg
 - Review August Meeting minutes
 - Motion to approve made by Mike Pigman, 2nd by Justin Espenson
5. Treasurer Report- Ryan McNamara
 - a. Motion to approve made by Justin Espenson, 2nd by Mike Pigman.
 - b. Arena project - Will have space for pallet racking to store bumpers and other supplies. He will bring a final account of this project.
 - c. Will need volunteers to install the covering on the cement.
 - d. Working on filing for \$5000 grant from the county. Motion was made to apply for this grant by Mike Pigman with a 2nd by Travis Janssen.
 - e. We have a sponsorship of \$3000 for equipment.
6. Registration-Joel LaCanne
 - Status of registration
 - It is up and running. With the first year skater free, there was a mix up with Sports Engine making everyone free. Registration has been turned off momentarily until Sports Engine fixes the problem.

- Varsity and JV will have a goalie. There is a gal for Bantams. Will have issues in the future with a Boy's Varsity goalie. We will be searching for goalies within the pairing communities, preferably 8th grade or so to be ready for Varsity.
- Possibly approach Boji to see if they have enough numbers for a Bantam team to possibly pair with Windom this year.
- Moving any kids up will be decided after registration has closed so we have all of the numbers.
- Registration is open until October 3rd.
- Everyone on the board will need to register on USA hockey then send their registration number to Joel. He will notify if any board member will need an updated background check.
- Mite night. October 1, 5-7 pm will be the association equipment turn in for returning mite players and those moving up to squirts plus new mite registration. October 8th 5 – 6:30 new mites will need to be at the arena to pick up equipment along with ham sheets and calendars. Parent meeting for all mites will be 6:30 – 7 p.m. Returning mites will pick up their equipment, ham sheets and calendars after the parent meeting.

7. Tournament Director- Amy Pigman

- a. Nothing at the moment

8. Web Page-Amy Pigman

- a. Nothing at the moment

9. District 4- Mike Pigman

- a. All mites must stay in state all year.
- b. Squirts and up, if playing out of state it must be pre-approved by the District.
- c. All score sheets must be turned in.
- d. No games 12/21-31. Practices are allowed.
- e. Bantam A and PeeWee A will be with District 6.
- f. October 4th is the district scheduling meeting, Mike Pigman can do this. No games on Hockey Day in Minnesota, on Superbowl Sunday.
- g. Coaches and team managers, there will be meetings after MEA weekend that must be attended by the coaches and team managers, it is required.
- h. USA hockey will not do any refunds.
- i. Need tournament dates to Mike Pigman by October 3rd. All tournaments must stay in state. Coaches need to register/ sign up for tournaments now.
- j. Squirts must play within District 4 until 12/31/20. As of 1/1/21 they are allowed to play out of the District.

10. Equipment: Jerome Robillard

- Review jersey order HS girls
 - Jerseys are ordered
- Equipment – Jerome will purchase what is needed.

11. Coach Coordinator-Travis Janssen

- Coach assignments
- E-mail will go out to all of the coaches tomorrow. No clinics are on line yet but will be soon.
- Refing clinic is 10/24-26, all online. Level 1 must do a Minnesota clinic. Amy will send an e-mail out to the association letting people know about the dates and how the association will pay for the clinic.
- If coaches are unsure of what class they may need, they can check online or ask Travis.
- Only 2 coaches are allowed to be on the bench for each game. They are also required to wear a mask.

12. Concessions-Michelle Baerg

- a. Purchased 400 masks.

13. Fundraising- Justin Esperson

- Review Torkelson Fundraising
 - Donation should be comparable to previous years. The turn out was great and Clark at the Phat Pheasant was very happy with how things went.
- Review ham and calendar fundraising schedule
 - Ryan will invoice all of the sponsors for the calendars.
 - Ham prices will be the same as last year. Quantity to sell per family will stay the same.

14. Safety coordination- Tim Mellstrom

- Review status of Covi-19 plan (based on plan stage 3)
 - At this point, no locker rooms.
 - Possibly give each team their own locker room.
 - The Association Plan is on the website and must be followed.
 - Updates to the plan could possibly be made every week.
 - No spectators for practices including Mites.
 - Board members and coaches will need to follow the plan.
- Discuss out of state tournament requirement
 - Was discussed in #9.

15. Old Business-

16. New Business-

- Discuss team split process: Squirt
 - Split by ability if the numbers are high. Start the season practicing as if 1 team. Tell parents we are hoping to have 2 teams but with the pandemic and everything going on we do not know at the moment. Start with in house scrimmages/ games. An outside coach will be brought in to do the splitting up. Do not announce when this will be done.
- Mite Tournaments – 3-3-2-1. Mites will be approved for reimbursement from the association of up to 3 tournaments for each of the 2 top teams. This will be the maximum amount of tournaments the mites will be allowed to have. Before applying for any tournaments, they must receive approval from the Board President/ Board.
- Business from Jackson approached the board about logo items that can be purchased. They will do all of the work and selling and give the association approximately 25% of the proceeds.
- Next season will go to the schools to have them help with the cost of the High School expenses.
- December 21st is the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Windom Hockey. It would be nice to have a celebration of some sort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. with a motion made by Amy Pigman and a 2nd made by Justin Esperson.