

West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday June 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

West Fargo Hockey Association Office 1122 Prairie Parkway Suite #103 West Fargo, ND 58078

Board Members:

Present: Josh Benson, Bryan Erstad, Jenni Peters, Adam Guy, Brett Anderson, Alex Christiansen, Dusty Richter, Dr. Jordan Lill, Alex Aughinbaugh

Remote:

Absent:

Others Present:

Executive Director: Jeremy Jorgenson

Hockey Director: Mike Parnell

Director of Gaming Operations: Jason Campbell

Members Present: none.

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 5:57 p.m. by **President Josh Benson**.

Minutes Approval: May 20, 2024

Benson

Minutes from May 2024 Board Meeting reviewed. **Anderson** made a motion to approve minutes, second by **Christiansen**. Approved without dissent from Board.

April and May 2024 Financials

Guy

Guy reported on financial statements from April and May 2024. Assets are down slightly from March and liabilities have increased slightly from March. Gaming revenue and expenses are also down slightly from March. Net gains from gaming have increased \$500k.

Richter provided a review from the Investment Committee. Investments for the Association are up \$14.5k. The Committee will review the understanding of eligible use of trust funds with investment manager.

Executive Director Updates

Jorgenson

Jorgenson reported on the banking transition to First International Bank and Trust. About 95% of funds have been transferred over. There are still checks from previous bank still need to be cashed before transition can be completed. All deposits are now being received by FIBT.

Jorgenson discussed with the Board a potential partnership with Bio Girls to provide mindfulness exercises for the girls' program. Discussions are preliminary. The Board supports **Jorgenson** in obtaining additional information about the potential collaboration.

Jorgenson reported on the state of Veterans 1 locker rooms. The Park Board is investigating improving the lighting and replicate the work completed in Veterans 2 locker rooms. The Association will split the cost with the Parks, but pick the themes of the locker rooms. Cost estimate is 150% more than the Veterans 2 locker room project.

Jorgenson reported to the Board the jersey inventory is complete, and the jerseys are in year two. The Association will also continue to provide the welcome kit that includes beanies with a new design and a water bottle to match the beanie. Mite and Termite jerseys will get an update with a new design for the 2024-2025 season.

Hockey Operations

Parnell

Parnell shared progress on the 2024 Stampede Summer Academy. Registrations numbers have remained the same compared to last year. July Stampede Academy registration is healthy. Season registration is on July 1. 3-on-3 and Fall Camp registration to follow.

Parnell provided the Board with updates from NDAHA.

Gaming Operations

Campbell

Campbell reviewed gaming operations with the Board. With the closure of Traditions, the Association's equipment will remain in the building until another tenant takes over the lease.

The Argusville Volunteer Fire Department requested a donation of **\$2500** to the Argusville Volunteer Fire Department for equipment upgrades. **Aughinbaugh** made a motion to donate \$2500 to AVFD with a second from **Guy**. The motion carried with a 9 yeas and 1 nay.

Old Business

Jorgenson-Benson

Benson and **Jorgenson** discussed Veterans 3 project updates.

Jorgenson provided an update on the Capital Campaign. He provided a presentation to Brady Martz and will present to the F-M Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Benson gave an update to the Board on completing Board Certifications. All Board Members must complete by October 1, 2024.

Benson and **Jorgenson** provided an update on upgrades to the Board Room. A second quote was obtained and will be shared with the Board.

New Business

Benson

The Board reviewed and discussed updates to the 2024-2025 West Fargo Hockey Association Handbook. Updates included suspension upon investigation, improved open communication between parents, Association, and High School coaching staff; and, emergency coaching. Association staff will no longer be available to provide coaching to any team if a team cannot find a coach, or lose a coach to personal decision or suspension. Replacement coaches must be a parent or nonparent. A temporary coaching card can be obtained from NDAHA.

Anderson created a motion to approve the 2024-2025 West Fargo Hockey Association Handbook pending change to nonparent coaches section (see above). **Aughinbaugh** seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 WFHA Budget. **Anderson** created a motion to approve the 2024-2025 WFHA Budget, contingent on closed session to follow public Board meeting. **Lill** seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjournment

Benson

Benson made a motion to close the meeting at 7:20 PM. **Christiansen** second. None opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by President Benson.

Board of Directors

Josh Benson, President

Brett Anderson, Past President

Dusty Richter, Executive Vice President

Adam Guy, Treasurer

Dr. Jordan Lill, Secretary

Alex Christiansen, Vice-President of Hockey Operations

Jenni Peters, Director of Tournaments

Bryan Erstad, VP of Business Operations

Alex Aughinbaugh, Director of Fundraising & Gaming

