

## Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 11-Jan-2026

7:00 PM @ Ice Wolves Ice Arena, Dodgeville, WI

**Call to Order** – 19:09

**Roll Call/Secretary Report** – Rachel Lee

- Board Members in Attendance: Kyle, Jon, Rachel, Tricia, Ryan, Abbi, Kaelyn, Laura, Chris,\* Stephanie, AmyBeth, Kathryn, Shannon.\* Via Zoom: NA. Absent: Amanda,\* Mitch\*
  - \* denotes board members whose attendance was not required at January meeting
- Motion to approve Dec 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Abbi. All in favor, approved.

**Non-Board/Association member Comments** (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes).

None

**President's Report** – Kyle Levetzow

- WIAA update, discussion and possible action: need to approve 2 years of IWYHA financial support for the program
  - As of last week, Dodgeville notified Kyle that Mt. Horeb and Mineral Point were no longer interested in the co-op.
  - Meeting in Mineral Point this coming week to discuss the co-op.
    - Finance meeting Wed and we are on the agenda
  - Mt Horeb to meet late Jan to discuss; Kyle, Mitch et al requested they be put on the official agenda as an actionable item for the meeting.
  - Kyle assumed Dodgeville had been in discussion with the other schools, though now seems they did not communicate as such.
  - Outlook for our high school club team should we not move forward with a co-op: nine club teams are rostered this year in WI; 8 of 9 will go to State. This represents limited competition as a club team. Additionally, club team interest has decreased in recent years as more teams are forming under WIAA.
  - Discussed potential for not having enough players in a couple of years if we do not form this team, given Mt. Horeb can coop with Stoughton, currently.
  - Given our current players, 2027-28 season would have 24 players available for the team.
  - Can we have a club team in addition to these WIAA teams? Ideally, yes.
  - What do we need to do to ensure our schools are properly considering our input and requests?
    - Highland has not yet been notified per Laura. Laura says she talked to someone and they would be interested in joining.
  - Dodgeville school is looking for net zero cost and Kyle would like the Ice Wolves to work with them, should the board agree.
  - Grand total without ice rental with all costs for the school is estimated at approx. \$18,000 per season; \$17,000 is similar cost to other co-op programs Dodgeville sees.
  - Kyle proposed that the Ice Wolves donate all ice time for the first two years, with review for future later. The school has communicated that the Ice Wolves would keep the profit from concessions and admissions.
  - Motion to agree to provide all ice time, at no charge, to a co-op, plus financial assistance as required to support the WIAA co-op for two years. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.
- Review board positions that are up for renewal/election this year to determine if new nominees need to be found

- President and Secretary positions are up for re-election this year. Kyle and Rachel would like to keep their positions, respectively.
- As a note, last year the following positions were renewed: Concession Director, Equipment Director, Referee Director, Team Representative Director, Tournament Director.
- This year the following positions are to be renewed – Marketing Director, Cultural Liaison, Director of Hockey and Girls Director of Hockey, Ice Scheduler, Rink Director, Webmaster, Registrar.
  - All would like to keep their positions.
  - To ensure voting member position elections do not all fall in the same year, going forward, Cultural Liaison will move to the opposite year as DOH/Girls DOH and Registrar.
- Review and approve coach reimbursement policy, and discuss whether to make it retroactive to this season
  - A draft policy was shared for review during the meeting. It includes reimbursement to coaches for money they spend on coaching certifications and coaching clinics. The reimbursement is not applied automatically, rather a coach needs to request it.
  - If we adopt, Kyle's request is we make this retroactive for the current year.
  - No concerns on the policy were raised.
  - Motion to approve the policy and make it retroactive for this year. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.
  - Rachel to send file to Mitch and Ryan; Mitch to upload to Policies on our website and Ryan to send to the coaches.
- Midseason President's report
  - Dealing with situations from every team this year; people have been sharing their opinions and concerns.
  - Kyle is pleased with the support from the board, saying we have great people in good positions; Kaelyn has been a huge value to our team with culture and dealing with conflict, and Ryan has made strides in DOH position. Amanda and Tonia made excellent work with equipment inventory.
  - Satisfied with the members of the board and the work we all do here.
- Holiday camp – highly successful; Ron verbally committed to hosting next year too.

#### **Vice President's Report – Jonathan Olday**

- No topics

#### **Financial Report – Tricia Ley**

- New skate rack arrived; bill arrived for chiller parts, including air scoop
- Purchased new speakers for the rink, as discussed in Slack
- Parts needed for bathrooms; Tricia to send parts list to Kyle to share with the City
- Bill expected next month for locker room and electrical materials
- Motion to approve Dec 2025 Financials. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.

#### **Registrar – Abbi Trainor**

- Discussion regarding family refusal to sign Home association acknowledgment form required by WAHA.
  - What actions are taken if a family does not sign, and what is the consequence? Are players no longer allowed to play for the season?
  - WAHA does not provide additional requirements beyond notification at the time of registration.
  - Signing the form indicates acknowledgement of receipt, not necessarily agreement, and provides awareness to WAHA requirement.
- Senior banners have been purchased; do we want to purchase team photos for our website?
  - Yes, Tricia to order.

#### **Director of Hockey – Ryan Currie**

- Players practicing up; ensure we are all giving a unified message

- Seeking clarification from the board on when he as DOH should be approving skaters, prompted by bantam team practice using players from other teams to facilitate an effective practice while multiple bantam players were injured.
- The board read through section of policy that makes this statement, 1.12.
- The board shared concerns that while the intention was not to exclude others, it recognized the occurrence could be perceived as such. Discussion indicated a preference to open the opportunity to all players of a given team for interest, with the DOH/head coach to approve with consideration of the practice's needs and the skill level of the players seeking the opportunity. Highly skilled players, as determined by the coaches/DOH, will receive priority when limited spots are available to practice up.

#### **Cultural Liaison – Kaelyn Martin**

- Communicate information regarding 08-Jan WAHA CEL meeting, as applicable
  - Proactive and reactive actions for handling difficult behaviors at the rink – will send out.
  - Referees are not the ones responsible to eject a spectator; instead, the referee tells the head coach, and the coach or team are to remove the person while the clock continues to run.
  - Stephanie confirmed these are USA Hockey requirements and Chris confirmed this is communicated during referee training.
  - Referees are not responsible to ensure the players are using their mouth guards.
  - Concussions – USA Hockey want associations to report concussions and are skeptical associations are doing so accurately. Kaelyn shared for board awareness.
- Revisit locker room supervision practices
  - We are working on it; Kyle and Ryan reported improvements.
- Will start thinking about cultural survey to complete at the end of the season
  - Kaelyn requested questions/input we want included in the survey.

#### **Ice Scheduler – Laura Anderson**

- Ice schedule is open for any team to use open slots.

#### **Team Rep – Laura Anderson**

- SheWolves tournament in March: request to allow two U12 girls to play; this occurs after the regular season
  - This is a Shaw, all girls tournament.
  - She Wolves team consists of five 8U girls, four 8U at the time of inquiry with Shaw (since that time an additional 8U skater joined). Discussion with Shaw tournament host regarding level of play included the host asking if we had older players that could play on the team.
  - Abbi could submit the team registration, however, is unsure what Tom the registrar would approve given there are players of a higher age. Laura is unsure if it's a USA Hockey-required roster. With the information known at this time, it appears the "roster" requested is a list of players rather than an officially rostered team.
  - Discussion concluded all current girl Pee Wee players (the two) are invited.

#### **Referee Manager – Stephanie Pasker**

- Need to contact DCHOA for a referee for HS tournament
  - No longer an issue, as Stephanie found referees with Chris being able to participate.

#### **Tournament Director – Shannon Jones**

- All the trophies and medals are here.
- All teams are paid for the Bantam and Squirt tournaments.
- U18 details are in process.
- Will be starting to work on U12 tournament in the next week or two; schedule and bracket.
- No entries for the Mite tournament...Consider canceling due to lack of interest?

- Yes, cancel. Shannon to work with Mitch to remove from our website.
- Tourney Machine vs Game Sheets – reviewed pros and cons to each to determine whether we need both.
  - Tourney Machine is used to register teams and make brackets.
  - Tourney Machine takes a percentage of registration fee when someone plays with credit card.
  - Game Sheets are used for game stats.
  - Do we want to keep Tourney Machine or stop using? For now, keep using given all tournament registrations are in-progress.
- Squirt tournament completed today; great tournament with a lot of positive feedback received.
- LTP should continue through all tournaments; tournament games are scheduled to ensure we continue LTP.

**Marketing – Kathryn Schaaf**

- Social Media account has 50,000 views in Jan. LTP has given highest interactions recently.
  - Future: post separate messages for Try Hockey for Free and LTP.
- Seeking input for an association-wide communication regarding sponsorship.

**Concessions Manager – AmyBeth Levetzow**

- Alumni Game Update – will provide update next month; looking into purchasing jerseys for alumni game.
- Bantam Tournament Update – will provide update next month.
- Tournaments – families leaving at the end/not sticking around to help with cleanup
  - Idea for improvement: coaches to include players for clean up with planning and engagement beginning in the locker room.

**Next Meeting – February 8, 2026, 3:30 PM (time changed from 7:00 PM due to play downs and the Super Bowl) @ Ice Wolves Ice Arena, Dodgeville, WI 53533**

**Adjourn –** Motioned by Tricia, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.

**Adjourned –** 21:23