

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, November 18, 2021
7pm Mezz



Board Members In Attendance: Jason Mattila, Mike Tollefson, Mike Bakalars, Todd Carlson, Travis Richert, Brian Severson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Wayne Pfaller, Desiree Bates, Kari Brotzman, Mark Markham, Mindy O'Brien, Craig Fey, Erin Ludmer, Kristen Manning, Brandi Pierce, Joe Beyler, Lesley Steffins, Brittany Grant

Association Member(s) in Attendance: Sara De Tienne

1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm
2. **Approve Minutes** - Mike Bakalars with Motion to Approve Minutes from the October meeting, Todd Carlson 2nd, passed
3. **Ice Inc. Report** –
 - a. Report from the Committee for a Second Sheet of Ice -Sara De Tienne - Current fundraising goal of \$5.5-8 million. City of Verona and Chamber of Commerce have been approached. \$1.9 million raised so far. We have packets available for review. Construction committee has been formed. Would like to ask Board members for 100% participation in the campaign. We will be launching a web page to support the campaign. Discussion of plans to build, timeline and what the new rink would look like. Discussion of donations logistics and options.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Travis Richert - Collections going well, no past due amount from this season. ~\$180k in fees collected. ~\$75k left to collect in the season. Concessions sales are off from previous years. Coin shortage is significant, especially regarding quarters. Discussion of adjusting prices to change the need for change. We will be trying a "Keep the Change" jar for people to donate their change back to the second sheet of ice campaign.
5. **President's Report/Region 4**– Jason Mattila - Season going well so far. Mask mandate is scheduled to be lifted in the next couple of weeks, so we will be watching that. Keep up communications on COVID-19 protocols.
6. **Committee Reports and updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** – Mindy O'Brien - Cookie sales total was 882 boxes, meeting with Paul next week to wrap up. Total raised is expected to be between \$5-6k. Set up a Capitols game on December 10, U6 and Mites will skate intermissions. VWYHA will receive 50% of Chuck a Puck sales. Cookies get picked up December 20, confirmed cookies can be picked up inside the rink in case of inclement weather.
 - b. **Equipment** – Mark Markham - 109 skaters outfitted.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** – Joe Beyler - All going well. Coaches are set. Kari moved to approve Norbert Repke as a Bantam B coach, Erin Ludmer 2nd, passed. Motion to reimburse nonparent coaches the cost of their hotel plus an additional \$50 for tournaments incidentals by Kari, second Lesley, passed. Coaches jackets should be in soon.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** – Mike Tollefson - Ice schedules are fairly well set. JV and Varsity game on December 2 so that changes some practices for that week. Referees will be challenging this year. Will try to backfill refs if they aren't scheduled by WAHA. ALDs please send word to families to be patient with new referees.
 - e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman - Mite tournament on webpage, teams are loaded including Bantams.

- f. **Concessions** – Brian Lindow - No report
- g. **DIBs** - Desiree Bates - ALDs need to get in lists of coaches and team managers. Propose High School games be worth double DIBs.
- h. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars - All travel team rosters have been submitted. Coaches requirements are almost met, so we are in good shape.
- i. **Apparel** - Karin Shippar - Ordered 60 jersey sets, 7 sets are replacing missing, 2 sets were bought out. Ran out of size 26 socks and we are looking to get in home name plates. We paid 50% upfront for jerseys, the rest will be paid upon delivery. Carol Marshall altered a Mavericks jersey to fit goalies, we owe her our thanks.
- j. **Legal Counsel** – Brian Severson - No report
- k. **Recruitment** - Angela Hunt - U8 Girls Jamboree on Feb 12
- l. **Communications** – Kristen Manning - No report
- m. **Region 4** - Still working on MyHockeyRankings logins, for now we can log in as guests.
- n. **Tournament Director(s)** -
 - 1. Confirm the number of baskets needed per age level for hosted tournaments (2) U10 and above
- o. **Update from ALD's**
 - 1. LTP – Danielle Pellitteri (via email) 60 final count for registration. Coaches - Josh Biser may have some additional student/athlete coaches - haven't heard back yet. Ice time - Some discussion of splitting ice time. U6 - 4 teams, U6 tournament schedule is set.
 - 2. RWB - 6 teams, 54 players
 - 3. Squirt - 4 teams All going well. Coaches are on track.
 - 4. Peewee -
 - a. We've been working through a few covid close contact related issues. In all cases, the skater was in close contact with a class mate and not a family member. The skaters self monitored and eventually returned to play without issue.
 - b. Ryan Conybear (PWB) coach has stepped down due to work schedule conflicts/time commitment.
 - c. PWA, PWB, PWC are heading to Cedar Rapids, IA in early December for the first tournament of the year
 - d. Bantam – 2 teams rostered, 15 on A, 14 on B. Coaches are established.
 - 5. U14 Girls – Season is off to a good start. Will need to check where we are with submitting the A team (No) for the State tournament and need to confirm the C team (Yes) was also submitted.
 - 6. Midget – ALD still needed - 4 registered so we have submitted an application to create a co-op. We are working out the logistics of practices, etc.
- 7. **Old Business** -
- 8. **New Business** - HS Nov 26-27 first home game, Jan 8 is Mite night and Youth night
- 9. **Motion to Adjourn** - 8:38 by Mark, 2nd by Lesley, meeting adjourned