



**WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES- October 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Tom G., Chris K., Patti E., Kurt H., Mike C., Emily Hill, Patrick K., Jaime R. & Jason Meyers
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** TJ Gannon
4. **Membership in attendance:** Nickolas Danko, Kelly Nimmer, Lindsey & Tim Kaptur, Kristin Darwin, Jen Barker
5. **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES- REVIEW AND APPROVE. Mike & Chris Kraft**
6. **SEPTEMBER TREASURER REPORT:** Tax accountant working on tax return; Golf outing – billed for raffle items except one non-skater; Volunteer fees due 10/16 reminder sent, there has been some confusion regarding girls and former coordinators with volunteer fees; All inactive skater credits available for disbursement have been sent, final will be sent credit after season. The forfeited hold-back was written off in October, The Second AmFam credit given, last credit given will be at end of baseball season; The first jersey order available for pick up (one unpaid); Tryout fees have been collected; Wreath sales are on-going; Sponsorships applications are now closed and credits have been posted, The final list was sent to webmaster and directory coordinator; **P&L:** Biggest expense has been the tournament fees this year; \$9,600 revenue from the Speed Camp, \$5000 in sponsorship credits; Registration are coming in for the winter classic; **REVIEW AND APPROVE: Motion to approve Mike & Chris Kraft.**
7. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:** Kelly Nimmer: Question for the on-line score sheets – 2025 season going forward will be required. We are going to be an early adopter of the program. Will there be a volunteer position for the person that is providing and scoring the games? Potentially need to score on paper and uploaded later. Will patches stats be available at the end of the year? Details yet to follow; Kaptur family – petitioning to have their daughter play for co-ed team instead of the girl's program. They are looking for options for their daughter to challenge her this season. They would like this to be reviewed. Tom G. requested the board discuss in the closed session and return a response to the Kaptur family by the end of week.
8. **PRESIDENT/NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. **APPAREL STORE(S)- REVIEW AND SELECT:** After reviewing the options, the board choose Squad locker.
  - B. **GAMESHEET- ELECTRONIC SCORING UPDATE –** Discussed while addressing Kelly Nimmer's questions above.
  - C. **STORAGE UNITS FOR EBLE:** a shed unit would require removal of bleachers; we have the potential to create storage lockers behind the benches. Current storage fee is going up for next year. Keep reviewing.
  - D. **WCYHA ORG CHART- APPROVAL –** Board approved.
  - E. **OFF-ICE TRAINING- TEAM FUND APPROVAL –** off-ice program team fund has been approved; training options will be provided to the level director and teams to use at their discretion. Training to be done on a team-by-team basis; Skater development: Tom is currently in contact with the Elite Skating academy. Looking to establish a formalized plan to provide professional skating: Approved to move forward with a plan for approval; KMMO skaters – looking to get the older kids giving back to the younger's skaters.
9. **UPDATES**
  - A. **VP ON ICE:** Wrapped up tryouts with good feedback and beginning practices; Region 5 changes: C level will not be a random draw any longer there will be seeding and playoff games; Ice schedule is posted through Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, with the following weeks to be posted soon; 10/21 is admirals' night please promote the fundraiser for the program, it's a fun event. There will be continued message reminders; First coaches meeting on 10/1 – good interaction compared to the past meetings. There is a strong coaching knowledge at the director's level, looking to provide future topics out to the coaches ahead of time. Very productive and looking forward to doing it on a more regular basis.

- B. **VP OFF ICE:** Roster should be done, working through 8U late registrations; manager and scheduler information is needed; Safesport registrations will be new for managers so are able to pull reports, all rosters need to be approved by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. **SECRETARY:** Picture day will be on 10/19 and the time for respective teams will be posted on the website.
- D. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** B levels were balanced.
- E. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** good tryouts; the B level teams are tiered.
- F. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Tryouts went well, decided to create 3 teams – should be broken out well.
- G. **8U/6U LEVEL DIRECTOR: Travel/PDP:** Division of Travel and PDP skaters completed October 8<sup>th</sup>, 66 & 51 skaters, respectively.; Parents accepting of placement, no parent has voiced disagreement; Practice scheduled rolled out for October & November; Practice split PDP / Travel going well, with skater development progressing; Derek to bring new parents up to speed, sending an email to PDP parents welcoming them & describing practice, in-house game & tournament structure; Travel / PDP teams will be established in late October. In-house PDP games will tentatively start in November. Travel game start in discussion; Travel teams: Red, White 1, White 2, Blue 1, and Blue 2, 11 players each. Plus, 8U Girls 8U; Head coaches will be announced upon team placement, Girls PDP & Travel assigned; PDP to increase tournament this year, with a target 2+; Travel 3 co-ed tournaments scheduled + Waukesha Winter Classic; Travel Girls scheduling their own tournaments; Sports Engine loaded for Girls PDP / Travel. Co-Ed to be loaded once teams assigned/ **PDP Tournament – Goal to raise \$4,000: In-event fundraising ideas include:** Sponsorship drive, Sucker Pulls: need sucker donations from families, Knockout: age brackets, winners get \$100 Pure Hockey gift card, Silent Auction Baskets and Donations, Shirt Vendor: Tier One, 15% of sales Warhawks kickback, Food trucks: donation back to the Warhawks. (County fees and regulations noted), Selfie station backdrop. Fundraiser or experience adder. **Winter Classic Tournament – Goal to raise \$8,000:**Master Agenda/Plan guideline for tournament planning, Team registration reached out, with strong results – 75% filled already: registered 6 of 8 Red, 6 of 8 White, 8 of 8 Blue, & 4 of 8 Girls; Winter Classic Budget 2024 – with the inclusion of the Girls division this year, and registration fee increase from \$300 to \$400, we have a substantial increase in registration fees, players, & coaches, but also an increase in expenses. Projected profit is about \$8,000; We have created a "Sponsor Flyer" to solicit \$100 donations – min goal = 10, max goal = 20  
Knockout Board Skills Competition – "skills competition". The top 5 winners will receive a cash prize / gift card and medal. Or other forms of competition; Food trucks – potential.
- H. **GIRLS PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** Successful hockey weekend party; 14U 4 girls are playing at Elmbrook; 12U working through support and communication; Lost potentially 2 a Squirt skater not sure if they likes to play hockey. Looking for mite options to move up to the squirt level. 10U is sharing ½ ice with the 12U girls and concerned with late practices for the future; 8U & PDP losing are losing 3 second year mites and there 23 girls at that level; region 5 girls meeting – Tier 1 preseason player playing on a team it must be registered as an A team. There is a lot of reclassification points and potential tiering piloting program. Looking to do a girl's jamboree at Panther arena.
- I. Patti has asked that all new board members please check and read their emails and respond to their emails in a prompt manner.
- J. Kelly Nimmer has been attempting to reach Shannon Wolf to see if she has an option for people who are not able to pick up wreaths. Jamie Rohr to pass the message along to Shannon.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:16PM**