

Wadena Hockey Club Minutes  
Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 6:30pm  
Maslowski Wellness Center

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Amber McManigle, BJ Fink, Bob Weiher, Michelle Allred, Jamie Hathaway, Joe Sworski, Amanda Schmidt, Erik Olson, Mac Nelson, Derek Tucker, Nate Witthuhn, Chrissy Krell.
2. Approval of Agenda: Michelle motioned to move Gambling next to concessions on the agenda. Second Erik (Approved) Michelle motioned to approve agenda, Second Erik (Approved)
3. Approval of Minutes: add Michelle's name to the roll call for Oct. Motion to approve-BJ Fink, Second Bob (Approved)
4. Public Forum: BJ Fink-outdoor rink boards are all done. May need volunteers to get ice in as soon as it gets cold enough.
5. Treasurers Report: Our Gross is down
  - a. Credit Cards-we would need people to use their Social Security numbers to get the credit cards. Don't feel we want peoples S.S #'s attached to the cards. Concessions needs their credit card. Erik Ness has been using that for things he needs for the rink. To keep ourselves safe we need to continue with a 2 Signer Policy.
    - i. Before anyone uses the Credit Card to order things, they NEED to email 2 board members, so we have a paper trail for records. Preferably the President and the Treasurer.
    - ii. To be reimbursed for expenses we MUST give Treasurer labeled receipts.
  - b. Refunds in Registration Fees-We had a couple players register at one level and pay that Fee and then be placed on a different where either the price was either more or less. Approved the reimbursement of the player levels changes.
  - c. Banner Collections-KLN only paid \$250. In a year that is this harsh we will thank them for the Sponsorship. Letters should have been sent out with the invoices and they were not. Have an invoice from Griemans and Erik was unsure what it was for. It was for the Raffle Tickets.
  - d. Expenses needing approval: Need to pay Nette Nelson for 2019 Wolverine Cup Prizes in the amount of \$243.27. Board Approved. Any Coaches expenses need to be given to Jamie and he will get them all to Erik. Goalie Equipment reimbursement for Marsha Kauffman-\$500 reimbursement every other year. Board Approved
6. Reports:
  - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
    - i. Bantams have 38 Games scheduled. Squirts have 33 games scheduled for each Squirt team. Mites have a few scheduled and Mighty mites have the home Jamborees scheduled.
  - b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
    - i. Bantams-13, Squirts-23, Mites-24, Mighty Mites-16, and Hockey Tots-37.
  - c. Building Maintenance (Eric Ness)-Nothing Currently
  - d. Equipment (BJ Meyer)
    - i. Equipment Handout the next 2 Tuesday nights. DIBS is working very well. Asked if we have heard anything on any of the Grants-nothing yet. We have navy breezers upstairs that we have never used. Adult Mens Medium-XL. Suggest checking into Play it Again sports-see if we could get a credit or something?
  - e. Concessions (Matt Lunde)
    - i. Has not purchased anything yet except beverages. With things the way they are looking each family may only need to do 8 hrs of concessions and that's if High school gets to play. Tentative concession opening beginning of Dec.
  - f. Gambling (Matt Lunde)
    - i. Looking for hosts for pull tabs. Will need to redo classes in December, then get things ready and get licensed.
  - g. Referee (Mac Nelson)
    - i. 8/9 Kids have signed up. Level 3 Officials.
  - h. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
    - i. Squirt Team Rules, Neil is asking to use Jamie's for the B2 team. Motion to approve BJ Fink, Second Chrissy Krell (Approved)
    - ii. We, as a group, need to start thinking of what we do if MN Hockey tells us we can't play!

1. Each Coach could rent the ice and do something similar to AAA teams.
  - a. Other teams would need to be interested in doing this and it seems like they are!
    - i. This would have to be done on a private rental basis.
2. Potential Refunds?
  - a. We need to wait until we know what happens to our seasons.
- iii. It was asked what the steps were in choosing Neil Hutson as the Head Coach for the B2 team?
  1. Per Jamie-We advertised looking for Coaches, continued looking with little interest. Asked Neil if he would be interested and he said come back and ask me again before tryouts. He was asked the week before squirt tryouts if he would be interested and he agreed.
    - a. Jamie asked 6-8 others in the meantime if they would have been interested. No one was. He specifically asked Chris Lund 5 times. All times he declined.
    - b. Was asked what the requirements were and if Neil had them before stepping onto the ice? He has been a volunteer at other levels in the past, is alumni, and got a 1-year pass to be able to coach. Will be working on getting the other requirements.
    - c. Was asked what happened when we found out others were interested? Jamie asked, "What others?" Coaches were supposed to have info in the end of Sept. Jamie got an email Halloween night after He had asked the board to approve Neil as head coach that someone else was interested and wanted the opportunity to interview for head coach. He spoke with the people and the one was still not interested. And the other was interested. This person felt they did not want to express interest until they knew which team their child would be placed on and didn't want it to affect which team the child would be placed on. It was made known that is not how this coaching staff and the committee operates.
    - d. Michelle stated that it felt a bit rushed in the decision to get Neil approved and wanted to know why?
      - i. The District had been emailing asking for the Head Coaches and the rosters. They needed the info by end of day on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
      - ii. Stated that the head coach position should have been voted on by the board BEFORE tryouts started.
    - e. Joe asked Matt and BJ their perspectives since they have both been president in the past.
      - i. Matt-The district would have approved a temporary head coach until the board could approve a permanent one. We could have interviewed and gotten board approval.
      - ii. BJ Meyer-Believes that we all have positive intent when it comes to the organization and that everyone wants the decisions to be made for the best interest of all the children.
- I. -Mite Director (Nate Witthuhn)
  - i. Kudos to BJ for the Open Hockey we have been able to have.
  - ii. People in charge of the Open Hockey need to be safesport certified and need to have the air control certification.
- i. Fundraising (Dani Sworski/Fundraising Committee)
  - i. Per Joe- Need someone to head the Bake Sale at the Christmas Festival.
- j. Marketing (Marketing Committee)
  - i. Print off of our NEW Sponsorship Opportunities.
- k. Blue Line Bids
  - i. Raffle Tickets-email was sent about dates that the levels need to have tickets picked up by.
    1. Will not get on the ice by first practice if tickets aren't picked up.
    2. Send list of those that still need to pick up to Jamie so he can enforce.

- ii. Its been asked why high schoolers still sell raffle tickets. They use our arena, they have their own locker room, and they get a good ice time for practices.
    - iii. Nette has stepped down from BLB, we need a new committee. Suggested then since this is a fundraising event, that the fundraising committee takes over. Talked about Junior Parents taking it over, as this is how it was started years back. Eventually came back to the fundraising committee taking over and they can create their own BLB committee. Motion to approve Chrissy Krell, second BJ Fink (Approved)
  - I. Public Relations/Communication/Newsletter (Amber McManigle)
    - i. If there is anything that you want added to a newsletter for the beginning of the season, please let me know ASAP.
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Photographers
    - i. Caulfields
    - ii. Tolifson
    - iii. Sierra Rach
      - 1. Talked with Rex Studios, no interest in returning. Was never notified until letters were received by other photographers about wanting bids. Felt that if the club wanted to look elsewhere then they should.
      - 2. Presented the info, was mentioned that Caulfields had maybe mentioned a potential Banner sponsorship. BJ M motion to stick with Caulfields with potential for a banner, second Erik Olson (Approved)
      - 3. Will try to get something for Dec 7-9<sup>th</sup> if possible.
- 8. New Business
  - a. Amplifier/Sound System (BJ Fink)
    - i. Amplifier is under powered bad. We could potentially be looking at a bigger problem if we don't do something now. Last year board approved \$500 to improve the PA system and it never happened. BJ Meyer motioned to approve upgrading what we need but to not exceed \$500 from last year, second Chrissy (Approved)
  - b. Covid Committee
    - i. We need to make sure people are following the rules. With rising cases we want to make sure that everyone is doing their part.
    - ii. Who needs to quarantine?
      - 1. If you were a close contact to someone who tested positive you quarantine for 14 days from last contact.
      - 2. If your sibling is a close contact from someone in their class, they need to quarantine, but other siblings do not have to until symptoms present themselves.
    - iii. Will be trying YOUTUBE for live streaming games, we have been loaned the equipment to see how it goes and if we want to further invest in equipment. If anyone has any other ideas for live streaming, please let us know.
- 9. Adjourn: Motion BJ Meyer, second BJ Fink (Approved)