**WAYHA Board Meeting 11/17/19**

1. **Call meeting to order 6:02 pm**
2. **Roll Call (must notify board member prior to meeting to be excused)**
   * Present: Howie Abhold, Luke Fleming, Becki Niemuth, Kendra Cichy, Jake Waller, Janet Mace, Danielle Hafferman, Melanie Hirte, Forrest Wright, Pete Olson, Dale Hauser, Becky Grundman
   * Excused: Eric Anderson, Matt Hines
3. **Approval of WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes for October 2019**
   * *Motion by Becki Niemuth, Second by Forrest Wright motion passed*
4. **Registrar Report-Janet Mace**
   * Teams have been submitted to WAHA
   * There is a new 2007 hockey player moving into the district this month.
   * Joey Gullixon’s mother has asked for a refund for last year considering he was out for an injury for a considerable portion of the season. He was on a payment plan, paid $200 and did not complete maintenance hours last year. Board decision is to not issue a further refund.
5. **Director of Hockey -Forrest Wright**
   * None
6. **High School Coach-John Erspamer**
   * Ice has not been Zambonied for afternoon practices. Will need to create a schedule to have ice cleaned Mondays prior to High School practice.
7. **Ice Scheduler: Chris Gusmer** 
   * The high school had previously agreed to practice early on Wednesday but there is some administrative concern about the coach leaving professional development time early. Options are discussed and Rink Rat practice will be 5-5:45, Mites will be 5:45-6:30, Gamblers 6:30-8:30 and High School will practice at 8:30. The first date this will take effect will be December 18.
8. **Financial Report:** 
   * Financial report was emailed last week and is provided at meeting for review.
9. **President’s Report**
   * Pepsi-contract. The Pepsi contract is up for the fountain soda. Discussion regarding fountain vs. bottled soda. Fountain soda provides a higher profit margin and less rotation but is more of a serving hassle. We will continue to the contract for the fountain soda to be sold in the concessions for 1 year, the bottles will be stocked into the vending machine and we will determine at the end of the year what the preference appeared to be.
   * Room-tax dollars: Howie called Terri Schultz who indicated that we were always getting the remaining dollars that we were under agreement for. The letter was just indicating that we did not qualify for this grant. After the end of 2020 we will need to apply for the grant quarterly. She pointed out that we are not guaranteed to receive the dollars that we have received in the past. She suggested that we learn to operate without those dollars. Pat Johnson has offered to go down to the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the issue with them. Forrest suggests we also ask Jeff Anderson (WAYHA member) for assistance as he works in the tourism industry. Howie asks for who may be willing to be on a committee. Becki will help look for how we could objectify the number of rooms we may fill on a given weekend.
   * Second rink: Aaron Jensen has asked where we stand on a second rink. A second rink would go a long way in securing the room tax dollars. In discussion we have decided we need to table a second rink discussion until we are more secure in room tax dollars determination.
   * Beer Sales: There has been discussion of turning the former high school locker room into a beer bar area. The area would need to be sectioned off. There are various ways to organize this arrangement. This would allow us to have beer sales for tournaments or weekend games. There would have be one person on premise with a responsible beverage server course. Discussion agrees that this would be a good revenue option. It could also be scary mixing alcohol and emotions in youth sports. It is recommended we hire an axillary officer to be present for our home tournaments if we do this. We decided to move forward with planning and trial. Jake would like to try this with the PeeWee tournament in January which gives us more than a month to plan. Jake will talk to Sherriff Wilz and will try to get his responsible beverage server as well.
10. **Tournament Director: Jake Waller**
    * We are short in the PeeWee B bracket currently. There are currently 6 A teams and 3 B teams (Onalaska, LaCrosse B)
    * We are short one Squirt A and one Squirt B
    * We are short Mite Reds (currently 6 teams)
    * Bantams have 6 teams and each team will get 4 games
    * Melanie and Janet will send out emails to reach out to additional teams.
11. **Maintenance:** 
    * Bassett Contract: Bassett would like us to sign a contract for $4,000/year. Howie and Dan Cichy reviewed the contract and the majority of the services they provide here are not covered in the contract. A compressor rebuild is in the contract and Howie would like to discuss this a little further with them. Otherwise, we will elect to pass on the contract.
    * Concession hot water heater: has been ordered. Shumaker will install the hot water heater. The leak in the ladies bathroom is from the hot water heater
    * Doors are scheduled to open at 4 pm to 8:30 pm and on weekends 7 am-8:30 pm on weekends to alleviate the need for so many keys.
    * A handle will be put on the handicap door this week.
12. **Equipment Manger-** 
    * None
13. **3x3 Entry fee-Becki Niemuth:** 
    * Becki notes that all other 3x3 tournaments are charging $150/team and we are at $130/team. We will plan to increase our team entry to $150/team, goalies will stay the same. Becki will begin working on the flyers for the 2020 tournaments.
14. **Open Skate concerns:** 
    * A ticket will be handed out for skate rental at the gate. They will need to be given a ticket in exchange for skate. We will take shoes for the larger skates (12 and up) as these are not easily replaceable. We will put a sign up by these boxes. Kendra and Becki will print/laminate tickets.
15. **Walk-in items**
    * **Becki Niemuth-**There have been many questions about the quality of the ice and being able to see the lines
    * **Becki Niemuth-**Is there a maintenance list that could be done. There is currently not a list. It would be nice to have one. Becki will create an electronic document and put it on the website. She will maintain it if someone lets her know it is taken care of.
    * **Melanie Hirte-** It has been mentioned that with the large garbage in the new locker rooms food has been sitting for long durations and smelling. Danielle will get smaller garbage and bags.
    * **Jake Waller-** With an ejection from a game this weekend the disciplinary guidelines are reviewed. The situation was discussed between coaches and parents. This player did serve his sitting game penalty and was allowed to play his further game this weekend. If there are further incidences the guidelines will be followed.
    * **Locker room monitors-** Bantams do not have a locker room monitor currently. Players have talked with the coach about issues. There cannot be players allowed in the locker rooms without a monitor/coach. Another option would be to have the teams in the 4 old locker rooms. Forrest will talk to the PeeWee and Bantam coaches regarding these issues and reminding them that the disciplinary guidelines apply to practice issues as well. Specific and repetitive issues should be reported to coach and then Director of Hockey.
    * **Compressors-**There was an issue with the control panel, and they were being controlled manually. At this point that has been taken care of and auto mode is back on process. There are plans for putting in an improved control panel.
    * **Bleacher heaters-** The bleacher heaters are currently not working. Howie will have Shumaker look at that when he installs the hot water heater.
16. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Pete Olson to adjourn meeting. Second by Melanie Hirte, motion passes.*

**Next Meeting Sunday, December 15 @ 6pm at the Expo**

Minutes submitted by Kendra Cichy, WAYHA Secretary