



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES-AUGUST 10th, 2022

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 6:01PM

2. Board Member Attendance: Mike C., Chad M., Kurt H., Patti E., Tom G., Tim W., Chris P., & Chris S.

3. Board Member Not in Attendance: Bobby G.

4. Membership in Attendance: Jeff and Stephanie Ellenbecker, Andy Klemp, Gary Malinowski, Jason Meyers, & James Semrad

5. AUGUST MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Tom G. Seconded

JULY TREASURER REPORT: Kwik Trip: continue to work through processing new orders; Tournaments: Working through prepaid registration expenses; AMFAM Credits: The Brewers distribute credits for time served after season commitments are met, so families will need to wait until our organization received the credits from the Brewers. **Next:** Volunteer and sponsorship credits are being processed to reflected on upcoming season skater fees; Any former skaters that have moved to High School or Co-op credits have been moved to the correct organization.; Parent meeting preparation; Tim W. asked about interest gained from North Shore money market account, Patti state we have seen a small gain.

TREASURER REPORT: REVIEW/APPROVE Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Tom G. Seconded

1. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS:** Jeff and Stephanie Elenbecker's son is a former Arrowhead skater that will be joining the Warhawks this season at the U14 level. The family is looking forward to a great experience. Jeff has offered to help the organization however he can; Jason Meyers: Sharpening wheels have been purchased in preparation for our skate sharpening at upcoming events (parent meeting/ Warhawk days); Jason is currently finalizing plans for gear resale and an email will be going out to the organization. Jason will be connecting with Melissa Greves to corrdinate any apparel orders that might take place for future events.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **2022-2023 Season Registration:** registration is now closed and the current skater numbers are as follows: U8: (106 skaters); U10: (43) skaters, (3) goalies; U12: (78) skaters goalies (8) Goalies U14: (47) skaters (3) goalies; Girls are projected to have team: U14: (1) team with (11) skaters; U12: have 2 teams (1) A & (1) B - (24 skaters), no additional skaters will be accepted at the U12 level.
- B. **2022-23 Tryout Policies:** Please read the tryout procedure and policies on the Website. All skaters will be evaluated by WCYHA coaches over a two-week period. That two-week period will begin on Tuesday September 20th and conclude on Saturday October 1st. All skates will be held at Nagawaukee Ice Arena. Each skater will be afforded the opportunity to attend six skates. At the end of the two weeks the coaches will compile their evaluations and extend invitations to the A/B placement skates that will take place October 7-9th. The coach's evaluation skates carry no additional charge, and we strongly encourage everyone to attend these skates even if you are not interested in playing for an A or B team. The A/B placement evaluations will be conducted in similar fashion to previous years. That evaluation will be conducted by a combination of our Hockey Director, outside evaluators and WCYHA coaches. There will be ice time for all skaters the week leading up to the placement weekend. All team's A/B/C will be announced and communicated on 10/9. Fall Speed Camp & CC Rep Skates will be available for preparation before the pre-skate evaluations. Due to the longer evaluation period, it will reduce the time for skate preparation from the off season. Reach out to the

board members if there are any questions. There will no feedback to parents of any kind during the evaluation process. U8 parents will be allowed to the pre-skates, but no other levels parents will be allowed. Chad and Chris S. will oversee the final determination of invites to the A/B skates. There will be an email sent out to determine the groups. If a skater is not coming to the tryout, we are asking that the organization be informed.

- C. **Open Coordinator Positions: Equipment and Volunteer:** The approved policy/procedure changes regarding the coordinator positions are now complete; Our equipment volunteer position is posted, and a replacement will be needed as Charlie Thombs will be stepping down after this year, if anyone interested in the position, please contact Chad Muchow or Chris Parsons; Picture Day is coming up and Chris Parson's wife is leading this effort, but we do need support.
- D. **U10-U14 Parents Meeting—Sunday, September 11th/Duffs, and Dangles Golf Outing Update:** The annual parent meetings (U10-U14) followed by the Golf outing to be held again at Morningstar Golfers Club on Sunday, September 11th. The direct link to the registration, dinner and sponsorships can be found on our Golf Outing page on our website. This is a great event as a portion of the proceeds directly reduce your skater fees and the proceeds directly help keep our skater fees at the level, they currently are at despite rising ice and operating costs. If you are unable to participate in the golf outing, we have a dinner only option as well.
We have posted the volunteer opportunities on our website under the DIBS section of the WCYHA website. There are still a few spots left. Please be sure to log in to register and view the volunteer opportunities.
- E. **U8/U6 Parent Meeting-Sunday, August 28th at the Impact Speed Zone and Mercantile and Bean.** Registration for our U8 Day at the Impact Speed Zone and U8 Parent Meeting at Mercantile & Bean will remain open until August 23rd. New this year, parents will have the opportunity to bring their skater(s) to the Impact Speed Zone to experience a 45-minute workout like the workouts our Squirts - Bantams experience during the season at the Impact Speed Zone. While the skaters are busy having a blast at the speed zone, the parent informational meeting will be held next door at Mercantile & Bean, W307 S4759 Hwy 83, Genesee, WI.
- F. **WAHA THFF Grant and Upcoming THFF Dates – USA Hockey National Try Hockey for Free dates are Nov 5th & Feb 23rd** with details to follow. Our organization is structuring additional THFF events as well with the first event starting September 10th from 11:45AM until 12:45PM at Eble Ice Arena. Any current Warhawk who refers a friend that registers for the upcoming season will receive a \$50.00 credit of their ice fees. We have seen high retention rate through the levels up to the Bantam level where we see kids opting to either play high school or stop playing. In coming years, we might have to entertain Midget teams to keeps kids playing beyond the U14 level.

3. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** WAHA equipment grant was received for (10) additional sets of starter equipment bring our total to (30) sets; The organization was not chosen this year to host a state tournament. WCYHA will apply to host the Bantam C state tournament if the opportunity is presented; Chris S. and Chad met with the Admirals – we will be doing (5) rivalry dates and youth appreciation nights. \$5 of every ticket will come back to the organization; With Ice cost rising again we have not raised skater fees this season with the hope that fundraising will help offset costs.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Coaches registration: email will be sent out as a reminder; coaching meeting is set for September 18th; Safe sport and background checks need to be completed and links can access from our website. There will be an email going out to the organization; Locker room policy will be updated to align with Safe Sport requirements.
- C. **VP OFF ICE: GIRLS:** (49 girl registered across the organization); LCW will work through tryout process and will be published on both websites; Chris will be meeting with Emily and Erin on (8/11/22) to get them up to speed on girls hockey strategy; Ice has been booked for a jamboree January 14th; **VP:** Chris's wife is working on picture day details (second to last week of October) email will go out to the organization; Safe sport

training and background checks are required for board, coaches, managers or anyone in regular contact with the kids. Safe sport eligibility is on an annual and by season basis, Chris P. can check the status.; Manager & Schedule meeting is set for October 23rd; Warhawk day is set for October 16th at Eble Ice Arena. This will be the first official day of practice as well as several other activities such as banner reveal, blood drive, & coaches' game – More info to follow as the event gets closer; Chris P. met with Val Shurley to discuss a fundraising parent event, last season's surveys suggested an early season fundraiser event. We are proposing a trivia night at morning on November 5th but are still working through the details; Kwik Trip: Working through the fundraising process to allow skaters to take advantage of the fundraising opportunity, anyone that is from Waukesha co-op or co-ed will have the opportunity to do the kwik trip fundraising.

- D. **TREASURER:** Chris S. provided coaches credits and those will be reflected on skater fees; The All-hair team will continue thanks to volunteers
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good skater numbers compared to last year, approximately (16) players per team with (3) teams anticipated this season. Working through a plan with the goalie position; coaching numbers should be good; working on a checking clinic before evaluation which might be combined with a CC Skate; Tournaments are set: each team will participate in (3) tournaments.
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Sunday skates have been sparse, working on process to ensure there is committed and competent coaching; Season skaters numbers look strong with good goalies
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Slim attendance at the CC skates; tournaments have been set up and hotels blocked; looking forward to the season
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Skater Numbers are tracking well, approximately (5) 8u mite teams and (6-8) teams for the development group. Possibly having an all-girls team; tournaments are starting to be looked at; Winter Classic registration is open and waiting for other organizations figuring out their numbers; Working through the 8U program to ensure we are giving kids a good opportunity to develop at the 8U level.

Adjourned 7:31PM