

Wadena Hockey Club Minutes  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, following Fundraising Meeting  
Wadena Hockey Arena

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call: Joe Sworski, Tate McManigle, Matt Lunde, Mark Lunde, BJ Meyer, Derek Tucker, Jamie Hathaway, Monica Merickel, Amber McManigle, Steve Davis, Eric Rinio, Kelly Zaic, Paul Warren, Mac Nelson via facetime
- 2) Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve Mark Lunde, Second Derek Tucker (Approved)
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Motion to Approve Mark Lunde, Second Tate McManigle (Approved)
- 4) Public Forum:
  - a. Blue Devils Head Coach Danelle Jones and Kelly Lehmke came and want to start a conversation about potentially starting the co-op back with Wadena.
    - i. Wanted to know why it stopped-we just did not have the numbers for girls to justify continuing at the present time.
    - ii. They want us to know that they are in their program for the long haul. They have a young team, some including 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.
    - iii. They are willing to have conversations to help everyone feel comfortable and confident if a co-op were to be started again. They would love to see this happen. It takes about a year to get it going so they would love to have the Athletic Directors get into talks and see things move forward with this.
  - b. Steve Davis-came with concerns about Bantam team and lack of communication with Park Rapids parents. He has spoken with a few and they seemed to not know about the co-op for this upcoming season.
    - i. Jamie has been in talks with their Hockey Director and Jamie was under the impression all the parents were on board. Jamie will call the hockey director again and if no communication then will talk with their President.
    - ii. Steve also thinks it would be a good idea to start potential talks of a co-op for highschool as we could be in the same position in a few years with a lack of kids at high school.
      1. It is something we can talk about, but this can be an exceedingly difficult thing at the high school level. More conversations will be needed.
- 5) Treasurers Report:
  - a. There are some team accounts with money left over from BLB's so what do we do with the money?
    - i. Just zero it out and we start over next year with the new balance
  - b. After paying the tournament fee for Squirt Internationals the account is showing a negative balance, what do we do with that?
    - i. Leave it alone and we will just add the funds from the Squirt International fundraiser this September.
  - c. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report BJ Meyer, second Mark Lunde (Approved)
- 6) Reports:
  - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
    - i. Started scheduling some tournaments for Peewees, squirts, etc.
    - ii. Our Home Tournaments should go out in the edition of Let's Play Hockey.
  - b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
    - i. Concession Hours fee-do we change or leave it at \$30?
      1. Leave it at \$30.

- ii. Need a Blue Line Bids date to add for the registration info, etc. Plan for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - iii. Processing fees for C.C.-we paid last year, what do we do this year?
    - 1. Parents pay for that.
  - iv. Wolverine cup-do we have dates yet? Jamie and BJ working on. Offer to anyone willing and wanting to come.
  - v. Do we put out registration flyers at schools?
    - 1. Yes.
- c. Building Maintenance (Erik Ness)
  - i. Boiler Repair will need to be discussed and decided on at August meeting.
  - ii. Goals painted/New Netting-proposed to do 4 intermediate goals and 2 mini goals. Getting paint donated by IFS, netting would be \$810.
    - 1. Others felt that we need to do all the nets.
    - 2. Motion to approve painting and new netting for 2 full sized, 4 intermediate, and 2 mini goals Monica Merickel, second BJ Meyer (Approved)
  - iii. STS will be cleaning the puck marks, glass, and boards soon.
  - iv. We will need to start using distilled water for the Zamboni, cost will be minimal.
  - v. Arena Office/Skate Sharpener Room Project-Per Matt Lunde
    - a. Proposal of moving the skate sharpener to where the refs were this last year, creating a designated office space in the current skate sharpening area for secretary, treasurer, rink manager, gambling manager.
    - b. Create a designated storage closet in the arena area for all cleaning supplies.
    - c. We have most of the supplies. Costs should not be more than \$1500.
    - d. Motion to approve not to exceed \$1500 for cost of these additions and changes BJ Meyer, second Derek Tucker (Approved)
    - e. Was asked to maybe create a spot for the pushers for the little kids over by locker rooms 6/7. Will look into.
  - vi. Rink maintenance scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Eric and crew will be at the rink most nights during this period to prepare the arena for the upcoming season. Seasonal maintenance, organizing, small projects, etc...
- d. Equipment (BJ Meyer) none
- e. Concessions (Matt Lunde) none
- f. Referee (Mac Nelson)
  - i. There will be some new rule changes-will bring a summary to next month's meeting.
  - ii. Request that for home varsity games we allow the adult refs to use either locker room 6/7 since they are larger. Everyone was fine with that.
- g. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
  - i. Wanting to start season a week earlier looking at October 18<sup>th</sup>. Will let us know soon.
  - ii. Wolverine Challenge is going, not a lot of participation.
- h. Mite Director (Katie Tyrrell) none
- i. Events Committee (Dani Sworski) none
- j. Marketing (Amber McManigle)
  - i. Banners, In Ice, Zamboni update
    - 1. Had 2 calls on in ice advertising. They both have banners. I am suggesting that we offer ½ off banners when they choose an in-ice option. Motion to approve if advertising in ice or on the Zamboni ,and they have a banner, they will get

the banner for ½ off during their contract commitment period Amber McManigle, second Monica Merickel. (Approved)

2. We will do a banner with Little Round Still as our charitable gambling partner- we will have our info on it as well-advertising for both of us.
  3. Larry's family pizza will need to be talked with-we have no banner and they have been paying. We will offer 2 banners, one for the bakery and one for Larry's, free for 2 years.
  4. Zamboni estimate is about \$11 per square foot. It is about 204 square feet. Estimating about \$2300 to get it wrapped.
    - a. We will check with a few other places around for estimates.
  5. In Kind questions
    - a. Drastic and Uptown-they were in kind a few years ago, no longer in kind.
    - b. Central MN Credit Union helped donate \$ towards our sign in the parking lot-in return their logo and name would go under the sign for advertising.
      - i. Remove Mark Lunde for contact for sponsorships.
- ii. New Sponsorship Contracts
    1. Will be implementing new contracts for banners, in ice, and Zamboni-this allows us to keep better records, lets us know when the commitments started, etc.
      - a. Add something about if they choose to change logos during their commitment time-it will be at their own cost.
  - iii. Plan for the fall
    1. I will be going around talking with current banner sponsorships and ones that have not paid in September. Trying to see if we can get a re-commitment from them.
- k. Public Relations/Communications/Newsletter (Amber McManigle)
    - i. Going on the newsletter-registration, wolverine challenge, summer fun, coaches
      1. Add campership forms due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii. Get info to me by July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) New Business: none
  - 8) Old Business: There is an association leaders conference in August in the cities for anyone wanting to go. Have reimbursed gas in past.
  - 9) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Monica Merickel, second Tate McManigle (Approved)