

August 6, 2025 Board meeting

- I. Call to order at 6:02 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present: President, Treasurer, Registrar, Scheduler (even), Scheduler (odd), Coach-In-Chief, Fundraising (odd), Discipline, Equipment Manager.
 - b. Online: Fundraising (even). **Guests:** Jake Phillips, Tiffany Treu-Crain, Aimee Nadeau
 - c. Absent: Vice President, Secretary, SafeSport
- VI. Open Issues (old business)
 - a. Photography Agreement:
 - a. J Parish is arranging Senior photos and the printing of the banners. Image Tech has reached out to do team and individual photos
 - b. S Washenfelder has sent an email to a local photographer for pricing and availability.
 - c. C Vaughan suggested we can do photos at a later time, even January.
 - b. Dryland Practice:
 - a. K Washenfelder advised Roller City has been difficult to reach
 - b. A Mildenberger asked about gymnastic facilities
 - c. K Washenfelder provided details of the following locations:
 - i. Diamond Elite has availability only after 7 pm for \$200/hr.
 - ii. Northside requires a waiver and charges \$20-\$50/hr. No sticks are allowed on the basketball side.
 - iii. Crossfit Frontier charges \$25/hr and does not allow sticks. Have to have qualified person for equipment use. They are insured for all ages. Most availability on M, W, F.
 - iv. Smart Sports can be used for HS only and offers a gym membership for \$20/player per month. They offer group strength training that would apply to Bantams and HS for \$50/group per lesson.
 - v. LCSD1 needs certificate of liability.
 1. J Hesser advised we can use USA Hockey certificate and advised we must have a coach present.
 2. S Washenfelder advised gym times are difficult to secure.

- vi. Beast has advised they are not able to accommodate our needs.
- d. J Hesser asked when coach's meeting was and suggested that dryland opportunities be proposed to coaches
- e. S Washenfelder advised meeting is on 8/18 and asked in each coach can schedule their own dryland or does 1 person need to schedule for all teams?
- f. B Moore advised financially, it makes most sense for Abbie to arrange all dryland times.
- g. C Vaughan offered to help arrange times
- h. K Washenfelder advised HS kids can get membership for ages 15 – 19 due to insurance.
- i. J Hesser advised the next step would be to present info to the coaches and then the board would review requested funds for approval.
- j. S Washenfelder is proposing \$200/team per month.
- k. C Vaughan asked if dryland is mandatory for all coaches/teams to participate in.
- l. S Washenfelder advised that he's not sure it can be made mandatory but emphasized the successes that come with regular dryland practices.
- m. J Hesser asked how can it be made mandatory. Is it from Coach-In-Chief or board?
- n. C Vaughan suggested it start with Coach-In-Chief and then move to board if necessary.
- o. K Washenfelder asked if we designate \$200 to all teams, i.e. Squirts and HS?
- p. A Mildenberger suggested we table the discussion until after the coach's meeting, then work to set financial plan for dryland.
- q. J Phillips suggested that indoor space that costs money isn't always required, can use outdoor space when weather permits.
- r. S Washenfelder advised coaches must be present for all dryland practices, even at parks, and stated that the coach must be in communication with the parents since parents want to know where registration costs are being used.
- s. J Hesser added that coaches are required for insurance purposes.

VII. New Business

a. Financial:

- a. J Hesser asked for update on working with Tammy Lantz from Abbie
- b. A Mildenberger advised she is getting Quick Books set up, sorting Tammy Lantz's categories and getting the bank accounts connected. She will bring financial reports to the next board meeting.
- c. J Hesser asked if there were any items needing board approval.
- d. A Mildenberger advised nothing needs review or approval at this time. She's just waiting to meet with Tammy Lantz. Also, Secretary of State registered agent renewal is due by end of September, and a name needs to be provided.
- e. J Hesser advised he is already a registered agent.

b. Team Declarations:

- a. 169 total registrations for this season compared to 191 from last season
- b. 16 are girls
- c. 43 are Mites
- d. 33 are Squirts
- e. 27 are Peewees
- f. 20 are Bantams
- g. 31 are HS which includes 3 goalies
 - i. J Hesser advised he knows of 2 more HS that are intending to register. He's received an inquiry on a 15 yo from NOCO and also a referral from the city for a Peewee who was asking for late fee to be waived – he's been doing Learn To Play. He advised that there are already 27 Peewees registered with 5 goalies, which is not ideal. Christine, Laramie President, and Dave Tank, 12u Laramie coach, have asked if we may consider combining Cheyenne and Laramie 12u CRHL teams. Laramie's registration just opened, and they were not sure of their anticipated numbers.
 - ii. T Schlagel advised all returning Peewees have registered
 - iii. S Washenfelder advised he would like to have 2 goalies for the 14u team and that he's in favor of blending with Laramie for a 12u CRHL team.
 - iv. C Hammack asked if parents would be willing to travel for practice
 - v. J Hesser advised each organization to host its own practice except for occasional times to prepare for tournaments.
 - vi. S Washenfelder confirmed there would be 2 Squirt teams, 1 WAHL and 1 CRHL.

- vii. J Hesser reminded the audience that this is why we did registration early to work out team declarations. Bantams have 19 players and 1 goalie. The league limits the number of players to 18.
- viii. S Washenfelder discussed goalie situation advising Bantam and HS teams should have 2 goalies per team in ideal situation.
- ix. J Hesser advised there are a lot of moving pieces and that we need to get feedback.
- x. T Schlagel advised rosters are set by 12/31 and can have 20 people per roster, per game.
- xi. J Hesser noted a Peewee goalie can be moved up for an emergency situation.
- xii. A Nadeau added the roster should be 18 skaters with 2 goalies.
- xiii. S Washenfelder advised for Bantam numbers, the coaches will have to be honest with parents of lower-level skater about ice time during a game before they travel.
- xiv. T Schlagel advised she would confirm with State Registrar Robbi Farrow to confirm make-up of 20 total players.
- xv. C Hammack asked if we need to close registration to prevent repeat of last year.
- xvi. J Hesser advised we will wait for reply from Robbi Farrow
- xvii. S Washenfelder made a motion to close Bantam registration subject to Robbi's response. Seconded by C Vaughan w/o discussion. 100% aye.
- xviii. A Mildenberger asked for decision about waiving fee for new Peewee.
- xix. J Hesser recommended that since he is new to the Capitals that we should waive the late fee.
- xx. K Washenfelder suggested that we should only waive the late fee if questions are asked about it.
- xxi. J Hesser agreed.
- xxii. Jessica Parish made motion to waive late fee for any new player, seconded by S Washenfelder. No discussion. 100% aye.
- xxiii. J Hesser confirmed we will declare 1 Squirt and 1 Peewee to CRHL and advised we have time to confirm out WAHL declarations which are due 9/15.

c. Modification to regular meeting date:

- a. K Washenfelder advised Mites may change practice time to Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 and stick and puck is scheduled from 6:45 to 7:45.

- b. J Hesser asked to move the meeting day from the 1st Wednesday to the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
 - c. A Mildenberger advised she is not available the first Wednesday.
 - d. J Hesser advised the city is moving school fundraiser nights from Wednesdays to Fridays.
 - e. C Hammack made motion to move regular meeting day to 2nd Wednesday of each month, seconded by K Washenfelder w/o discussion. 100% aye.
- d. Mites Jamboree
- a. To be November 7th through the 9th
 - b. J Hesser advised Jeff has confirmed ice availability and advised it will be a WAHL weekend.
 - c. K Washenfelder advised it can be a home game
 - d. J Hesser suggested scheduling Mites from 3 to 6:30 and host a HS game at 7
 - e. C Hammack advised the name of the Jamboree is Mites Icebreaker since it is early in the 25/26 season.
 - f. C Vaughan confirmed the last Mites Jamboree, registration was \$400/team. She provided that Casper charges \$600 for their Mites weekend, Laramie charges \$300 for the single day.
 - g. S Washenfelder motioned to keep our registration at \$400/team, seconded by J Parish w/o discussion. 100% aye.
 - h. C Hammack asked if they need to put a cap on the # of team to register.
 - i. J Hesser advised yes. Asked about Mites nets wondering if we have enough to run 3 games at a time using the boards for 6u games. Confirmed that we do not have enough nets to do 3 games at a time, and suggested to watch the registrations and game schedules.
 - j. C Vaughan confirmed there were 4 6u teams registered to the last Jamboree, with 12 8u teams. Suggested they be called beginner and intermediate.
 - k. S Washenfelder asked how much the pads are that are used to split the ice.
 - l. J Hesser asked if the existing pads belong to the Capitals or the rink.
 - m. B Moore asked about storage of new pads to keep them in good shape.
 - n. J Hesser will look into cost of new pads
 - o. C Hammack advised cost of new Mites nets is \$457.97 for a set of 2 nets and that we would need 2 sets.
 - p. C Vaughan made motion to buy 2 sets of Mites nets, seconded by T Schlagel w/o discussion. 100% aye.
 - q. S Washenfelder asked if the regulation size nets are the Capitals since 2 are the wrong weight.

- r. J Hesser discussed Mites Jamboree registration on Active vs Crossbar. Recommended that we use Crossbar.
 - s. C Hammack will work with T Schlagel for registration.
 - t. A Mildenberger asked if payments can be indicated to be for Jamboree.
 - u. C Hammack asked when registration should be closed.
 - v. C Vaughan recommended 2 weeks before the Jamboree weekend.
 - w. T Schlagel will work to get the registration open ASAP
 - x. C Vaughan advised 16 teams was tight for ice schedule, need to confirm ice times
 - y. J Hesser advised to look at the registration next month and discuss closure at that time.
 - z. S Washenfelder advised 2 6u Capitals teams will be 18-20 kids.
- e. REPORTS
- a. President: WAHA news that Jon Oman has transitioned to be Northern Plains Director after Eric Ballard moved to CO, and that Scott Luckenbihl is the new WAHA president and Jon Oman is now the WAHA VP. J Hesser is on committee with Clint for Independent teams for this year and next. The committee is made up of 8 people – State Registrar, 2 Presidents, J Koltiska for opposite view, J Calanchini, Team Wyoming rep James Ewald, and 2 WAHA board members. State Bids are due 9/15, wants to bid for all teams.
 - b. Registrar: 17 volunteer buyouts; 4 HS, 1 14u, 1 12u, 2 10u, 9 8u. 19 Fundraiser buyouts; 5 HS, 1 14u, 3 12u, 3 10u, 7 8u. 4 players completed late registration.
 - i. C Hammack advised \$3800 earned by volunteer buyouts
 - ii. S Washenfelder asked if we have a list of volunteer duties/responsibilities for each age group.
 - iii. J Hesser advised policy committee to discuss and prepare.
 - iv. S Washenfelder asked if coaching counts towards hours.
 - v. K Washenfelder asked if being a manager counts toward hours.
 - vi. S Washenfelder asked if being on the board counts toward hours.
 - vii. J Hesser advised these roles will be added to the policy
 - c. Treasurer:
 - i. Expenses? Quick Books payment and permits for sign, reimburse B Moore for cost of Black Hills Coach lodging.
 - ii. Sponsors: \$1000 from R & B, \$1500 from WHD & N, \$250 from Kia, \$250 from Walck Woodshop, \$500 from Comfort Inn
 - 1. S Washenfelder suggested this be the designated hotel for State games

2. C Hammack suggested this be the designated hotel for Mites Jamboree
 - iii. A Tighe confirmed she is expecting \$1000 from Fastenal, \$500 from Jonah Back, \$1000 from Woods Wellness and Counseling, and \$1500 from 4 Quarters Excavation and Development.
 - iv. A Mildenberger confirmed we made \$1010 from the carwash fundraiser in July.
- d. Scheduler:
- i. Practice schedule has been finalized and emailed out.
 - ii. State scheduler meeting is 9/27.
 - iii. Practices start 9/29.
 - iv. Working to set schedule for week of 9/22 after BHHA for tryouts
- e. Coach-In-Chief:
- i. Coach's meeting is scheduled for 8/18 at FD #1 at 6 pm with plans to discuss practice times and dryland. All board members are invited.
 - ii. Parent meetings – will do Squirt first to discuss WAHL so parents can decide if they will travel for WAHL.
 - iii. Pee wee, Bantam and HS will have parent meetings after teams are selected.
 1. T Schlagel advised Pee wee parents need to know ASAP due to differences with teams this year.
 2. S Washenfelder will discuss with Dave Tank at Laramie.
 3. J Hesser suggested a meeting with Pee wee parents the week of BHHA with email sent earlier to discuss the possible merge with Laramie.
- f. Discipline: Nothing to report. Policy Committee meeting to be later in August
- i. J Hesser advised all board members are invited.
- g. Equipment Manager:
- i. C Vaughan, J Parish, C Hammack, and K Washenfelder worked on organizing the shed.
 - ii. We have 6 boxes of the incorrect game socks.
 - iii. Will send an email for people to pick up old gear if they need it.
 - iv. Need to purchase hangers to store jerseys. Approved to get hangers.
 - v. Jersey cost is the same this year, but shipping has increased. Found an outsource for shipping with decreased cost, turnaround time is 7-10 days.

8:10 pm S Washenfelder made motion to adjourn, seconded by C Hammack.

