

Wausau Youth Hockey
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 7th, 2026

Time- Place: 7:00 pm – Wausau West High School

Attendees: Seth Sierk, JJ Deffner, Eric Pergolski, Rick Pergolski, Kristi Toner, Adam Hall, Ashley Kickbusch, Ben Krenke, Greg Simkowski, Jana Wimmer, BJ Brandt, Corey Thompson, Brian Hoover, and Kelly Denzin

Public Attendee: n/a

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Minutes: motioned by Rick, 2nd by Greg- all in favor.

Finance Update: Ben

No updates at this time. Just need to check our insurance and make sure there are no changes needed for this year.

*If you would like any additional financial information, please reach out to a board member to request them.

Girls Committee: Jana

June 16th will be the parent meeting for Storm. 14U we may not have enough to make 2 teams. Point opens their registration on June 1st and will see if they have enough to make a team or would maybe come and join us. 12U we should be able to make 2 teams and 10U also will be short for 2 teams. Everest has a new girls committee lead, Logan Laport, so we will see what conversations we can have with them. There was discussion about if we bring back the girls committee between all the associations or have Storm start their own Associations itself? We don't think the best route would be to break off; however, we do need to all work together to make the girls program successful.

Fundraising: Peter:

We meet as a group and are actively working on sponsorships, speaking with different foundations and looking into grants.

Recruiting and Retention / Tournaments: Adam

We didn't get a chance to meet so will get something on the schedule next month. But talking about bringing Warjack day back in some form. More to come on that. We did do the Children's Festival they had a Marathon Park, which was great turn out. They have over 500 kids that go through that event, so a great one to be at. We also have Woodchuck night set up for July 22nd that we can use for Recruiting and Fundraising night.

Disciplinary Committee: Kristi

n/a

Equipment: Adam, Rick, Kelly

There was an opportunity brought up to possibly rent the UWMC for dryland vs the current facility. We could rent it from 5:00 – 9:00 Monday thru Friday. We currently rent our space from November to April. We could do open gyms and possible dib out hours to help cover having an adult there. BJ motioned to have up to \$5,000 to propose to the County to use the space at the UWMC 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm on weekdays and 8:00am to 10:00 pm on weekends with exclusive access. Rick second, all in favor. Would like to get a response from them as soon as possible as we would likely need to purchase new equipment.

VP of Players: Eric:

Committee met last week. Bantams we are looking to have about 22 kids, which would be 2 small teams. Pee wee we should have 2 teams; squirts we should have 3 teams with 42 kids. Girls – 10U is up in the air right now, deepening on registrations, might be one big team with 16. 12U should have 2 teams, and 14U is up in the air right now. Jana and I meet with Charlie, and he will do the preseason 2 weeks prior and will do Power skating and skills and drills. He will be the Coaches of Coaches and a resource in case anyone has questions. He can also help with practices. Might want to look at doing a coaches meeting once a month to touch base and see how things are going. We will also be looking to do the CTI training again this September. Will also try and work into the schedule a full ice practice for the upper levels. We need to make sure teams are doing dryland as it's very important. Talked about transfers as we have one at Pee wees. Kristi motioned to let the Hockey Committee review and decide how to handle transfers, Ben second, all in favor. Talked about buying ice as we have to have all our times and dates in by August 31st so they can approve September 15th. Everest has been trying to buy ice at the rink also, so we need to make sure we have all our spots in. We should look to get a contract with the County as being the Primary ice buyer. We just need the schedule for games and can send in.

Spoke about doing a coop for the Peewees in order to get 3 teams. WAYA stated it would not be a good reason to do a coop just to get 3 teams if other associations have one already.

New Business:

*Steve Strunk camp update we are at 85 kids signed up. Looking to get 96 so close to our goal.

*Tournament ideas: Looking to see if we can come up with different ways to do our tournaments to help fill them. Talked about doing points for the games vs going on just wins and losses. We would need to try and figure out how to get another game in if we do that. It was mentioned maybe trying to do \$100.00 off if you sign up by a certain time. We will look to try that and see if it helps draw some teams in.

*10 K shot club Seth created a website online to help track our shots. We are trying to get 5 million as an association and this way it can maybe help hold kids accountable. We will look to put a banner up in MP2.

* Last year we increased rates by \$25.00 to help cover the increase in ice cost and it covered about ½ the ice. Looking to increase again this year. Do we do \$25.00 again? JJ Motioned to increase Registration cost by \$50.00 motioned by, second by BJ, all in favor. This will hopefully help with the increase in ice cost again this year.

*Try hockey for Free, WAYA has a trailing with 60 sets of equipment we can use for a weekend. Girls is Oct 11th, 3rd thru 5th is Oct 18th, and then Nov 7th. Will see if we can put in it for it.

*Spoke about doing something for Don Bradford since he won the USA Hockey Award. Should do a picture or frame in the rink or on Youth Hockey Night at the High School game. Still do want to name Rink 2 after him.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 pm

– motioned by Rick

– second by Seth

all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is: July 12th at 7:00 pm at TBD

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Denzin, WYH Secretary

