

Wausau Youth Hockey
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 8th, 2026

Time- Place: 7:00 pm – Marathon Park

Attendees: Seth Sierk, JJ Deffner, Eric Pergolski, Rick Pergolski, Kristi Toner, Adam Hall, Jason Little, Ashley Kickbusch, Nick Gumtz, Ben Krenke, Greg Simkowski, Jana Wimmer, Andrew Brueggeman and Kelly Denzin

Public Attendee: n/a

Call to order: 6:58 pm

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

Finance Update: Nick

A couple teams turned in their end of the year reimbursements. Peewee C has not used theirs yet but will make an exception and let them use now. We had the January ice bill come through, Februarys bill didn't come in yet, but should be around 32 K. It seems we are about 8 hours over budget this year vs projected and only have 12 hours set for March.

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

Girls Committee: Jana / JJ

No update.

Fundraising: JJ

Recruiting and Retention / Tournaments: Adam

n/a

Disciplinary Committee: Kristi

There was an event that took place after hockey hours at Marathon Park between a coach and a parent of WYH. The situation was handled and all parties were spoken to. Kristi will do a summary of all the events, so we have record of them for next year's season. The team was at

state and did have a backup coach and seemed to go well.

Equipment: Rick, Kelly

Don Bradford wanted a full set of 100 bags of equipment, so there were 30 more bags ordered so we could fill them. We thought there were enough bags so we will need to double check and see if we need them or maybe we can return them.

VP of Players: Eric:

Talked about the number of games each level played to make sure we stayed within what was recommended by WAYA and the hockey committee. Some parents were making comments; however, Eric checked the schedules and it seemed everyone was in line with recommendations. It was mentioned that teams were doing more than what we signed up for Jamborees. Game recommendations are 36 Bantams, 34 for Pee wee, 32 for squirts, and 16-20 Cross ice for Mite. But unsure what the times are for the mites as we have the Mite league and not sure if these games count or does that day only count for 2 games? It says 30-40 practices for mites and should be a 3-1 ratio target.

New Business:

*Talked about not making the parent survey anonymous and having people put their names in to complete or log into crossbar. This way we can ask for more information if comments or concerns are not clear or we need more information. Last year we had 61 responses. We could try for a year and see how it goes. We will need to explain why we are changing this and clarify we want to act on the comments provided. We also discussed decreasing the questions to just 5 of them. Kristi will work with JJ on reducing the questions and coming up with a couple that can help improve the associations.

*Talked about the rink meeting that is set for Wednesday. Unsure if the association knows about it, but we should send an email out to have people attend. Not sure what the meeting is about, but we should go and show support. It's at East Hall at 6:30 pm and anyone is able to attend.

*Talked about the new committee, Central WI Ice, working to start the new Ice Rink in Wausau. We should be engaging with them and attending all their meetings to see what their plans are as this could increase our ice cost as an association. We talked about still looking into trying to build a new rink and it was thought that it's more than what the Wausau Youth Hockey Association can do and might need to have a different non-profit handle.

*Talked about Next Year having a Coaching Coordinator to help the coaches and work with them on doing practices. We used to have the ACE coordinator, however, didn't think we

needed that position anymore. This would likely need to be a paid position. Jana will work on the qualifications we would be looking for in that position.

*New Board members, recurring members need to apply online also. We have 2 applications so far. Looking for a Dibs Coordinator and someone who can take over concessions. This year we made the most on concessions, so would like to see that continue to grow. We will also be looking to purchase a new grill.

*STP this year, mites are full and squirts we have 32 skaters signed up. Asked if we should do shirts for the program. We would be looking at netting 1200.00 if we take out for shirts, it was decided no shirts are needed.

*Josh Baranowski asked if we were interested in doing a Hockey Tournament, kind of like the Everest Showdown as he ran this event for Everest. Everest is doing theirs this year, but he was looking at bringing one to Marathon Park. With this event he would like 25% of net profit to be donated to his Non-Profit for girls' hockey. We discussed this is not something we would likely get a lot of traction with since surrounding areas are doing the same event.

*Patches will be ordered so if anyone needs to turn any in, please let Kristi know.

Meeting adjourned: 8:06 pm

– motioned by Greg

– second by Ashley

all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is: April 8th at 6:00 pm at The Bar

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Denzin, WYH Secretary