

**Wausau Youth Hockey**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Time- Place: 7:01 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, Peter Gaffney, and Kelly Denzin

**Public Attendee:** n/a

**Call to order:** 7:01 pm

**Minutes:** motioned by BJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg- all in favor.

New member introductions, today's meeting is to pick head of committees and executive positions. Board member agreement was passed around to be signed and returned.

Executive members were voted on:

VP of Operations – JJ Deffner

Secretary – Kelly Denzin

Treasury – Ben Krenke and Brian Hoover will be 2<sup>nd</sup> reviewer

Registrar – Kristi Toner

President – Seth Sierk

\*VP of Players had 2 nominees – Eric Pergolski and Greg Simkowski. It was asked they say why they wanted the position so we could hold a vote. There was a lot of discussion on the past, future, and expectations of the Hockey committee and the position. It was mentioned maybe we can break the position up a little bit or add more positions to help take some items of the VP plate? It was discussed that some members of the board would like to hear more about hockey and the plans and goals to make our association better and would more together on decisions and ideas. Greg stated that Eric can continue as VP this year.

Head of Committees:

Hockey – Eric Pergolski

Girls – Jana Wimmer

Mite: Greg Simkowski – Off Ice: Kali Yaklyvich

Learn to Skate – Kelly Denzin

Practice Scheduler: Kali Yaklyvich

Game Scheduler- Girls- Ben Krenke, Warjacks- Adam Hall

Tournament Director- Cory Thompson

Disciplinary – Kristi Toner

Referee in Chief and scheduler – Eric Pergolski

Finance Committee – Peter Gaffney, Greg Simkowski, Brian Hoover, Seth Sierk, Ben Krenke

Concession – Brian Hoover

Equipment – Kelly Denzin, Goalie- Rick Pergolski

Manager of Manager – TBD

Team Photographer – Bill Kolb

Fundraising- Peter Gaffney

Retention and recruiting – Adam Hall

**New Business:**

\*Spoke with Charlie about running Skills and Drills and Power skating again this year and he stated he is interested in doing so and hoping to see if he can do something for the Mites also. We spoke about the ACE coordinator position and having someone that will help develop practice plans for each level in case coaches need help or are not able to plan ahead. WAHA does have a job description online we can look at also. Rick motioned that we spend up to \$12,000.00 to hire Charlie Depuydt to do our pre-season camp, Power Skating, Skills and Drills and Ace coordinator, second by Eric and BJ, all in favor.

\*Declaration for Girls Hockey – This year we are saying we are Wausau Storm and will be offering a team at each level. That gives any girl wanting to play in surrounding associations a

place to play.

\* We authorized \$25,000.00 to be spent on a rink drawing at a prior meeting. Seth is asking for this money to be moved to a non-profit that is being formed to look into a new rink. Seth along with Chris Toner, Don Bradford, Jana Wimmer, BJ Brandt, and Peter Gaffney are forming a 501 C-3 non-profit to explore building 2 sheets of ice. They have not met with the county yet but looking to use this money to help secure the drawings and start the process. The rights to the drawings will be Wausau Youth Hockey. Ben and Rick, second, all in favor besides- Jana, BJ, Peter and Seth, sustained.

\*Kristi brought up the WAYA meeting that is set for Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. They do share a lot of good information there and we should have some representation if anyone is available. Seth stated he would be able to attend.

\*Will work on next meetings, looking at the first or second Sundays. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. We might be able to get the Storm locker room, but if anyone else has any ideas on where to have meetings, that would be great.

Meeting adjourned: 8:37 pm

– motioned by BJ

– second by Kristi

all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is: May 3rd at 7:00 pm at TBD

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Denzin, WYH Secretary