

West Madison Polar Caps
Board Meeting Agenda
Date: October 30th @ 7:00 PM @ Vitense

Attendees:

[x] Jeff Barfield, President
[x] Amy Mosher-Garvey, Past President
[x] Kristi Yeager, Treasurer
[x] Lisa Cutting, Secretary
[x] Kyle Friedow, Ice Scheduler
[] Theran Welsh, VP Fundraising
[] Marsha Sheppard, Tournament Director
[x] Tony Marcin, Equipment Manager
[x] Dave Armstrong, Webmaster

[x] Rich Smith, ACE Director
[x] Mark Rufenacht, Bantam ALD
[x] Paul Hammer, Squirt ALD & ALD Chair
[x] Sabrina Frey, RWB ALD
[x] Tim Olander, Initiation ALD & Recruiting
[x] Jamie Vandermeer PeeWee ALD
[x] Tara Armstrong Cross Ice ALD

1. Call to Order – 7:05 p.m.
2. Minutes from meeting 9/25/12 approved.
3. New Business / President's Report – Jeff Barfield:
 - a. Tryouts done:
 - i. All skaters have been placed on teams
 1. 1 Bantam skater sent to U14 as his skating was not to the needed level – he will however practice with the Bantam B's in order to help him advance more quickly. He had paid full Bantam fees at Registration, we will figure out how to cost the change to rec and yet have him pay for preseason ice and the extra practice time. Jeff asks that Mark Rufenacht, Joe Garvey or Rich Smith follow through to make sure the Bantam B coach makes the extra time available to him. This player is also interested in playing goalie.
 - ii. 2 PeeWees that were injured, Cale Rufenacht and Kieran Garvey were placed easily
 - b. Death's Door Fundraiser:
 - i. A successful event that brought in more than \$2,000 with very little work from the club. Drinks organized by Death's Door and food came from Roman Candle(a last minute change, as our original donor was overwhelmed opening their new restaurant)
 - c. Pictures:
 - i. Team Pictures to take place Monday, November 5th, Tuesday November 6th, and Wednesday November 7th. Emails with times will be sent the end of this week.
 - d. Next week's Tournament canceled due to lack of interest- might add a post season Squirt C tournament again this year
5. Recruiting -Tim Olander:
 - a. Bootcamp was a big success
 - i. 25 new skaters joined the club as a direct result of their participation in bootcamp
 - b. Try Hockey for Free day this Saturday Nov. 3. 1:30-3
 1. Need volunteers to help getting kids outfitted in hockey gear
 - c. Friday night kick off planned with a special ceremony to honor last years Squirt A state champs
6. Website – Dave Armstrong:
 - a. Developing a Team Manager's page at the suggestion of Joy Buckalew to have all the information the Team Managers need in one place.
7. Ice-Scheduler – Kyle Friedow:
 - a. Schedule posted through 12/1 as of today
 - b. U10 shorted ice this week, it will be made up later in the season
 - c. Mark Rufenacht suggests that we consider asking that U10 and U14 teams take some of the later times, so that the burden of later ice times is not carried by competitive teams only.
 - i. U10 coaches are concerned that this will be too much for their families
 - ii. U14 coach says it is fair to ask them to take some of these just like the other teams do.
8. Equipment Manager:

- a. All of the equipment we were storing/sorting in the West locker room has been cleaned up in order for them to begin practice next week.
 - b. Uniforms will be handed out to the U14's on Thursday
 - c. Will need to schedule a time to get uniforms to U10's since they don't have ice this week
- 9. **Cross-Ice – Tara Armstrong:**
 - a. The schedule is completed through December – working on the remainder of the season
 - b. Sabrina Frey recommended that a schedule be made of parent volunteers to set up for games – put barriers in place, etc
- 10. **RWB – Sabrina Frey**
 - a. We have 51 kids participating in RWB
 - i. 1 Red team, 2 Blue teams, and 2 White teams
 - b. There will be six weeks of skills and drills on Saturday mornings in McFarland as an add-on for those wanting more ice-time. The cost is \$55/skater. If it does not fill up, we will open it to 9 year olds on U10.
- 11. **U10/U14 – Report by Coaches, Andrew Held (U14) and Stephen Schaak and Jason Kreutzer(U10)**
 - a. U14 – In the past we have had 10-12 players on this team, this year we have 22
 - i. Disappointed that there is no ALD for in-house this year
 - 1. Understands that this is not simply a board issue as generally ALD's are a parent with a child participating in the particular level
 - ii. Would like to see refs provided for their games, as is the case when they travel to other rinks
 - iii. Would like to get some additional ice and to have 6 or so games with refs, happy to do all of this at Hartmeyer as MIA ice is so coveted.
 - b. U10 – Games and practices scheduled
 - i. Team needs access to the website to input into calendar – Dave Armstrong said he could help with this
- 12. **Coaching Director – Joe Garvey:**
 - a. So far all is going well
 - b. Head Coaches are
 - c. Bantam A - John Schindler
 Bantam B - Mark Johnson
 PeeWee A - Rich Smith
 PeeWee B - Sean Tillotson
 PeeWee C - Marc Joyal
 Squirt A - Rob Bradley
 Squirt B - Rocky Welsing
 Squirt B - Brian Kreft
 Squirt C - Ray White

 U14 - Andrew Held
 U10 - John Burkholder
 RWB red - Brian Kreft
 RWB White - Mike Doers
 RWB White - Jeff Horein
 RWB Blue - Doug Carlson
 RWB Blue - Ryan Odea
 X-ice - Barry Richter
 Initiation A - Scott Meskin
 Initiation B - Mike Wenkman
 - d. Mark Rufenacht moves to approve the list of coaches, Rich Smith seconds – motion carries.
 - e. Would like to fill the position of U10/U14 ALD/In house coaching, Please keep this in mind if you find someone that might be interested
- 13. **Treasurer's Report – Kristi Yaeger:**
 - a. Still looking for payments from a couple of families
- 14. **Registration– Paul Hammer**
 - a. People still calling about in-house program, though it has slowed down considerably in the last week
 - i. In-house registration does not close

- b. Verifying birthdates and that we have affidavits for all skaters.
 - c. It is very important that Assistant Coaches get registered so that they can sit on the bench at tournaments and so that they can be reimbursed for coaching fees
 - d. Holding a Team Rep round table at the Rink at 7 PM on Nov 1
 - i. Will answer questions and help any Team Reps who need it – a great opportunity for the more experienced Team Reps to share knowledge with the less experienced.
15. Squirts – Paul Hammer
- a. At the placement meeting the breakdown of the teams was the biggest topic of discussion
 - i. Originally the thought was 1 A, 1 B and 2 C's we ended with 1A, 2 Bs and 1 C
 - 1. The evaluators thought this distribution made more sense
 - 2. The decision was made to make 2 even B teams
 - 3. Comment made that the evaluators wanted to basically throw out the evaluations and place kids where they wanted them.
 - ii. This was all hashed out at the placement meeting, as a result there were way too many people involved in the decision making process
 - 1. Joe Garvey proposes that in the future all team distribution decisions should be made by the coaches' committee before we get to the placement meeting just like they make the decisions about league placement.
 - a. Rich Smith expresses concern that it is hard to know in advance what the talent breakdown will be
 - 2. It would be good to understand more about how other big clubs handle these distributions
 - a. A possibility of a B Major(older kids) and a B Minor (younger kids) suggested
 - iii. This conversation brought up concerns about our evaluation process and not using objective evaluators
 - 1. Rich Smith and Joe Garvey feel that the system works
 - a. Joe tells of the disaster of the first year of the Polar Caps when our outside evaluators did not show up on the last day of tryouts and never submitted their scores – the coaches had to place kids based solely on the final day of the tryout
 - b. Jamie VanderMeer worries that no one can escape the prejudice inherent in evaluating your friends' children or your own child's peers
 - c. Jamie suggests that it might make sense for our evaluators to evaluate kids from a different age group ie Bantam coaches evaluate Squirts, etc.
 - iv. Squirt C has had one child quit and another is seeking a release
 - 1. Wonders if we should double roster kids from the RWB
 - a. While this would fill out the team it is against policy – must be in the top 5 to play up
 - b. Sabrina Frey asks why we have 4 teams that are so small if numbers are concern
 - i. Joe Garvey explains that this was determined based on recommendations from USA Hockey for squirt roster size(11-12) in order to maximize the experience for each player
 - c. We do have situations where kids have been double rostered on competitive teams (ie Goalies) , however the board decided not to double roster a RWB skater up to a competitive team
16. Requests for Release – Jeff Barfield
- a. We have 2 requests for release for competitive players to play elsewhere
 - i. Steve and Janet Smith are requesting a release for their son, Ike. They feel that he was badly placed. He was offered a spot on the Patriots Squirt B team and they would like to take advantage of this offer. They asked that we go against club policy and make an exception for their child.
 - 1. Discussion in closed session
 - 2. Dave Armstrong moves to deny the release, Jamie VanderMeer seconds. Motion carries.

- ii. Geoffrey Rossow born 5/5/03 has asked to be released to play for McFarland. He did not participate in our tryout process or ask for a release before the preseason ice began. He was placed on a team in McFarland.
 - 1. Discussion in closed session
 - 2. Dave Armstrong moves to deny the release and offer him a spot on the Squirt C team. Jamie VanderMeer seconds. Motion carries.

Dave Armstrong moves to adjourn meeting, Paul Hammer seconds. Meeting adjourned 9:15.