

West Madison Polar Caps
Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Date: March 22, 2011 @ 6:30 PM @ Vitense

Attendees:

[x] Amy Mosher Garvey, President	[] Marc Joyal, ACE Coordinator	[] Bill Reichenbacher, Pee Wee ALD
[x] Ilsa Barnard, Registrar	[x] Rich Smith, VP Coaching	[x] Kyle Friedow, Bantam ALD
[x] Sabrina Frey, Treasurer	[x] Mike Huie, Recruiting	[x] Kyle Friedow, Midget ALD
[x] Lisa Cutting, VP Fundraising	[x] Allison Christians, Initiation ALD	[x] Mark Dingle, Rep to MII
[x] Dawn Pliner, Secretary	[x] Jenny Rilling, In House ALD	[x] Stefanie Statz, Rep to Region 4
[x] Dan Seymour, Ice Scheduler	[] Andy Faulkner, Mite ALD	[x] Laura Humphrey, X-Ice ALD
[x] Pete Joswiak, Equip. manager	[x] Zach Lanham, Squirt ALD	[]

1. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

2. Welcome – Amy Mosher-Garvey

3. Reading and disposal of unapproved minutes: Allison motioned, Pete seconded

4. MII – Marcus/Marc Dingle (10 min): Marcus introduced himself and told of his prior experience. He's usually there from 8-5:15 and then comes back later in the evening and invited anyone to contact him via cell phone. He also spoke of improvements to club in the future including lighting and a new cooling tower. Additional storage was also discussed – he was unaware of the need for it but will be working on it. MII got a resolution through city council & refinanced the \$1.75 million of accumulated loan debt to get lower rates. There is a grant in progress with the hopes of repaving the parking lot and at least filling holes. Further lighting out in parking lot was asked about as well as the cleanliness and quality of the rink including odor near locker rooms 5 & 6 and that it could be the HVAC. A suggestion was made to move the existing case and add another and it was noted that the electrical box is in way with kids running past in rink. The condition of the lobby carpet was brought up and the size of locker rooms 1-4 – could they be enlarged? Options involving the showers will be considered as well as player box improvements – plywood, rubber mats & paint. There are plans for a shooting tarp. Amy also spoke about West cleaning last year; she would like to do that again this year and would like it to coincide with our registration and clean up this year which worked very well. Players take ownership of space when they help. Signage outside of teams that play there (Polar Caps, etc.) was brought up. Some different leagues in the spring will be tried and most likely the summer as well – participants would sign up at current level for spring. Officiating was discussed and is on the Polar Caps website that will link back to MIA. It was asked if the rink (MIA) info such as when school is closed be somehow linked to the Polar Cap website and how it would best will be investigated. Designated times for different ages will also be delineated. "Constant Contact" for email was talked about to communicate/get email addresses.

5. Financial Report for 2010-2011 – Sabrina Frey (15 min): Sabrina presented the balance sheet and income statement (condensed). Ice is largest expense with referees second. She went over the budget for goalie pads but it was noted that it is a good investment for the future. The club assisted five families with the \$1500 in interest earned from the CD's the club has.

6. Fundraising Committee Report – Lisa Cutting (15 min): Lisa went over fundraising including concessions, labor credit, merchant cards, etc. and announced there will be profit sharing for this year. \$25,000 was budgeted but came in closer to \$20,000. She also spoke of concession stand and the hours to staff it – currently we make about \$60 per family/\$35 for skater. It is felt it is a lot of effort for not a lot of profit so the club is going to get out of the business of running the concession stand. MIA will be taking over with a professional staff. For those families who need the hours for ice fees and so forth, they can still do so and may be on a more regular basis. With regard to the merchant cards, families would like some say into what businesses go on the cards. Dan Groth (who does the cards) wants to hear what the businesses are and any family business that might want to be on them. The pancake supper was a great success and more will be planned, perhaps three times per year at places such as Noodles. Wreath sales will continue and it was noted that Liberty Mutual does a responsible sports program – it's possible to get a grant for \$2500 and we are eligible. We need to vote through a link and can send the link to all of our email contacts to vote and we could then be considered for the grant.

7. Coaches Committee Report -- Rich Smith (10 min): The biggest things to report include coaching certification program changes and the success of competitive teams. There will be more later in the meeting with the

Mites changes. It was mentioned by Ilsa that there will be a coach's registration next year as well as the player's registration which will make tracking better, etc.

8. Team Level Reports (30 min) (age level directors)

a. Initiation – Allison Christians: There are 85–90 skaters and more coaches are needed next year.

b. In-house –Laura Humphrey/Jenny Rilling: Amy commended the job they did – excellent communication was instrumental. Laura spoke about cross ice – there were 59 skaters with 8 different teams and 1 head coach; Andy helped out and 9-10 part time coaches. They also need more coaching. Dan Seymour helped a lot with ice. Cross ice got moved around a lot but families seemed generally happy. Jenny commented that there were 46 kids on the U8 and U10 teams and thanked Ted Pritchard and Laura for their assistance. The U14 coach spoke and also commented that the Polar Caps run a great in-house program and would like more parental involvement even if the parents haven't been involved in hockey previously or parents who feel they are not competent enough based on the very high competence of the current coaches.

c. Mites – Andy Faulkner: He noted that the B team had a hard time finding competition this past year. Both teams had a good year. He believes our club will support a good product with the changes proposed for Mites and recognizes that it will take time.

d. Squirts – Zach Lanham: Zach reported that the year went very well. Any issues were handled right away. Their tournament was held – the final numbers are not yet known. All three teams went to state and all placed. Amy commented on the great feedback on the Squirt A tournament and the great organization of it all. Kyle encouraged everyone to go to the WAHA website to give feedback on the tournament so we can get another tournament – more places want to host them than there are tournaments to hold. Communication was great. Raffle and silent auction helped make money as well. Squirts A & C won their league.

e. Pee Wee – Bill Reichenbacher: Amy reported on behalf (*see note from Bill*).

f. Bantam – Kyle Friedow – Due to fantastic coaches, dedicated parents, and above-average children, the Bantams had a great year. The Bantam A team started the year with a productive showcase that included Eau Claire, Waukesha, and SouthWest. We then participated in a tough tournament in Rochester MN. The early hard work paid off. We won Region 4 Bantam League 1 with a record of 10-2-1. Our final record was 22-12-5, the last coming as a 1-0 win over Wausau in the State Championship Game. The Bantam B team was equally impressive. They finished second in Region 4 League 3 with a 10-3 record. Their final record was 20-13-1, and they finished the season with a 2nd place finish at State. They defeated both the 3rd place finisher and the Consolation Champion on their way to the championship game.

g. Midget – Kyle Friedow - The Midgets had a successful co-op with Southwest. They finished 3rd at State. The WMPC Projection Summary for Bantam/Midgets 2011-2012 is as follows: we will return 4 second year Bantam skaters who will be 8th graders next year, 24 second-year Bantams will be High School Freshmen. 21 first-year Bantams will join the ranks and 6 Bantam-aged RRU14 will return. 7 current Midgets skating with SouthWest will return. The implications: we may lose up to 15 Bantams to high school teams. That leaves approximately 30 skaters and that would be two Bantam teams and a Midget co-op.

9. Recruiting Committee Report – Mike Huie (5 min): It has gone well for year – there are many players at younger levels. Email will probably be used more in the future in order to help budget. We need to make sure we have ice for all of the younger kids who move up.

10. Equipment Manager's Report – Pete Joswiak (5 min): Amy commented he stepped in and took over at the last minute and has been very responsive.

11. Region 4 Report – Stefanie Statz (5 min): Region 4 voted on and elected new members for next season – most are staying the same. Kyle was voted in as Bantam ALD with the Squirt ALD is Stefanie. There are two meetings on March 30. One is regarding the girls hockey team placements (one league vs. multiple leagues); they are also meeting to discuss team league placement process and rules in order to maintain consistency. The WAHA survey for tournament experiences was brought up again – it determines which clubs host in the future. May 21st is the annual meeting in Rothschild (Wausau). Stefanie also spoke of impact testing for 13-14 year olds – there are no national statistics for younger children but it was suggested having a baseline regarding concussions. Amy also mentioned that UW Health and Dean offer them.

12. Registrar's Report – Ilsa Barnard (5 min): Ilsa reported there are over 350 skaters registered and over 200 families. She thanked Sabrina Frey for her help and noted that online registration went very well.

13. President's Address – Amy Mosher-Garvey

a. Region 4 Mites – we are the largest club in Region 4 and one of the largest in the state. We are the club to beat which is something to be proud of. Mite hockey as we know it is gone. It is largely assumed that there will be no state tournament next year. There will be a “new product” from ADM (American Developmental Model). Mite aged kids will be taken off of full sheet hockey to a half sheet. 5-6 year olds will continue cross-ice and will “ability group”. 7-8 year olds will now skate on a half sheet – they will also ability group red, white, blue teams with goalies and will keep score with probably about 5 games on a full-sheet of ice against other teams, regular sized goals and penalty calls. The style of play will be discussed. The first or second week of November there will be a showcase that happens in which we can make sure our red teams look like other red teams, etc. and we know we have kids in the right places. Then coaches will have a meeting as to how to handle games. Amy will be handling scheduling. Ice will be a challenge. The showcase will probably be 4 on 4 with a goalie/could be 3 on 3 with black pucks. If they played full ice it would look like a Mite game.

Amy discussed the accomplishments and challenges for the club whether it be the success of the teams or the cost of ice.

b. HS Development/JV program

c. Ice projections, etc. – Kyle will be taking over from Dan for next year. Dan presented the number of sheets purchased as a club and the number of sheets for competitive teams as well as in house and gave percentages for studio and main rink in house usage. The UW will be building a new facility for women’s hockey and will also be a practice facility – by 2013 the Dane Co. arena won’t be available. 17% comes from the arena right now for practice and 22% of ice total. The Polar Caps will have to find a new place or different configurations of ice usage. This year was probably the best year so far with handling of ice.

14. Presentations of candidates – candidates gave information about themselves and why they would like to serve on the board.

15. Election of New Officers – Jeff Barfield, Mark Rufenacht, Zach Lanham, Rich Smith, Jamie Vander Meer, Paul Hammer, Stefanie Statz and Jeff Mack were elected.

16. Closing of General Membership Meeting – Kyle motioned we table positions until next meeting and Ilsa seconded.

17. Designation of Board positions – see #16.

18. Adjournment