

West Madison Polar Cap Board Meeting June 27, 2015

I. President news

1. MIA UPDATES: The removal of the ice and appropriate measures to fix the glycol leak in the lines will be happening earlier than expected. The studio ice will be open until August.
2. Registration will be open from August 3-24th. President Barfield is asking that any transfer requests be held until the August meeting where we can discuss all of them at the same time.
3. Pre-season ice will start in October. It was determined there were too many fall sports that interfere with those opportunities.
4. Jeff is continuing to seek bids for the flooring that will cover locker rooms 5 and 6 as well as the complete length of the hallway. We may seek volunteers to rip up the current flooring to help control costs. The highest bid has come in at around \$12,000 which included labor.
5. WAHA granted the Polar Caps the 2017 PeeWee IC state tourney. The annual WAHA meeting will be held in Wausau in August.
6. Jeff did not get many negative responses to the uniform policy that was approved. It was noted that the helmets can be black and white in the 2015-16 season but the breezers, gloves, and socks must be in compliance this season.
7. Doug has offered to update our policy manual. Nicole and Al will continue to be in charge of concessions and DIBS which is greatly appreciated.

II. Looking forward to 2015-2016 season

1. Try Hockey for Free day will be on Nov. 7th 2015

2. Last year we did only 2 Hockey Boot camp days. It was debated if we should do only one this year. After much debate, it was determined that by having multiple days available it allows children to get a better feel for if they will like the sport and if they miss one there will be another opportunity to try. If parents see the children progress from one week to the next, they will be more likely to commit to Initiation. The point of the program is to create an interest in hockey and this is one of the few opportunities parents can try with out too much time or financial commitment. The dates set are Saturdays, October 3, 10, and 17th. There was brainstorming on how to get word out to community. Yard signs, Facebook posts, and word of mouth were recommended.
3. Ryan went to a USA Hockey meeting and came back with the following recommendations for improvement: work on improving the culture of the club., recruitment is the key building a club., and productive development (off ice work to make the child more athletic overall) . The club will be paying for some coaches to go to a Level 4 clinic.

III. The Budget for 2015-16

*The fees for X-ice will remain the same.

*RWB fees are going down because we are eliminating the Saturday ice.

*U10 and 14 ran high last year, therefore fees were increased.

*Competitive levels increased to accommodate the goal of 5 practices per two week period.

*Initiation fees will go down but maintain a \$25 equipment rental.

*It was suggested that we can reduce the number of home sheet ice for all competitive levels because we have many opportunities to pick up more games and that will help reduce cost.

*The goalie credit will be eliminated and taken out of the budget and coaching fees and and equipment purchases were reduced in the budget.

Motion to approve skater fees was made by Tim, and second by Julie. Motion to approve the budget by Tim and second by Sara. Both motions were approved.

IV. Miscellaneous

Sara requested that Initiation eliminate the one or two practice a week option and have just the two practices. It is difficult both from a financial standpoint as well as keeping track of who was in what group. Board agreed to remove the one day practice option.

It was requested if we have a document added to online registration regarding the uniform policy. It would require a signature.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeff Barfield, Kim Anderson, Kylie Cagle, Andy Fickett, Sara Withrow, Dave Armstrong, Julie Broderick, Jeff Belshaw, Paul Meyers, Joe Garvey, Kristi Yeager, Ryan Picek