

West Madison Polar Caps
Board Meeting Agenda
Date: September 29th @ 7:00 PM @ Babe's

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
[x] 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 – 7:07 p.m.

Dave Armstrong moved to approve minutes from 7/31/12 and 8/28/12, Paul Hammer seconded - approved

3. New Business / President's Report – Jeff Barfield:

- a. Tryouts:
 - i. Tryouts begin the week of October 1
 - ii. Selection meeting to be held October 12, 2012
 - iii. We have 2 injured skaters – Kieran Garvey and Conor Huie – the coaches will take responsibility for placing them without asking them to tryout
 - b. Rec Season to begin
 - i. RWB will begin practice the week of October 15, 2012
 - 1. Practices to be held Monday and Thursday throughout the season
 - ii. U10-U14, and Initiation all begin the week of 10/15
 - 1. Right now U10 and U14 are scheduled to be together on the ice Monday nights at 7:30, if we get more U10s it may be necessary to split them up
 - c. Trying to get organized for Kick off weekend
 - d. League Placements due Monday the 1st, well before our teams are set.
 - e. Teamwear- Pick outs will happen this weekend
 - f. Concessions:
 - i. To date we have made approximately \$1400
 - ii. Puckpasses are about 30% distributed
 - iii. Parents are accepting of us taking the concession stand duties on
 - g. Fundraising
 - i. Wreath sale underway led by Kelly Ryan
 - ii. Deaths Door set for the 18th – response is positive
 - 1. Great opportunity for parents to socialize and raise money
- 5. Ace Report-Rich Smith**
- a. All coaches meeting held with Guest speakers
 - i. Mark Greenhaulgh, Rob Andringa, Joe Geier, Steve Libert and Pete Rothering
 - b. Joe is organizing coaching for bootcamps – High School players will join the coaches to fill out numbers
- 6. Initiation – Paul Hammer**
- a. Concerned that we be prepared to start this program off well this year
 - i. Last year there were some details left undone and we got off to a rough start
 - 1. Not a great way to make a good impression on new families
 - ii. Joe Garvey mentions that perhaps it is worth considering paying an Initiation head coach to organize the program and train the new coaches – this would provide consistency year to year
- 7. Tournaments- Marsha Sheppard**
- a. Flyer now posted on tournament tab on website
 - b. Games are set
 - c. Sent email to 20 area teams, some interest from Northern Illinois and Waunakee

- d. Will plan a pancake breakfast for Saturday AM either directly from concession stand or from the Rosevear Room
 - e. Silent Auction – plans to gather money from each team in order to buy items \$5/10 per person should do
 - i. Kelly Ryan soliciting Silent Auction donations
- 8. Ice Schedule – Kyle Friedow
 - a. Bought all of the ice we need
 - i. There are many logistics to be worked out about ice distribution
 - ii. Game Ice for October 27-28th to begin season
 - iii. No home ice 11/10-11, 11/17-18, 12/8-9, 12/16-17 or on New Years
 - iv. In house ice set and consistent
 - v. Needs a list of coaches that can use 4:30 shell ice
 - vi. Jamie VanderMeer asks how with all of the concerns about ice did we get to the point where we have adequate ice.
 - 1. Kyle explains that the Patriots are down 2 teams and we are down 1 – which opened up ice at MIA and Hartmeyer
 - 2. Lynx practices were moved around to make it a little easier
 - 3. There are still some details to be worked out about distribution of studio sheets vs full sheets
 - vii. Suggestion made that as the season starts 3 team practices are very useful as skill refinement is the emphasis – team play comes later. Full sheets not so helpful at the beginning of the season – by the end of the season team play is emphasized and therefore ½ sheets and even an occasional full sheet are better
- 9. Equipment – Tony Marcin
 - a. In house jerseys are sorted, cleaned and sized
 - b. Needs to know how many coach's bags to prepare
- 10. Recruiting – Tim Olander
 - a. Bootcamp to begin 10/3 – emphasis will be on fun
 - i. 18 kids signed up as of today
 - ii. 9:30-11, 9:30 fitting kids with gear, 10-11 on the ice
 - b. Girls hockey Weekend 10/13-14
 - i. Open Skate 11:30-1 to be followed by Q&A and pizza – MII helping out with this event
 - ii. Need coaches and people to help with gear
 - c. Try Hockey for free 10/3
 - i. Need coaches and people to help with gear
 - d. Open skate 10/5 7-9 with Reps from Polar Caps, Figure Skating and Ice Spirit
 - e. We will be getting free gear from the 2 & 2 challenge – a program from USA hockey to incentivize participating in the programs meant to grow interest in hockey such as Try hockey for Free day
 - f. Backpack flyers went out last week to area schools – still need to get a Spanish translation done so that flyers can go to Midvale/Lincoln families- Amy Mosher- Garvey agreed to take responsibility for this.
- 11. Cross-Ice – Tara Armstrong
 - a. Scheduling started
 - b. Amy Mosher-Garvey says feel free to plan a meeting for scheduling at Tara's convenience and telling all of the other clubs they will need to plan to attend, knowing the number of teams they will have participating and what ice they have to offer. This is a service that the Polar Caps do for Cross-Ice and as such we can ask that they help to make it easier.
 - c. Lots of experienced coaches at this level
 - d. 29 kids registered – will need 2 studio sheets and 1 main sheet of ice
- 12. RWB- Sabrina Frey
 - a. Andy Faulkner prepared to lead group
 - b. Joe Garvey says that the Ice Spirit is considering offering a U8 team
 - i. This is a group that has been skating for us with 15-20 girls participating
 - ii. We would like to keep running our program and hopefully the girls will stay with us through U8
- 13. Squirts – Paul Hammer
 - a. Tryouts set – 47 skaters
 - i. 1 play up request

- ii. 4 teams with 11-12 skaters on each team
 - iii. Concerned that with RWB some kids are pushed to do U10 because they can't make a team – Joe and Rich said this will not be a problem that there will be a place for all who tryout
- 14. Registration – Paul Hammer
 - a. Still a lot of questions about Rec registration
 - i. Does Rec registration ever close? No
 - 1. We would however like to get skaters signed up as soon as possible
 - b. NGIN having some problems – Dave Armstrong handling
- 15. PeeWees – Jamie VanderMeer
 - a. 39 skater with 1 skater asking to play up and 1 with money issues
- 16. Bantam – Mark Rufenacht
 - a. 25 registered –including Sigelski (the goalie from Southwest)
 - b. 1 skater playing rec at Southwest may want to play Bantams for us (he might want to play some goalie) – as the numbers are so low we can still make room for him if he chooses to skate as a Bantam
 - c. 1 skater plans to skate with Bantams through High School tryouts
 - d. Patriots have contacted us to say they will probably only have 1 team and are concerned that 3 of these are really not able to handle A level hockey wondering if there is a place for them at the Polar Caps on our B team- the concern is this is too many out of district players for one team
 - i. Solution - If we need to we could call the B team a coop team and then #s out of district on this team would not matter
- 17. Treasurer's Report – Kristi Yaeger
 - a. Concessions is already in the black
 - b. Skaters numbers are down
 - i. Concern to see if there are specific factors leading to this down turn and what we can do to see growth for next season
 - 1. Suggestion that ALD's reach out to those that have left or have left competitive for rec to better understand what the number changes represent
- 18. Meeting Adjourned 9:05 Kristi Yaeger moves to close the meeting, Dave Armstrong seconds