

## **West Madison Polar Caps Board Meeting, 9.14.17**

### **Attendees:**

Attendees: Matt Goetze, Mike Wenkman, Andy Mendyk, Ben Jedd, Jeff Belshaw, Jake Moskol, Dave Armstrong, Luke Hoffman, Tony Marcin, Davis Bailey, KaryAnn Bailey, Doug Carlson, Alicia Pelton, Brian Ellison, Leanne Morris

### **Call to Order (Matt Goetzke):**

- The President called the meeting to order.

### **Registration Status:**

- Initiation
  - Very early but Davis and Karyann are not concerned - should pick up, likely in October. Regarding Little Blackhawks group: Luke has reached out to all folks and many were out of district. Blackhawks will expand next year. Robo call went out to USA Hockey.
- Cross Ice
  - 16 kids registered, which is half of what we would expect so hopefully some are just joining late. Ben will reach out.
- RWB
  - At 47 through today. Email confirm at 60 and 20 others in the program that did not have confirmations. Low end is 60 and high end is 70 (which would be great and more than last year).
  - Started drylands (25 kids) - mostly first year RWBs. Have some kids skating Tuesdays - informal group and picnic on Oct 1st.
- Rink Rats
  - U10 (4)
  - U14 (6) - likely will have 12 (5 went to competitive)
  - Usually have some that come over from RWB as well
- Squirts
  - 46-48 skaters is likely the number (12 on a team)
  - Goalies: Unsure
  - List that Dave gave
  - Registered for 2 tourneys
  - 1A, 2B, 1C
- PeeWees
  - 55 skaters, 4 teams, 14 kids per team - still doable
  - Enough goalies?: 3 (Hayden, Joe, Owen) - full time
  - One coming over from RinkRats (Ansel)

- 10/2 5:15-7:15 is goalie tryout
- Part-time goalies are evaluated as a skater
- Bantams
  - Most are coming back
  - Addl girl team. Tryouts - practice and training but not playing in conference (IL teams, one more tourney and all at tier 2)
  - Tryouts at end of Sept.
  - Releases from other clubs are happening
  - Bantam pre-season happening - selections are happening before a week before HS (3 trying out for HS).
  - Bantam tryouts are later
- Tryout Process:
  - Evaluators are being contacted (7 needed) - 2 are non-independent - others are people who don't have a kid in the program
  - Meet 30 min prior
  - No visibility (blinders up)
  - Friday 10/13 are placements - will need names/phone numbers of kids and coaches will contact them.
  - Two hours of ice time allocated.
  - PeeWee time is late but will try to make it earlier.
- Outdoor Rink (Brian):
  - Chatting with the city to get the rink back set up
  - Early Nov to end of March for setup/take down (may go down earlier depending on HS schedule)
  - Mac and Brian will have setup first week in Nov (11/6)
  - Will setup ourselves instead of with Ice Rink Events
  - Need to arrange for volunteers ahead of time
  - Waiting to hear more about the chiller
  - Dibs hours for setup help? Yes. Brian and Mac are figuring out human resource needs
  - All comp teams will have an additional touch on the rink. Each coach will have 5 claims for open ice and use at discretion.
- Recruiting (Luke)
  - Try Hockey Free Sat 11/4, 1-2:30, followed by Sled Hockey.
  - Committee met and have two grants (WAHA and Madison Area Sports Commission). \$1,000 each. Alicia has more grant options.
  - All kids get a free jersey and dib hours for suiting up the kids.
  - Event has been approved by USA Hockey and will have marketing materials soon.
  - Put girls weekend event on same flyer as Hockey is 4 life
  - October 6/7/8 - Girls weekend (Middleton, Verona, PC)
    - Needs: Let teams know about the event, attend, and bring a friend
    - RBC will have tee-shirts

- Equipment: With Verona at Verona and Middleton - Trying to figure out gear transport
  - Twitter and FB: @girlshockeywi
- Equipment (Tony)
  - Needs dates from each age level to be able to set fitting dates
- Other Topics
  - Practice Jersey Orders
    - Crossovers will order so Matt and Andy will discuss.
    - 11/9 is Empire photo date
    - Little Black Hawks for next year and would like all 8 practices on big rink next year - send request to Matt and Kim on ice scheduling. Looking for lead on coaching the event.
    - Practice schedule for RWB will be up within the next 2 weeks. Depends on the number of teams.
- Motion to adjourn: Jeff (second Alicia)