

West Madison Polar Caps Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2013 @ 7:00 PM @ Vitense

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Barfield, President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristi Yeager, Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Cutting, Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/> Carl Helle, VP Fundraising
<input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Friedow, Ice Scheduler
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsha Sheppard, Tournament Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Marcin, Equipment Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Armstrong, Webmaster
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Humphrey, Registrar

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Garvey, VP Coaching
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Carlson, VP In House Coaching
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Smith, ACE Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Olander, Initiation ALD & Recruiting
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronwyn Baldwin, RWB ALD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sabrina Frey, Squirt ALD
<input type="checkbox"/> Paul Hammer, Pee Wee ALD
<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Rufenacht, Bantam ALD

1. Call to Order – 7:06 p.m.
2. Kristi Yeager moves to approve April minutes, Dave Armstrong seconds, minutes approved
3. President's Report: Jeff Barfield
 - a. New Board Members
 - i. Bronwyn Baldwin, RWB ALD; Doug Carlson, VP In House Coaching; Laura Humphrey Registrar; Carl Helle, VP Fundraising
 - b. WAHA Meeting
 - i. We won our bid to get the 2014 Squirt A tournament
 - ii. No Significant rule changes
 - iii. Background Check changes
 1. In order to make sure that background checks are more thorough WAHA will now be using Safe Sport to conduct background checks.
 2. The intent is to make sure that WAHA identifies sexual predators.
 - iv. Coaches and Players will no longer have to sign the roster.
 - v. RWB – A representative from the East Coast was there to discuss goals of the RWB method. It is important to understand that the goal is to develop the best older player, not create an 8 year old phenom
 - vi. The season will be a bit longer next year, as it was this year. One of the suggestions was to introduce full sheet games to RWB during this extra time.
 - vii. Hockey Hall of Fame in Eagle River looking for funds
 1. Vic Levine will be being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year.
 2. Dave Armstrong moves that The Polar Caps donate \$500 to the Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame, Tony Marcin seconds, motion carries
 - a. There will be a Polar Cap plaque in the Hall of Fame thanking us for our donation.
 - c. Preliminary #s
 - i. Squirts 42
 - ii. PeeWees 43
 - iii. Bantams up in the air
 1. Rich Smith warns that we need to be careful that we buy enough ice for this group
 2. We have 53 skaters born in '99 or '00
 3. 41 of these skaters have already skated at the competitive level
 4. Sabrina Frey suggests that it is always easier to scale back on the ice bought, than to come back later and say we need more ice.
 - d. Volunteer Hours changes
 - i. Jeff asks if we should be giving an exemption to anyone from serving their hours in the concession stand
 1. The board is not comfortable exempting itself and then asking the membership to work

2. Head Coaches should be exempt from working in the concession stand
 - a. Lisa Cutting moves to exempt Head Coaches from working in the concession stand, Sabrina Frey seconds – motion carries
 - ii. Allow Try Hockey for Free day to count towards volunteer hours
 - e. Registration
 - i. Dave Armstrong and Laura Humphries are starting work on registration
 1. Paul Hammer will set up a meeting to review last years registration with Laura
 - ii. Background checks will be done through NGIN to make them a part of the coach registration process
 - f. We have a consistent problem with the younger players returning jerseys
 - i. RWB and Cross Ice to get reversible jerseys
 1. Marc Joyal at Crossovers can get the jerseys for \$25/each, this can simply be added to the skaters fees
 - ii. Initiation
 1. We have a large number of the Degree jerseys
 - a. We can get these printed and give them to the kids
 - iii. Sabrina Frey moves that we buy these new jerseys, Laura Humphries seconds
 1. Rich raises concerns about raising fees for RWB, people are already concerned about these fees
 - g. Age Restriction
 - i. We have been very strict in the past about allowing younger kids play up in In-House. Jeff asks if we still want to do this.
 - ii. Second year cross-icers could be allowed to be bumped up if they are at least 6 and they have already played a year of cross-ice. This would be a parent decision. These kids will then play RWB for 3 years.
 1. Joe Garvey- complaints about RWB will dwindle as the memory of mites fades
 - iii. Joe Garvey suggests that our competitive policy could be a bit more flexible- ie make it possible for a player to play up if they make the A team at all, not only if they are in the top five.
 1. Paul Hammer says this would be opening a can of worms
 - h. Tournaments for next year
 - i. November and Squirt 1A
 - ii. Last year we asked all participants for a \$10 donation for the Silent Auction, this was hard to collect at the end of the season
 1. Rich Smith suggests that we include it in the fees
 2. Paul Hammer asks if InHouse participants should also participate
4. Treasurer: Kristi Yaeger
 - a. Needs to schedule a budget meeting
 - i. Attendees to include those who can help determine how much ice we will need(Rich Smith, Doug Carlson, and Joe Garvey) and Carl Helle (fundraising)
 5. Ace Report: Rich Smith
 - a. Joe Garvey did a great job getting out evaluations
 - i. The Feedback was very positive
 - ii. 25% said they don't know the board
 1. Perhaps we should post pictures
 - iii. Doug Carlson asks what the participation difference is between mid year and end of year surveys
 1. #s are larger mid-year, but we often gather valuable feedback at the end of the year
 2. Survey Monkey makes it very easy to do.
 6. Initiation: Tim Olander
 - a. Try Hockey for Free is November 2nd
 - b. Bootcamp – Sept 21, 28 and Oct 5th
 - i. Placing an add in MSCR
 - ii. Doug Carlson suggests that we hold the Bootcamp later in the day so it doesn't conflict with soccer
 1. Tim will investigate
 7. Squirt ALD: Sabrina Frey
 - a. We have one person interested in being a head coach, lots of assistants

8. Equipment: Tony Marcin
 - a. Would like to raise deposit for equipment to \$75, we are having trouble getting some of the gear back
 - b. Need to get the gear out of the West Locker Room
 - c. Needs to sort the Goalie gear
 - d. Tim Olander reminds us we will be getting 12 complete sets of skater gear from USA Hockey because of our participation in Try Hockey for Free day.
 - e. Need coaches bag and puck bags
 - f. Would like to give people the opportunity to work off their volunteer hours by helping him sort gear
 - i. We can make this offer to those that did not fulfill their commitment for 2012-2013
9. Tim Olander moves that we adjourn the meeting, Rich Smith seconds. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.