

## **West Madison Polar Caps Board Meeting, 5.18.16**

### Call to Order.

The President called the meeting to order. In attendance: Matt Goetzke, Jennifer Baer, Jake Moskol, Dave Armstrong, Sara Withrow, Dave Knight, Jeff Belshaw, Mike Wenkman, Alicia Pelton, Kim Anderson, Laura Swisher, Ben Jedd, Luke Hoffman, Rod Hise

### State of the Club.

Our policies and procedures are working well and the outgoing committee members have left the club in a good position. Paper copies of the policies and procedures were dispersed to all committee members for reference.

### Risk Management - Concussions & Player Safety.

The club's player health and concussion policy was discussed. Adherence to the policy is required, not only to insure the athlete's health but also to mitigate risk to the association. To assist with the post-injury protocol, the club is evaluating potential benefits of a mobile platform (Players Health) for managing a player's athletic health record and communicating with caregivers more fluidly.

### Board Reports.

The Treasurer reported the club's financial health is strong and better than most clubs of this size.

The ACE Director reiterated the need to bring consistency and quality to the club coaching. The club may offer a venue before and during the season for coaching development. Alicia Pelton volunteered to help with coordination and effort. Recent goalie training and coaching has been exemplary and can serve as a model.

The VPs for In-House and Competitive Coaching reported the need to have more parents step into coaching roles. There were 85 coaches total last year. Training logistics can be challenging. The club is currently looking for space for future trainings. The Memorial H.S. Field House was suggested as a

possibility.

The President reported that Fundraising Director Brian Ellison has been in discussions with local campaign experts with ideas for future fundraising from both outside sources and USA Hockey. Future fundraising efforts will be mission-driven and with the goal of making hockey available for all great athletes in our community.

#### ALD Updates

ALDs will start polling parents now to see how many returning players we can expect at each age level. We need an accurate count in order to set fees and release registration.

Tryout scoring, transfers, and auto-debiting payments through NGIN were among other topics briefly discussed.

The club is looking at possible tourneys for the year and working on a selection process.

There will be a coaches meeting this summer so if you know someone who is interested, inform a committee member.

Ben Jedd made a motion to adjourn. Laura Swisher second.