

West Madison Polar Caps Board Meeting - Annual Meeting, 5.10.18

Attendees:

Matt Goetzke, Mike Wenkman, Jen Baer, Leanne Morris, Doug Carlson, Mac Helseth, Dave Knight, Tony Marcin, Kim Anderson, Sara Withrow, Andy Mendyk, Jeff Belshaw, Jake Moskol, Davis Bailey, KaryAnn Bailey, Luke Hoffman, Jeff Belshaw, Alicia Pelton, Ben Jedd, Laura Swisher, Jay Uhlinger, Scott Meskin, Jamie Beyler

Call to Order (Matt Goetzke):

Highlights from the year 2017-18 year:

- 370 total skaters. Up 20 from last year
- 4 successful Try Hockey events including 1 Girls only event
- 75 girls playing, up 20 from 2016-17
- 78 Initiation b/w both sessions - utilized LTS instructors
- 31 Cross Ice
- 7 RWB Teams
- 32 Rink Rat players between 10 and 14U.
- 4 Squirt Teams
- 4 Pee Wee Teams
- 2 Bantam + girls
- Outdoor Rink = 150 hours of extra ice time
- Fundraisers netted \$15k + for second year running

Looking ahead:

- Madison West raising funds for HS JV Program
- Holding tryouts earlier in Oct. All three touches in one week. Teams formed 2nd Sat in Oct.
- Working with MIA and High School Coaches to improve ice allotment during prime hours
- Continue to grow number of young skaters - Little Blackhawks in fall? Earlier THF day?
- Obtain game and practice ice earlier for planning
- Girls Program Update

Treasurer's Update (Jen Baer):

2017-18 Net Income: \$7K

Year-End Cash Position: \$62K

Board Reports

Coaching (Mike/Jeff)

- End of year coaches meeting was successful. 25 replies to end of year survey

Ice Scheduling (Laura)

- Generally, short on ice this year. Getting more for next year (7pm games were an issues). Pee Wees had a number of 7pm games and it was a challenge to avoid that. Next year, the goal will be 10 game sheets. Looking to buy more and doing more local tourneys to get more games in. Also will get ice earlier to work through the schedule. Friday night games are generally not an option. May try to form teams earlier (second week Oct) and this will help with ice scheduling. Also would like to have training for managers/ALDs.

Fundraising (Chris)

- Concessions - ran out of people to work. Would be better if could release dibs earlier for people to volunteer earlier.

Recruiting (Luke)

- Little Blackhawks (2nd year) had 50 registered. Laura from Blackhawks may have a fall program for us too. This would be easier to roll in to spring x-ice.
- Hockey is 4 Life - 11 kids signed up (elementary age kids). All came from Meadowood Community Center. Scholarships: \$1000 WAHA and \$1000 Madison Area Sports Association. 4 week girls only program coming soon too.

Initiation (Davis and Karyann (via Mike)

- Learn to Skate was a success!

Cross Ice (Ben)

- 21 moving up - 30 in cross ice. Would like to have ice to themselves just for first practice.

Squirts (Leanne)

- Many moving up. Great coaches and teams.

RWB (Andy)

- 65 kids, 7 teams - Great coaches. Good safety. Would be great to recruit more women. Having preseason off-ice stuff at Westmoreland has been good - maybe include in cross ice next year. Very well organized (65 kids) and the coaches were great and worked hard.

Pee Wees (Kim)

- Overall positive report.

Bantams (Alicia)

- Overall positive report. See more in U14 girls program forthcoming and online [here](#).

Rick Rats (Doug)

- Challenge to find like opponents. Word of mouth has been really good. Could we put an add in MSCR book? We have an ad in the book for PC but not for Rink Rats specifically.

Outdoor Rink (Mac)

- Bought used coils and leaks were an issue. Heavy rains will always be a problem. Need new lines to avoid the leaks and downtime. Next year, perhaps live feed camera to monitor bucket to look for leaks.

New board members

- Brad Elmer (Bantam ALD)
- Steve Lightbourn (Squirt ALD)
- Ryan Richards (Equipment Manager)
- Jay Uhlinger (Webmaster/Equipment Manager)
 - A motion was made to approve these board members for the 2017-18 year (Tony) and received secondary support (Chris).

Motion to adjourn

- A motion was made to adjourn (Doug) and received secondary support (Tony).