



West Madison Polar Caps Meeting, 8.4.21

Attendees: Ryan Richards, Andy Mendyk, Joey Frayne, Patrick Quinlan, Jay Uhlinger, Steve Corsi, Katie Needham, Eric Twilegar, Chad Oler, Meredith Milliron, Matt Mialik, Jed White, Andy Osmond, Laura Mendyk, Molly Hartshorn, Matt Goetzke, Luke Hoffman, Dan Urban

Consent Agenda

COVID Committee – Laura Mendyk

Background discussion: Committee was formed Summer 2020. Had all families sign a Covid Agreement during registration. Committee responsible for developing policies and procedures, managing communication, and tracking any incidents related to COVID. Committee had great coordination with Public Health Madison Dane County with goal of keeping kids skating. In 2020-2021, Polar Caps had zero on-ice transmission in In-House, Squirt, Pee Wees, Midgets. Bantams had one incident that was likely off-ice transmission.

What's next: propose that we create & maintain a COVID Committee for 2021-2022 season. COVID Committee is an advisory body, serving to make recommendations to teams, the board, MII, etc.

Some discussion surrounding some of last year's challenges:

- Masks
- Locker Rooms
- Concessions
- High School Program Overlapping
- Screening Checklist

Matt Goetzke makes a motion to form the COVID Committee under the direction of Laura Mendyk. Ryan Richards seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

TAKEAWAY: Laura Mendyk to review & recommend updates to the COVID Policy with the committee.

Budget/Financials [Treasurer]

Outdoor Rink is a huge expense. Not in the budget for this season.

Dan Kassis from DCHOA visited our last board meeting – officiating fees are going up by as much as 25%.

USA Hockey Coach registrations & certifications are increasing in costs as well.

Skater Fees:

- Learn to Play – budgeted at \$100 (but flexible)
- Cross-Ice \$350

- RWB \$650
- Rink Rats \$600 for all ages.
- \$125 Jersey Fee for any travel player that needs official Jersey & Socks (all new Squirts, any new-to-travel hockey players, and any travel players that have grown out of theirs or otherwise need replacing)
- Squirt \$1,275
- Pee Wee \$1,325
- Bantam \$1,475

Budget earmarked for State Tournaments, Invitational Tournaments, Playdowns

Recruiting Actions [Recruitment Chair]

Player & Team Estimates

- Squirts – Chad Oler reports 45 probables for travel. 7 in-house. 2 undecided. Budgeting for 3 teams.
- Pee Wees – Andy Boucher reports 47 indicating they'll play Pee Wee, 3 categorized as leaning Pee Wee. 7 committed to in-house, another 4 leaning in-house. Budgeting for 4 teams.
- Bantams – Katie Needham reports 28 expected to play, with 8-10 indicating they're going to try out for high school teams. She believes the high school tryout group will be larger. Budgeting assumption is two small teams.
- RWB – Meredith Milliron reports 31 confirmed yes. 28 No Response.
- In-House
 - 12 for 10U
 - 7 for 12U with another handful leaning that way.
 - 5 for 14U – may have to combine with 12's. Definitely some undecided.
- Cross-Ice Target is ~ 30. Hope for some coming over from out of the Learn to Play program.

Facility Update (indoor/outdoor)

On track to get Studio & Main up the week before 9/19. Our first ice would be 9/19. Concession Stand expected open. Figure Skating covered \$20K to outdoor chiller & permanent repairs. Polar Caps will contribute portion of funds to outdoor chiller.

Need to decide what to do with the Outdoor Rink long-term, as it is expensive both to operate and to store (\$8000/year storage?).

Fundraising

Budget expects \$25,000 for fundraising (largely from Skateathon). Skateathon planned for the week before Christmas break.

\$5,000 net in concessions.

DIBS buyouts.

Special Topics

Transfers & Releases

Pee Wee Level

- Liam Hager Requesting In - approved to accept
- Axel Daubenspeck Requesting Out -approved to release
- Frankie Nagle Requesting Out - request denied

Squirt Level (required further discussion and re-vote on 8/9/21):

- Rowan Lessner 2012. Requesting transfer in - approved to accept
- Jackson Pelleteri 2012. Memorial District. Requesting transfer out - approved to release

TAKEAWAY: In light of WAHA rules regarding out of district players, Jed White to draft language to add to club tryout policies & procedures document surrounding situations where more than 2 out of district players might qualify for the same team during tryout evaluations.

Coaching Development – Joey Frayne

Approached by a couple of moms, looking at removing barriers to hockey coaching, especially for female coaches. Met with Joey & Emily Feinstein. Develop coaching mentorship program. Not a requirement to have played hockey. Create opportunity for them to get involved at the younger levels & learn and grow along with the kids as skaters/players. Have a few kids out there running stations along with the coaching ‘trainees’. Allow opportunities to observe during other levels/team practices. A more formal meeting with in-house prospective coaches upcoming.

Facilities – Andy Mendyk

MIA is on track to get Studio & Main rink up the week before 9/19 for a figure skating event. Our first ice would be 9/19.

Concession Stand expected to be open this season.

Polar Caps approved to contribute toward cost of outdoor chiller at MIA.

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Ryan Richards motion to adjourn. Laura Mendyk second.