

WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday, August 12th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Jake's Pizza

Call to Order: Justin Rucks called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Attendance: Erik R, Cory F, Becky V, Corey H, Darin S, Justin J, Shawn E, Justin R, Brooke D, Shannon L

Absent: Katie S

Guests: Heidi Hotek, John Hotek, Kathy Setrum, Lara Larson, Laura Weatherbe, Courtney Laska, Jami Hamstad, Rick Peason, Matt Morton, Tina Morton, Mitch Olson, Carrie Olson,

WHA Committee Updates

- Good news: Hack Fest was another successful fundraiser. Positive feedback. Brought in over \$8500. Big thanks to Troy P and all of the volunteers for all of the hardwork.
- Fair ticket sales was a fun, new idea. Big thanks to all that volunteered.

Floor opened to the guests.

- Who will be the bantam coach?
 - A lot of parents are wondering who the coach will be and if there is going to be a team.
 - Board will be having their closed door discussion on head coaches this evening. Voting results will be sent to the membership.
- Who is the HOC and who is having the coaching discussions?
 - Discussion held over how the HOC is operating and how things will proceed moving forward. Currently being done by committee.
- Brief discussion on history of HOC positions and issues from within the program. How will we be moving forward with the position?
- How will the situation with three goalies be handled this year? Will the coach have input on that? - Head coaches will have a say in how teams operate.

Executive

- Will be meeting this week

Finance

- Balance sheet/P&L

Checking \$106704

Player registration and tourney registrations are the bulk of the balance right now.

Shawn will be meeting with CDS to clean up the gambling account money from the program account.

- Did we speak with Ashley T regarding Financial auditor reimbursement? She is

willing to continue to do this.

We still have 2 outstanding balances from last year.

Mileage rates for this season are going up.

Financially we are still in good shape and still able to lower dues for this year!

(Dibs) Hockey Operations

- Numbers at each level
- Team slotting – any changes
- Coaches
 - Placement - discussed during closed session
 - Budget
 - Clinics/Certifications
- Try out ice schedule – post to website

Fundraising/Volunteering

- Events
 - Hackfest – notes from event
 - Fair - notes
- Greens
 - Met with Melissa - Need to connect with Angela in September to discuss

pricing. Pick up will be week prior to Thanksgiving, as in the past.

- Info sheets created and posted to website?
- Are we going to try and do another raffle similar to last year?
Are there other raffle options? Vehicles, Guns, ATV? Willing to investigate options
- Dibs - Does anyone have input on what should be happening at this point.
Need to enter preseason Dibs - Hackfest, Fair volunteers

Marketing/Recruitment

Try hockey for free dates are getting set up.

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- New family communication/packet - continue working with Katie to build this.
- Events
- Flyers - New system within the school district for everything to be sent out electronically.

Off-Ice

- Pictures – post to website
 - Photographer - 8th St Photography
 - Dates - Nov 5th tentatively set
- Surveys – parent, coaches, player
- Team managers - Getting a list of information together so all team managers get the same information to keep things consistent.

Medals are completed. Tournaments will have Gold and Silver medals only.

Puck bags are ready to go.

Need to order some more for the buckets at the rink.

One set of goalie gear was turned in. Others are still out being used.

Grievance

- Finalizing the Grievance Process documentation
 - Will send it out once completed
- Update it to reflect some more current approaches.

Gambling

- Auditor has been working with Travis M.
- Darin and Shawn have been helping compile statements and gather data for the auditor.

Tournament

- Update - Away tournaments are fully booked. A couple of checks need to go out, but spots are saved.
- Some of our tournaments are full! We are reaching out to teams from last year to invite them back.

Concession

- Sheffler met with Rob. We are meeting with them this week.

WHA Non-Committee Updates

Ice Scheduling

- Fall ice - Will be done through Lakes Area program during the month of September.
- Getting practices penciled in as HS schedule and WarHawks are finalized.
- October 13th – D5 Scheduler's meeting
- Need to set tryout dates so we can schedule around them.

Registration

- Any issues?
- Notes for next year?
- August 22nd mandatory meeting at 7PM at STMA

- Website/Social Media

Let's keep promoting our program!

Need to consider adding Instagram

D5

- Treasurer
 - \$240/team

- All league games billed up front
- Refing

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- Registration is open
- 4 seminars – all virtual
 - Lvl 1 – Sept 8-9, 6-9PM
 - Lvl 2 – Sept 29-30, 6-9PM
 - Lvl 3 – Oct 6-7, 6-9PM
- PeeWee and 12U games may have 2 or 3 refs
- Clinics will be scheduled
- Only accepting 14yo and up
- Had more than double any other District in the state
- Get scrimmages and game changes in 10 days ahead if possible
- Neck guards, mouth guards, ear guards will be checked prior to each game
- Each Sunday, the weeks ref schedule will be sent to the association's scheduler
- Hutch and Litch don't currently have 10U teams
 - D5 is willing to work with any scenarios on the Girls side of things – 15U, 10U, etc
- Almost every association has seen a drop in registrations
- Buffalo mentioned a software they are using which integrates to the school system instead of flyers – should we investigate?
- Locker room fines will continue
- D4 will continue to play with D5 – particularly at “A” levels
- 5 game limit prior to official rostering
- Scrimmage spreadsheets for tryouts or anytime need to be sent to Nate
- Games played without rosters will be fined
- Would like a Game Sheet “expert” for each association
- D5 was made aware that we would like to host Regions again – not sure what level
- Squirt/10U games need to be done by Mar 1st
- Weekend of Feb 14th will be District for Region eligible teams
- Weekend of Feb 21st will be Districts for non-Region eligible teams

- Next meeting 9/4/24 at 6PM

Laura W asked about Learn to Skate program and pointed out that no registration deadline was on the initial registration email sent out.

Meeting moved into a closed discussion for coaching placements.
8:15pm

Additional Items

Meeting Adjourned 9:03PM

Next Meeting August 26th, 6PM @ Jake's