

# WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Civic Center

## Board Members Present:

Ashley Thole, Brooke Dahl, Cory Fladeboe, Corey Hanson, Shannon Lindquist, Justin Rucks, Darin Strand, Shawn Engstrom

Absent: Erik Rannetsberger, Justin Jorgenson, and Travis Michelson

- VP Darin Strand ran the meeting in Travis' absence.

## Guests Present:

Bridget Pederson

## Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 18, 2023 meeting – motion to approve by Cory F, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Corey H. Motion carries.

## New Business

Bridget Pederson was present to ask some questions. We opened the floor to her so that she could leave when she was finished.

- HackFest dubs, getting them listed. If we need Bridget to get the list of attendance for meetings and silent auction.
  - Silent auction – Bridget Pederson and Katie Jones ran this.
- Coach expenses – asked for guidance on coach's room and food for tournaments.
- Scheduling changes – no notifications on removed events, can notify team on creation of events. Try to do these better. Not have so many changes to ease the confusion and conflicts for families.
- Adding games or practices while staying in budget – concerned on lopsided scheduled. It was explained that the age levels are tiered, and the older levels get more ice, but dues are more too.
- Stick it to Cancer event – does WHA have interest in doing a Red Cross blood drive as an added event. Would need a check in person and snack table. Determine if this is something we would be interested in. WHA will discuss and get back to Bridget.

## Executive

- Nothing to report
- Need to have a meeting soon

## Finance

- Shawn didn't have the official financials ready for tonight's meeting. There has been a lot going on.
- Need to have a Finance Committee meeting soon.
- Had some checks sent out but some recipients didn't receive the checks. If anyone hears from anyone that was expecting a check but didn't get it, let Shawn know.
- Some raffle and due reimbursement have been requested to submit to the Larson family. Shawn will give these to the family.
- 12u due refund – player is no longer playing – family has some outstanding dues of \$417.52. We received \$1000 in cash for her to play at the beginning of the season.
  - Darin made a motion to refund \$1350 less the outstanding debt, less ice touches, less team apparel and socks, for a total refund of \$832.48. Need to confirm we have her jerseys back before any refund is issued. Justin R 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carries.
- New 12u player added, payment received.
- Number of failed payments. 3 cleaned up after reminder sent.
  - Shawn has made contact with all families with failed payments.
  - One family has requested to make arrangements to get up to date. The family has already received Booster aid as well. The family wants to pay but can't at this time. Could the family give any kind of payment, even small amounts here and there? Shawn will keep in contact with this family and make a payment plan with them and put a deadline.
  - Discussed other payment issues with how SportsEngine handles payment corrections.
  - We had 3 greens checks that came back NSF. Not sure what team these are from. Shawn will try and redeposit these to see if they go through a second time.
  - Willmar Indoor Golf is giving \$10 off coupons for tournament bags.
  - Justin R mentioned that Greg Snow at the Oaks reached out regarding Joe Wisocki investigation – Joe's debit card usages from WHA. Recheck statements. Shawn will look into more transactions.
- Checking balance is \$128,805.90 savings \$5,856.47
- Shawn shared a letter that was received in the mail. It was from the Bantam team in Sauk Rapids that our Bantams played on 12/2/23. One of Sauk Rapids players did and said some things that got him ejected. The letter was to apologize for his behavior. We should share this letter with the Bantam team coaches to share with their team. Shawn will get the letter to the Bantams. Corey H will find out which officials worked and get them a copy too.

## Fundraising

- People are asking what we are doing with the money. We need to rebuild our savings reserve for sure. Then decide if we have special events or projects we want to do with this money.
- Justin R suggested we create a committee to determine what we want to do with our fundraising income.

## Marketing/Recruitment

- Learn to skate session started again this last Tuesday. Down a bit, Rec didn't have it posted but it is now. Darin has been working with Anita Nelson, the program director. Helmets on order. Need skates to get sharpened.
- With Darin wearing many hats, he isn't able to give as much time to this committee and would love to see another step in to lead this. It is more of a year round need.

## Off-Ice

- \$210 kick back from the chopper mitt order. Check was given to Shawn to deposit.
- Medal stickers for tournaments will be good to go for the upcoming tournaments. Will need new medal next season.
- Team Manager group chat, board presence. Cory and Brooke are on this. AI is still on it too and remains active answering questions.
- Socks – Bantams are needing longer socks. If players want new socks, they can buy them at \$11 a pair.

## Grievance

- Nothing to report
- No recent meeting

## Gambling

- Gambling account is at \$27,740.62 as of 12/31/23
- Raffle check winnings are out and being cashed.
- Pull Tabs – Gambling Manager role – needs to be filled ASAP (Travis cannot be President AND Gambling Manager) ANY voting member of the association is able to fill this position. Training will be provided. The new manager has 60 days to complete the training.

## Tournament

- All tournaments are full EXCEPT the B1 Squirt pool. We are still needing one team to fill it; Entry cost has been reduced to \$500. Website and registration have been updated for this price. Brooke and Corey are working to try and fill this.
- PeeWee tournament –
  - EMTs are covered for all sessions
  - B2 – Northern Lakes called and complained about playing Brandon Valley who is an A team in South Dakota. D5 has stated they cannot play in our

tournament at a B2 level. Need to remove them. Now we need to try and fill this open spot.

- Getting a Dibs template/schedule build
  - A team level verification needs to happen going forward so we do not continue to have teams playing at the wrong level and having scheduling issues because of it.
  - Tourney Machine – should get log in from Matt and/or Al
  - Gamesheet – rosters loaded, log in from Matt and/or Al
  - QR code for programs
  - Walkie Talkies – we should look into getting these to have on hand. Jim Larson has let us use his in the past and they were very handy to have to call for EMT or other needs.
    - Justin R made a motion to spend up to \$250 on walkie talkies to use at tournaments. Shawn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries. Cory F will get these purchased.
  - Arrange for skate sharpening times for tournaments.

#### Hockey Operations

- Ice Scheduling for the remainder of the year – Corey H has a rough idea on where we are at.
  - Ice touches are close to budgeted touches. Need refining on a few teams for the reason of the season.
  - Bantams have 49 full need 1
  - PWA has 48 shared, 5 full, need 2 shared
  - PWB2 has 50 shared, 3 full, need 2 full
  - 12u has 42 shared, 5 full, is 8 short on shared practices for the season
  - 10u has 40 shared, 9 full, need 5 shared, over 5 on full
  - Squirt B1 has 42 shared, 6 full, needs 3 shared, over 2 full
  - Squirt C has 40 shared, 8 full, needs 5 shared, over 4 full

## WHA Non-Committee Updates

#### Registration

- Certified rosters are complete!
- Coaching certification – Lainey (10u) temp card needed as she didn't complete the coaching class on time – She has agreed to pay for this out of her pocket.
- New Registrar needed – Shannon would be willing to consider being our registrar but would like to learn more from Carrie first.

## Additional Business

Pulse Check – Google Form.... This went out a week ago and we have received 16 responses so far. These responses will be discussed on a regular basis and we will use them to better

our association. Thanks to all who have responded so far! We will leave the survey open to receive more feedback.

- Covered the responses we've received so far.
- Some constructive feedback:
  - Major theme is coaching at the girls levels – lots of dissatisfied parents
    - Based on some of the feedback, we should need to arrange a meeting with Justin Jorgenson and the coaches to discuss the feedback and make an action plan.
  - Talk about scheduling tryouts and conflict with other sports.
  - Concerns about board turnover
  - Lack of commitment of players, parents, coaches
  - Ice touches – games and practice
  - Where does fundraising money go
- Positive feedback
  - Fundraising
  - People stepping up to help
  - Kids are having fun and growing.
  - Minimal team/kid drama.
  - Team Managers and their communication
  - Coaches
  - Appreciative of changes WHA is making

Hack Fest – Dibs for volunteer hours have yet to be dispersed. How do we add and distribute these Dibs? Travis has a list of people and hours given.

Dib entry for other things like board meetings, committee meetings, greens sorting, etc. How are we getting these entered in for families? Need to pull data together and get them loaded.

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Justin R. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cory F. Meeting adjourn at 8:52pm

## **Next Meeting**

6PM, Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Civic Center.