

WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday, May 13th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Civic Center

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

Absent:

Guests Present: Katie S, Brandon I

Approval of Minutes: Motion Shannon, Cory 2nd

unanimously approved

New Business

New Member(s) – Becky V – 2 kids in the program. Looks forward to helping out with tournaments and connecting with families.

Brandon Ims – Previously gave submission on the website for feedback. Wanted to follow up in person. He provided his experience with Willmar Hockey. His kids began with 100+ kids in the young programs. He has seen it dwindle over time. He has seen good coaches get the most out of what there was to work with. He has not seen that in all years of his kids' experience. Would like to see the board put out info on what you get for signing up for hockey. (Ice touches, games, etc.) He also shared what he knows about other programs and what they are doing to build their programs and culture.

Katie Stepaniak. – Interested in joining the board. Acknowledged that she reached out after vote had taken place but is willing to help. Has one child that player squirts last year and another that is going to start hockey next winter. Would like to help with any of the medical side of developing our players/athletes. How can we connect players with support and role models?

Corey H Motion to appoint Katie to the 1 yr open position. Brooke 2nd. Unanimously approved.

D5 Meeting Notes – Corey H attended

- Officials update and recruitment
- Setting up levels for next season
 - Discussion on what to do with squirts
- Squir/10u tourney next season will hopefully be earlier than last year

MN Hockey Association Leader Excellence Conference – Erik & Corey H attended

- A lot of ideas presented – Some good thoughts to consider implementing for WHA. Slides from the conference were shared with board members.

Executive

- President – Justin J nominates Justin R. Unanimously approved
- VP – Justin J motion to appoint Darin, Becky 2nd. Unanimously approved
- Secretary – Becky motioned to appoint Katie, Darin 2nd. Unanimously approved
- Treasurer – Becky motioned to appoint Shawn, Erik second. Unanimous approved

Finance

- Need to check on DIBs hours so checks can be destroyed or cashed.

Fundraising

- HackFest Update
 - Entry fee \$100/person
 - Registration is open
 - 24 team max
 - Meal decided on
 - Still searching for more sponsors!

Marketing/Recruitment

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Off-Ice

- Still working on the order for medals.
- Clothing order for Rambow will be coming soon.

Grievance

- No grievances this season!! Way to go kids and parents!

Gambling

- Travis will work with Brianna at Westberg/Eischens to help clean up the rest of our gambling audit. The hope is to have all of this cleared up before June if Brianna has time to do it.
- Email received regarding gambling manager not having CEU's up to date. Need to set meeting with state to discuss where we are at and what our next steps will be

- Justin R and Katie expressed willingness to take this on. Justin can't be manager when he is board President.
- Darin will reach out to the state to find out some answers

Tournament/Hockey Operations

Justin J motion to appoint Becky as Tournament committee chair. Cory F 2nd. Unanimous vote to accept

Brooke is willing to assist.

- Dates approved by D5.
 - Bantams Nov 22-24, 2024 (A & B)
 - 10ub/12ub Dec 13-15, 2024
 - PeeWee Jan 17-19, 2025
 - Squirts Jan 24-26, 2025
 - Need to determine how much we can handle to maximize tourneys for the ice time.
- Need to look to register for away tournaments.
- Hockey Operation Coordinator – Need to solidify the position and start meeting with committee.
 - D5 pushing for our tentative team levels.
 - Coaching interest – Darin has reached out to last years coaches to gather interest input.
 - Will put out info seeking any interested parties willing to coach for next year. Would like to know by June 1 so we can begin searching for candidates, if needed.
 - Will send out an email blast and make a Facebook post with general coaching information and urge anyone interested in becoming a coach to respond.
 - A couple options suggested to fill the HOC position. Darin will facilitate discussions to determine if they're interested.

Registration

- Need to start setting up Tournament registration
- Get going on season registration
 - Open registration on July 1st
 - \$100 Early bird discount offered through July 15

Feedback results - anything new to discuss since last meeting?

- End-of-year Survey – Review for new board members and pick our date to send out.
 - Brooke will send out tomorrow

Additional Business

- Spring/Summer Retreat – Planning for executive board

- Tentative date for retreat – June 17th at 5pm. A follow date will be determined, if necessary

Adjourn

- 8:45pm Cory motioned to Adjourn, Erik Seconds.

Next Meeting

June 10th, 2024 at the Civic Center