

# WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** Monday, April 13th

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Willmar Civic Center

Members Present: Eric H, Erik R, Corey H, Cory F, Katie S, Darin S, Brent C, Mindy H, Shawn E

Members Absent: Shannon L, Ryan S

Guests: Adam Schow, Sam Anez, Rachel Johnson, Ben Vlamick

Approval of minutes from 3/30.

- Motion to approve minutes made by Cory F, second by Brent C, passed by unanimous vote

Executive

- Consensus was to take head shots and group board picture to put on website with new board members.

Finance

- No new update.

Registration

- Registration can be opened once the annual retreat is conducted and dues are determined for the next season.

## Hockey Operations

- Update from Darin S on latest HOC meeting. Darin shared that there was good discussion with multiple perspectives shared during the meeting. One of the discussions was what a mite program might look like.
- Initial proposal for teams next year from HOC – (1) 12UB, (1) 10UB, (2) Bantam A,B1 depending on total numbers (1) Peewee B1, (2) Squirt B1, B2
  - One of the factors for the decision for Bantam number of teams and level of play was that Nate from D5 stated that D5 would not allow any teams bigger than 18 skaters and 2 goalies.

## WHA Claiming BOLD

- There was an update by Brent C of discussions he's been having with various stakeholders about the possibility of WHA claiming BOLD as part of it's territory. There has also been HS coop discussions to bring BOLD boys into the Wilmar High School coop.
- Brent has also been approached by a few Redwood parents about the possibility of joining WHA.

## Fundraising/Volunteering

- Kandiyohi County Fair – husking corn invite for volunteering August 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Consensus was to do this as a fundraiser again.
- Potential for Kandiyohi County Fair ticket sales again
  - Ticket sales are all full, but will get back to Corey H if an opening becomes available.
- If there is a Bantam A team, Adam S. talked about getting VFW sponsorship so that the team would also qualify to be eligible for a state tournament run by the VFW
- Pull tabs update from Darin.
  - Final report is done. Waiting on one number to finalize.
  - Brief discussion of how pull tabs is very profitable and once our gambling account with the state is closed, we can look into doing pull tabs as an option again.
- Katie S brought up an idea of having a Willmar Hockey Board liaison from the WHA board. Discussion tabled and will be discussed again at annual board retreat.

## Marketing/Recruitment

- Gear up Grant – For Katie S to submit the grant, she needs an idea of what needs there are for equipment in the association.
  - Needs could be socks, red gloves, white helmets, sticks, or a complete bag of equipment that gets returned by the family at the end of the season and reused.
- There was also ideas of trying to do some form of gear exchange or donation to help offset costs for families.

## Off-Ice

- Every jersey but one is collected.
- There is a student organizing the jersey room as part of their National Honor Society service project.
- There are two families that did not complete DIBS hours.

## Grievance

- none

## Tournament

- Dates need to be submitted to D5 for approval within the next week and a half. Agreement was already made to keep them as corresponding dates as last year. Corey H will send dates to D5.
- Discussion about what fees we should charge different levels of team for our home tournaments. No final decisions were made.
  - Motion made by Cory F and second by Darin and passed by unanimous vote to make home tournament registration fees as follows:
    - Bantam \$1750
    - Pewee/12U \$1600
    - 10U/Squirt \$1300
- Tournaments will be submitted to D5 and once approved, opened for teams to register.

## WHA Non-Committee Updates

### Ice Scheduling

- none

### Website/Social Media/Email

- none

### D5

- Next meeting will be Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

### Additional Business

- Eric will send out message of new board members approved.

7:35 Motion to adjourn by Brent C, second by Cory F, passed by unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting - Monday April 27th, 6PM @ Civic Center**