

## VAHA August Board of Directors Meeting

September 8th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 06:00pm

Present: Casey Nelson, Betsy Johnson, Matt Hickcock, Phoebe Engh, Kyle Buros, Dalton Hoffland, Justin Halverson, Aaron Berg, Susan Egge, Travis Engh, Mandi Orlikowski, Paul Severson.

Absent: Brendan Karlstad

Betsy made a motion to approve August meeting minutes, Travis seconded. Motion carried.

### **Member Requests:**

None.

### **Arena Manager report (Pam):**

- Pam scheduled Driftless Cup November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Wal-Mart card we have had for years is ending. We will keep the existing the other card we have and only use one from here.
- Rummage sale items are being prepared.
- Eagles is booked for November 8<sup>th</sup> for Fun Night.

### **Committee Reports:**

Facilities (Aaron):

- James is coming on the 25<sup>th</sup> for the compressor to replace a fan motor. If everything works, we can start making ice that weekend.
- Aaron met with Jim about the Zamboni. It needs minor work, and Aaron will work on.
- Aaron would like to compile a list of people that are willing to drive the Zamboni to have more people available when needed. Jim can run a clinic to teach them how.
- Tom Brudos recommended that we leave the existing furnaces we have. He has replacement parts for what we could need and says the ones we have are of higher quality than what we could purchase today.

- We need to insulate the wall on the Mezzanine side as well as the ceiling in the Mezzanine.
- We have multiple lights that need to be replaced. Once we have ice, we can work on replacing those.
- We need to investigate the need for a different sound system. One speaker is blown currently, and the microphone function is intermittent. Aaron will talk with Shawn about meeting with the sound guy from Cashton.

#### Technology (Matt):

- Matt is meeting with Crossbar tomorrow to talk through the referee set up.
- Matt is going to meet with Jim on how to work with the resurfacing schedule.
- An article Matt wrote will be published this week regarding game scheduling.
- Game Sheet emailed us letting us know we must pay and to send a list of teams. It is \$155/team.
- We have had questions about goalie equipment. Matt has forwarded those requests to Phoebe.
- Ice scheduling needs to be covered with everyone. It is a confusing process. Matt will talk with team managers on how to do this.

#### Registrar (Travis):

- Coaching requirements have been sent out with instructions.
- Travis met with Tracy to cover all Registrar duties and will add information to Crossbar.
- For registration, we currently have 11 for Learn to Skate, 19 for Mites, 21 for youth girls, 27 for youth boys.

#### Player Development (Justin):

- We had a booth at Back to School Night in Viroqua, CV, LaFarge, Westby and DeSoto.
- We have coaching staffs for all teams.
- We are hoping to have 2 squirt teams, and one team at the other levels.
- We have 8-9 Bantams that are age appropriate and 2 Peewee boys that will play up.

- We have someone to play goalie at Bantam level, but we need to purchase equipment for that team.
- Fall Ice emails have been sent out.
- Next coaches meeting is in two weeks. We will finalize coaching staff as well as ice scheduling.
- Matt has been talking with Michael about the goalie clinic. Two sessions per day, for two days. There have been a lot of parents interested. We need to identify some HS shooters to work with the goalies.
- We will also schedule times for goalie practice during our Fall ice.
- Matt would like to investigate a Laura Stamm clinic next year. They offer all their training online, so we could run it ourselves.

#### Finance (Paul):

- We are down about \$6000 from this time last year. This difference is from registrations being down (Currently about \$10k). A lot of our other items are up.
- Expenses are up about \$5000.
- We are looking to increase our private ice rental to \$125/hr. rather than \$110.

#### Fundraising (Phoebe):

- The golf outing went well. We have money still coming in. 23 teams total played. Dalton asked about moving the date for next year. That will be up to their board if they will allow the change due to that being their only open weekend.
- Next year we can consider making more professional signs for our sponsors. It would be around \$8-\$10/each.

#### Equipment (Phoebe):

- Phoebe is planning to go through the equipment to evaluate and organize. We should be fairly set except for goalie gear. We will look to purchase some this year.
- We have the reversible practice jerseys and Shawn will put a Thunder logo on them and have them ready for the season.
- Phoebe is going to host a “new to hockey” parent meeting to go through all the necessary information for new families.

#### Concessions (Susan):

- Nothing

Publicity (Betsy):

- We had National Night Out in August. Betsy and Caitlyn Hickock worked.

Nominations (Susan):

- Nothing

Paul made a motion to adjourn. Betsy seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm