VAHA August Board of Directors Meeting

November 3rd, 2025

Meeting called to order at 06:01pm

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

Absent: Paul Severson

Betsy made a motion to approve October meeting minutes, Justin seconded. Motion carried.

Member Requests:

None.

Arena Manager report (Pam):

- $4366 was taken in for fall ice.
- Johnson Controls came and got us set up with a new fan. It was $3550.
- $710 has come in for ice rentals so far.
- We need the big tires removed that we had borrowed from Chad Williams a few years ago. Kyle will reach out to Chad.
- Carwash card money is starting to come in.
- 2 out of school open skates so far. We had good attendance.
- Fun Night is this coming Saturday night.

Committee Reports

Facilities (Aaron):

- Jim got the mirrors up in the locker room bathrooms.
- Jim also mounted the dry erase boards up in the locker rooms.
- Nordic would like VAHA to manage their cans indefinitely. We have to pick it up every 10 days. They will already be crushed.
- Aaron would like to work on improving our can collection process.
- Dalton: He has worked through businesses in LaCrosse on donations for not for profits. First Supply has been very good about donating items in his experience. Dalton would like us to talk with them about possibly donating to us to renovate our lobby bathrooms. Pam will reach out to them.
- The new sound system is still being worked on.
- We need to have someone look at our contract with US Cellular to ensure we are getting paid what was agreed up. They are no longer putting a tower up,

but we are under contract with them until February 2028. Brendan will talk with a lawyer he knows.

Technology (Matt):

- Matt built a referee management system. He will work with Pam to train.
- Adult registration has been set up in Crossbar and has been going well.
- Matt has added some articles written up and put out for coaches and team managers.
- Gamesheet has been going well.
- Matt set up a new Ipad for Jim.
- All meeting minutes have been added to the new website.
- Matt is continually working to ensure all items that are necessary have been moved over.

Registrar (Travis):

- We currently have 30 mites and for all other teams: Girls 32 and boys 48 total.
- Travis met with Tracy to cover all registrar duties.
- The cleaning schedule is complete.
- Travis sent out a reminder email today regarding coaching responsibilities and USA Hockey numbers.

Player Development (Justin):

- Try Hockey for Free-we had 30+ kids.
- Learn to Skate fliers are being approved this week and will go out to schools next week.
- We currently have a dedicated group of coaches that is working to improve our programs and help our kids.
- We had five additional goalie sessions during October. Matt ran those due to Michael having family commitments. Michael will resume next month.
- There are a few open times on the schedule to put in more times but they are later and may not work. Matt will look into this.

Finance (Paul):

- Absent

Fundraising (Phoebe):

- Fun Night is this weekend.

- Golf Outing-Our new date was denied. We will need to work on a new date or a new location (Ski Hill). Dalton will continue to look into this.

Equipment (Phoebe):

- We may need one more goalie helmet, but otherwise are covered for all gear.

Concessions (Susan):

- Things are going ok, still early on. Things will pick up soon with the season taking off.

Publicity (Betsy)

- Twinklefest Parade is at the end of this month. We are signed up.

Nominations (Susan):

- Nothing

Board Entered Closed Session at 6:49pm-7:24pm

Justin made a motion to adjourn.Dalton seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm