

West Elk Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting August 21, 2024 by Zoom

Call To Order at 0702

Confirmation of Quorum with 5 of 7 BOD members on call and remaining 2 on within 5 minutes of start including: Rob B, Gary H, J W, Josh T, Scott R, Ex. Dir Bill F, Sarah F, Jena G.

Rink Manager-Andy Eflin (Gunnison), Joey Carpenter not available/present

Members/Guests-Hilary Gomez, Hailee Stanley, Jennifer Willett

Approval of July 17, 2024 minutes- approved after motion by Scott, second by Gary

Rink Updates- Andy E reports busy summer with: new HVAC installed (3800 pounds, \$170,000) with electric hookup to be completed in next week, outside ice melt slabs done, heaters for indoor bleachers installed, indoor dasher boards all cleaned and repaired and sponsor logo covers replaced as needed, replaced 10 sets of dasher boards on outside rink, scheduled start up on ice making to begin 9-16 with ice making commencing on 9-18.

No CB updates.

Executive Director updates-see separate notes from Bill on: summer hockey sessions (cancelled), Mountain select tryouts (10 of 11 Gunn players placed on travel teams), WCHL preliminary schedule, CGHL, Jerseys for this season ordered and received, fall HS preseason program with practices away at GJ and Breckenridge, Youth registration on line and open, adult as well.

Discussion on adult league registration and “early bird” discount (consensus to use discount for early sign up), acknowledgement that local community trend is to wait to sign up/pay for hockey. Hopefully the discount for earlier sign ups will increase early sign ups which help with time for team selection and scheduling, while not reducing overall participation. Consensus to continue with early bird discount and for board and others to encourage early sign ups.

Change of agenda sequence due to time limit for Scott-review of Director of Hockey Operations job description. Discussion included: title Director of Hockey Operations vs. Manager, stay with Director of Hockey Ops (more in line with similar orgs and non-profits, salary range \$48-58,000, benefits to include professional development, paid time off, Summitt and Steamboat have 2 person operations with similar titles, need to be conscious of hiring time frame with rink opening in 1 month, need to add schedule expectations to include working weekends during the active seasons. General consensus to move forward and do announcement after clean up of description.

Treasurer’s Report- slow month with registrations opening but minimal income or out flow of funds. Generally on good path for this year.

Old Business- Summer skates poorly attended and cancelled (bridge repairs and difficulties with travel), recruiting for coaches and refs, youth registrations so far (58 as of 8/19 compared with 165 for 2023 season), adults (40 as of 8/19 with 278 for 2023 fall leagues).

New Business-continue Skatesgiving with 2 AM sessions this year, no Drop the Puck tournaments this fall but replace with “friendly games” involving home and away with Gunnison, Durango, Telluride and Grand Junction for 10, 12, 14 Us, Bill working on schedule coordination for games and practices with City of Gunn, WCU, coaches, Mile High Mites learn to play 3 weekends in October (5-6, 12-13, 19-20), \$270 includes player gear shipped direct from Pure Hockey to participant,

volunteer committee—discussion on using Crossbar to track volunteer hours by parents (scoreboard operation, tournament weekend help, etc). Other communities require set # of hours or a buyout fee, general feeling Gunnison is not ready for the required hours yet, but set stage this year by tracking hours and consider implementing something next year.

Membership comments-no comments

Next Meeting Sept. 18 at 7:00 AM in CB at Chamber of Commerce at 4 way.

Adjourned at 0800