

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES

DATE: 2/5/25 TIME: 7:02p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Attendees include President J HESSER, Treasurer K KECHTER, Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Scheduler A NADEAU, Coach-in-Chief K PARKS, Discipline Chair B MOORE, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN
- b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

- a. Chelsie Hammack, Teri Prince

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. DECEMBER 4 2024 BOARD MEETING— approved with edits (Motion: K PARKS; 2nd A NADEAU; passed unanimously)

V. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

- a. 2024-2025 Budget
 - a. T SCHLAGEL stated that the finance committee is working on this. We're currently short, but could break even depending on final ice costs. The committee had some questions about how the accountant did a few things, so they'll be prepared to share the budget in March.
 - b. K KECHTER has worked through a reconciliation after receiving the bank statements. There is a delay between when bills and funds are received and when they are reported.
 - i. J HESSER asked for some clarification, there are between 2 and 4 funds that are not accounted for on the January statement.
 - ii. J HESSER asked if there was any anticipated income from the Mite Jamboree, he anticipates a few thousand by the time Senior Night is added in. K KECHTER responded that they did not plan for any income, so this will help with the bottom line.
 - c. K KECHTER highlighted that we still have no check from the online wreath sales.
 - i. S CLARK shared later in the meeting that she has the check and will get it to K KECHTER.
- b. Confidentiality Policy—tabled
- c. Discipline Guide—tabled
- d. Non-Parent Agreement—pending finance committee approval
- e. Photography Agreement
 - a. J GRONSKI updated on the search for a new photographer. Her research shows that many local photographers are focused on Seniors and holiday photos in the fall. We may want to consider moving our timeline to January/February. This would allow all of our players to have their permanent jerseys but is a pretty significant change from our current process. We also have several requests to have the photos on-ice rather than in

an off-site location. She is also looking at some companies that other WAHL and CRHL teams use.

- b. K PARKS asked if anyone has asked J PARISH as she took the replacement photos for the Peewee team. C VAUGHAN thought this might be more of a hobby but suggested M OJEDA.
- f. Sense Arena
 - a. K KECHTER reports that we are still waiting on the contract, we may need to vote by email.
 - b. J HESSER asked about the anticipated cost. K KECHTER expects \$2500/year
 - c. K PARKS shared that there are 50 accounts being used across 30 devices, including 2 new accounts this week. Usage is down, but we haven't really advertised with members. If we let this negotiated rate go, we'll never get it back.
 - d. Motion: To sign the contract with Sense Arena at \$2500/year when received J GRONSKI; 2nd T SCHLAGEL; passed unanimously

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gun Raffle
 - a. J HESSER shared an update from S CLARK. Everything is almost ready for the gun raffle, there was an adjustment from the vendor. She plans to start selling Monday, online sales are ready to go. Sales will run through Sunday, March 9. Total cost will be \$12,500.
 - b. J HESSER suggested we draw names up through Alumni Night then draw all remaining days at Alumni Night. He also highlighted that we have to sell 250 tickets to break even.
 - c. K PARKS shared how much money another organization he participates in makes from this exact fundraiser. He believes there is money to be made in this space and suggests that we make it a mandatory fundraiser.
 - d. A NADEAU voiced her concern that it is too late to have this fundraiser this year. The Bantam team is already done and we aren't a full strength club to sell this year. We're only making \$2-3k.
 - e. K WASHENFELDER expressed worries about getting the tickets back and logistics given that the season is done before we'd be done selling.
 - f. J HESSER ran the numbers. With 191 players, if 150 of them sell 3 tickets, we'd make \$10k
 - g. T SCHLAGEL mentioned that softball often sells these tickets outside of their season—some sell in October and draw in November.
 - h. K PARKS mentioned the value of partnering with Sportsman's Warehouse. If you win through them you actually get a gift card with the value of the gun you won. More marketable to additional people.
 - i. S CLARK joined by phone—J GRONSKI asked if it is too late to not have this fundraiser this year. She reports that we already have the tickets and are locked in. She assures that we will sell more than the bare minimum to break even (we have always sold at least 500 tickets). S CLARK will adjust the sales timeline to March 5 or 7 to allow us to draw at Alumni Night.

- j. C VAUGHAN asked what our anticipated profit will be. S CLARK anticipated \$7-8k.
- k. J HESSER asked what the board can do to help, S CLARK assures she has it under control.
- l. J HESSER asked that we have a stronger process for tracking checks and missing payments. K KECHTER highlighted that we need additional transparency and a second set of hands for all money counting and processing.
- b. Proposal to change bylaws and process for change
 - a. J HESSER presented his rough proposal that matches the board retreat discussion. It primarily:
 - i. Cleans up the board of directors' section
 - ii. Adds an appointed position (Coach-in-Chief)
 - iii. Keeps 12 directors, making the position formerly held by Coach-in-Chief an additional fundraiser. The election schedule would align with our 2 schedulers elections.
 - b. J HESSER outlined the process: any changes to the bylaws must be approved by a 2/3 supermajority. A notice for a special meeting should be sent by mid-March to comply with our 30 day notice requirement then we will have elections. He would also like to see more education on board positions.
 - c. K WASHENFELDER noted that as drafted it indicates both fundraisers would be elected in odd years. J HESSER will adjust the language. We would need to have a 1 year term special election this year to get on track.
 - d. Motion to present bylaw updates to members as updated at the meeting K WASHENFELDER; 2nd C VAUGHAN; passed unanimously.
 - e. J HESSER will look at the dates for when this must all go out to members.
- c. Dates for elections/annual meeting
 - a. J HESSER proposes elections occur in May. He will work with J GRONSKI to set the timeline in compliance with our 30-day election notification requirement.
- d. Mites Jamboree
 - a. J HESSER, C VAUGHAN will host a planning meeting with Mite & Varsity team managers. We will need volunteers to sell baskets and 50-50 tickets all weekend long to catch both Mites parents/participants and Senior Nigh parents/participants.
 - b. J GRONSKI asked if the results of the attire contract coin flip were shared with bidders. J HESSER confirmed each bidder was notified.
 - c. C VAUGHAN reports that we have 17 teams registered. Each team will have a 4 game guarantee, including one Sunday game. Shirts are all set, there will be pucks for sale and we will have lots of baskets for the raffle. She has also coordinated Gatorade/Prime for the locker rooms.
 - d. J HESSER confirmed the tournament is sanctioned with USA Hockey for a cost of \$250.
 - e. T SCHLAGEL will work with the State Registrar to see who will check rosters.
- e. March Ice Schedule
 - a. J HESSER highlighted that the Girls team will need 2 practices the first week in March to prepare for state March 8-9. There are no other practices scheduled. He has the list of availability.

- b. K PARKS suggested we offer each team 1 hour of ice for a parent v. player game.
- c. K KECHTER reminded the board of our plan to host Steve Strunk for a checking clinic for Bantams and upcoming Peewees. She will work with him on availability.
- d. J HESSER will look at the schedule for a potential Iron Man/skills competition.

VII. REPORTS

a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. WAHA Meeting updates

- i. J HESSER shared that USA Hockey fees are going up this year. WAHA will raise its affiliation fee by \$10 (to a total of \$20). This has not increased in several years
- ii. J HESSER announced that player development camp dates have been set and they will, once again, be in combination with Team Wyoming tryouts. The boys camp is close to splitting into a separate event but not quite there for this season.
 - 1. Boys: April 24-27, Casper
 - 2. Girls: April 11-13, Casper
- iii. J HESSER pointed out that we are in the WAHL rule change year (every 3 years). Please send any ideas to J HESSER. He will suggest rotational state tournaments. WAHA is also discussing SafeSport/Locker Room Monitor fines and possibly moving to a seeding schedule. The details are still being ironed out.
 - 1. K PARKS spoke in favor of a seeding system. As a bubble team, this will help get teams into the correct bracket.

b. House Bill 72

- i. J HESSER briefed the board on House Bill 72, which would permanently assign gendered locker rooms. Each public facility would have to designate locker rooms with appropriate signage as female and male locker rooms. No one of the opposite gender, including coaches, would be allowed in the single-gender spaces. As written there is an exception for school facilities.

b. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

- a. T SCHLAGEL reports the senior rings are in and ready to be distributed at Senior Night. She's working to figure out what parents owe.

c. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a. J GRONSKI shared she is working through lettering issues, including some transcripts still not being available to players.

d. SCHEDULER'S REPORT

- a. A NADEAU asked if anyone was tracking how frequently the Girls team is not having morning practice and confirming we are not paying for that ice time.
- b. A NADEAU also highlighted that there is a GameSheet goalie issue—players are not getting credit for games played in some situations. K WASHENFELDER has a work around, but she highlighted this based on potential risks to state. J HESSER reports that WAHA is aware of the issue.

e. COACH-IN-CHIEF REPORT

- a. K PARKS shared that we are working to be prepared for state tournaments and the Mite Jamboree
- b. J HESSER mentioned that WAHA would like coaches from each club to assist at the player development camp. They are also considering having a coaching clinic that same weekend.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENT

- a. A High School parent highlighted several issues, including players not being developed at the same rate, a lack of off-ice/dryland trainings/film sessions, a worry that kids will leave the program and the sport. She would like to see more oversight on this specific team.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS/THINGS ON THE HORIZON

- a. Alumni Night
 - a. T PRINCE wanted to make sure we're on track for teddy bear donations. The first year we had 400 bears, the next only 120. T PRICE will update the flyer.
 - b. In the past, L HILL coordinated the players, K KECHTER coordinated the awards and T PRINCE facilitated the bear donations. J HESSER suggested we follow up with L HILL to get the list of alumni and seek players on the Facebook page. We will also need to connect with team managers to spread the word.

X. ADJOURNED 8:57p