

CHEYENNE CAPITALS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2025 MINUTES

DATE: 1/8/25 TIME: 6:04p MEETING LOCATION: Cheyenne Ice and Events Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- a. Attendees include President J HESSER, Vice President D MANDEL, Treasurer K KECHTER, Secretary J GRONSKI, Registrar T SCHLAGEL, Scheduler K WASHENFELDER, Scheduler A NADEAU, Discipline Chair B MOORE, SafeSport Liaison J COVER, Equipment Manager C VAUGHAN
- b. QUORUM ESTABLISHED

III. AUDIENCE INTRODUCTION

- a. Rachel Christensen, Stephanie Danka

IV. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- a. DECEMBER 4 2024 BOARD MEETING— approved with one edit to Mites Jamboree sanction status (Motion: B MOORE; 2nd K WASHENFELDER; passed unanimously)

V. OPEN ISSUES (OLD BUSINESS)

- a. 2024-2025 Budget
 - a. J HESSER asked if anyone has reviewed our budget outlook, referred to the Finance Committee for a meeting before our February board meeting.
- b. Confidentiality Policy—tabled
- c. Discipline Guide—tabled
- d. Concussion Protocol/Policy
 - a. J HESSER shared that the older age groups are working on this, we have seen a fair number of concussions so far this season.
- e. Non-Parent Coaches Independent Contractor Agreement Policy
 - a. J HESSER reminded the board that the agreement was approved last time, now the finance committee is working on the reimbursement language.
- f. Facebook Page—Public or Private?
 - a. B MOORE stood in favor of making it public to be able to share events (game schedules, alumni and senior nights, etc.).
 - b. A NADEAU highlighted that we will need more than one person to coordinate and monitor the page if it is made public. She also inquired if this will require us to create a new page. K WASHENFELDER will confirm if we have an old public page we may revive.
 - i. J HESSER requested that we have at least one board member oversee page posts, suggested we could add two to three other members if needed.
 - 1. B MOORE and K WASHENFELDER will monitor but will request assistance.
 - 2. J GRONSKI suggested that the policy committee look to make social media management a part of one of the board job descriptions. J HESSER reminds that will require a bylaw change.

- c. CJ HESSER asked if we have any families who have declined to participate in photos. T SCHLAGEL confirmed that all members agreed to the photo policy in our terms and conditions. B MOORE suggested that we may want to take a look at that language over the summer to confirm it includes social media use.
- g. Photography Agreement—tabled
- h. Alumni Game
 - a. J HESSER announced that the ice may be on longer than we initially expected. We typically host this after all state tournaments are complete. He will work with Jeff to move after Girls (March 12, 2025).
 - b. B MOORE suggested we connect with Teri Prince who normally coordinates the teddy bear toss. D MANDEL will connect with her to identify who will receive the donated bears.
 - c. K KECHTER reminded the board we will need to solidify dates so we can facilitate sportsmanship awards (both to have coaches/players attend and for a script for the announcer).
 - d. J HESSER asked about the announcer—in the past it has been Troy Thompson, Kennan or Jay, this year would like to give Johnny first opportunity.
 - i. Troy is confirmed as Senior Night announcer.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Practice Jerseys
 - a. J HESSER led a conversation following up on the Bantam/Peewee jerseys the board approved purchasing in December. He pointed out that typically we would get a bid for this project, but given how far we are in this process, J HESSER suggested giving the Stitch and Print a chance to produce practice jerseys for the HS, Girls & Squirt team. K KECHTER moved to contract with S&P for the remaining teams; B MOORE 2nd, passed unanimously).
- b. Vendor for Mites tournament shirts and merchandise
 - a. J HESSER is ready to move forward with a bid to provide t-shirts and a merchandise booth at the Mites tournament. The bid will include a request for a new design. B MOORE moved to approve the bid as drafted; C VAUGHAN 2nd, passed unanimously).
 - b. J HESSER will distribute to Walck Workshop, Stitch and Print, Colour Graphics and Par 5. We will vote by email once the bids are received.
 - c. C VAUGHAN will work to get sponsors and send a message to the team managers to solicit baskets.
- c. Sense Arena
 - a. K KECHTER asked if we wish to re-up our Sense Arena contract. We've had a contract since 2022 at the cost of \$2499 annually. The club has 2 VR headsets that are available to check out/rent.
 - i. J GRONSKI suggests we poll members to get a better sense of how many are using and how many would use it if it were more readily available.
 - ii. A NADEAU believes the system is not being used

- iii. K KECHTER says the club does have a pretty good deal as we were one of the first groups to sign up with them—we would be unlikely to get this deal again in the future.
- iv. J HESSER highlights that we need a board member to be in charge of the system (to include checking out VRs and getting player accounts established). He will send a poll to see what interest the club has in the program.
 - 1. J GRONSKI volunteered to manage the logistics if K PARKS would like to hand it over. Will want to establish a policy for checking out VR headsets and communicating availability to coaches and parents.

VII. MEMBER COMMENTS

- a. A parent brought concerns about the morale, development and coaching of the Bantam team. The board contemplated potential solutions to include inviting a third-party coach to come in for some clinics, asking WY Hockey to provide all Capitals coaches with a coaching clinic, involving additional parents on the bench for games and consulting with the Coach-in-Chief/Coaching Committee.

VIII. REPORTS

- a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. We did not win any of our state bids
 - i. J HESSER will propose that WAHA move to a rotating state system. Clubs could opt out if they were unable to host, then a bid system would pick up hosting duties.
 - ii. J HESSER hears there were some complaints about the rink, but nothing more than the rules at other rinks.
 - iii. J HESSER has already raised the issue of the lack of available hotel rooms in Gillette for Peewee state.
 - iv. J HESSER brought up the option of hosting an Iron Man or something similar to still use the ice on those weekends.
 - b. KFBC will broadcast the HS & Girls team games on Senior Night. They hope to commit to more teams next season
- b. REGISTRAR'S REPORT
 - a. T SCHLAGEL ordered senior rings. They should arrive in early February.
 - b. T SCHLAGEL shared that there are 7 teams registered for the Mite tournament, after she refunded 3 teams that had double-booked. These numbers do not include our Mite teams.
- c. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. K KECHTER sent out financials electronically, but highlighted that the Imagetek rebate, Edward Jones statements and 50-50 raffle are not reflected on the report. The wreath sales numbers are lower than expected, but the online sales have not yet posted.
- d. SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - a. J GRONSKI shared text for to seek new photographers for next season.

- b. J GRONSKI reminded everyone that high school transcripts are due, electronically, by 1/31/25.
- e. DISCIPLINE CHAIR'S REPORT
 - a. B MOORE shared that we have two completed concussion cases and one pending return to the ice.
- f. EQUIPMENT MANAGER REPORT
 - a. C VAUGHAN reports that all jerseys and socks are in. In completing this second order, she has identified that socks and breezer covers seem to be the problem. She will explore other jersey options this off season.
 - i. K KECHTER thinks she has the color codes for jerseys and will follow up with C VAUGHAN.
 - b. C VAUGHAN continues to manage the Capitals Cup, we need to locate the shirts we have on hand that do not have sponsorships on the back and is considering a puck as a giveaway (should just need a sticker to do so).
- g. FUNDRAISING REPORT
 - a. J HESSER shared that S CLARK is waiting on online wreath sale funds.
 - b. J HESSER will double check to see if we are going to sell or draw gun raffle tickets in February.
 - c. J HESSER will ask for a list of what sponsors have paid and what amounts.

IX. ADJOURNED 8:27p