

Wausau Youth Hockey
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 3rd, 2025

Time- Place: 7:00 pm – Campus

Attendees: Seth Sierk, JJ Deffner, Andrew Brueggeman, Nick Gumtz, Eric Pergolski, Rick Pergolski, Kristi Toner, BJ Brandt, Adam Hall, Greg Simkowski, Jana Wimmer, Ben Krenke, Jason Little, Kayla Harrington and Kelly Denzin

Public Attendee: n/a

Call to order: 7:01 pm

Minutes: motioned by Andy, second by Kayla, all in favor

Finance Update: Nick

No questions about the monthly report. We did receive a donation for new gear for a skater in need and half the donation to go towards the ref clinic. The wife would like the money used for a deserving family. Need to think of a way to nominate a family or receive request for this? Maybe have the families apply for it? Budget this year we are estimated a loss of \$20 K right now. This year we have more teams so have an increase in ice expenses and cost of ice went up this year. Expecting less fundraising, not having the Hometown Draft Classic Tournament, and not hosting a State Tournament.

Girls Committee: Jana

The committee met last week. We will be hosting a 3 on 3 Tournament. Hoping to make sure money on that. UWSP will be helping at the event with scorekeeping and scheduling. Will be having extra activities for the girls during the day \$140.00 a team and \$25.00 a goalie. Not sure on numbers from Everest yet for the season. Aug 10th is the deadline. 12 U is good, 14 U waiting on a couple sign up yet.

Fundraising: Kayla

The committee also met and if anyone knows of any families or have any connections, that would be helpful this year. We are going to do a Blanket Fundraiser this year, just need to make

sure the quality is good. Also put in for the Grass Root Grant again this year. Last year we received it for dryland. Lesley is working on County Materials; they have a Grant program we are looking to see if we can get.

Recruiting and Retention: Adam

We didn't meet but talked about the parent party. Looking to get approval for \$1000.00. This would cover Beverage for the adults, door prizes, and insurance coverage for the event. We are hoping it helps build relationships with the families and something that they have asked for in the parent survey. Motion for \$1000.00 for pre-season parent get together. JJ motioned, Adam 2nd, most in favor, one opposed.

Disciplinary Committee: Kristi

No updates.

Equipment: Rick

Will be looking to purchase the tarp that was already pre-approve. It's 44 x 9 Ft high and has 4 goalies. We will be looking to sell the baseball cages to compensate some of the funding. Last year only 2 teams used the dryland and the high school. This year we need to push it and schedule teams 2 x a month. Talked about Jerseys, we have a bunch of older ones from prior years we can use for try outs, we will see what we have first. Otherwise we just need more colors. There are about 150ish kids trying out, last year we had about 126.

New Updates:

New Business:

*WAHA meeting, Seth attended. Need to have documents saved somewhere. Can we do in crossbar?

*Talked about officials and the attitudes towards them from parents and kids. Will see if we can get more last year's squirts and first year Peewee on the ice so they can start to learn. See if we can get Justin Peters to help out again. Should look at doing on ice and off ice training. 2 = half days. We can use money from the donations towards this. Eric will look to seeing if Justin or Jason can help.

*JJ talked about possibly bringing in a camp the first weekend of October PEP. It's \$350 to run the camp and hoping to make \$1200.00 if we can get 35 kids. It would be about 2 hours. Target would be mites and squirts, or do we maybe do a little Jamboree or bring someone else in? We have done camps before with qualified trainers and we had a hard time filing it, so not sure we would be able to fill this one? We could maybe get a survey out and see if there is enough

interest. Or we could do mites and order pizza? Will discuss and see what we can get planned.

*Jerseys, will open voting and keep open for 5-10 days and then will place order for them.
Mites do we do reversable? It's a big price jump for reversable from \$38 to \$64? Likely will not be able to do that this year.

*Eric- met last Sunday, Talked about Skills and Drills on Monday. 10U, 12U, 14U Storm and Warjacks will need to do sessions together. Looking to do 4 tryout sessions. Numbers so far per level – 16 LTS, 80 Mites, 31 Squirts (3 teams), 34 Peewee, 27 Bantam (2teams). Might have a couple more yet to sign up. 10 U Storm = 21 (2 teams), 25 -12U (2 teams), 14- 14U (1 teams no goalie). Release and Transfers: John from Everest he is a Peewee, we did release him last year, ok to release this year. There is a Merrill child that just moved here. They have one more year to play and one more year the parents are involved. 5 Wi Rapids children, there is a Squirt sibling of a Bantam. There is a Mosinee child that has a sister playing on the 14U Storm. Gipson from Merrill, older brother played 2 years ago. They do have 2 transfers already at their level, so the parents will need to ask for a release. If he makes the top we will need to send him back, if he makes B then it is ok. Will need to get a release first. Eagle River Bantam might sign up but will be discussed at the Hockey Committee.

*Discussed bringing in transfers and possibly hindering the changes of our children in the Association. 2 ways of looking at it, bringing in more talent can help our kids want to play up to that level and learn from the children and children want to win. We need to expect more from our children and want them to want to win and be more competitive.

*Talked about possible doing pre-season off ice session with the coaches. Is there an option for the coaches to work with Charlie? Is it better to be hands on ice or off ice?

*Greg- Special Hockey, would like to try and develop the kids off ice also and see if we can do buddy skating. Trying to get them exposed to the other children. Maybe try having them do a practice with Bantam and or Peewees? Will work on a schedule or see if we can fit in. Do have a mite meeting scheduled, Aug 26th.

* MP2 update, they are track to start installing the mat.

Meeting adjourned: 8:14 pm

– motioned by Andy

– second by Adam

all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is: Aug 3rd at 7:00 pm at TBD

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Denzin, WYH Secretary