

Wausau Youth Hockey
Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 7, 2025

Time- Place: 7:02 pm – Wausau West

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

Public Attendee: n/a

Call to order: 7:02 pm

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

Finance Update: Nick

Financial report was sent out. We did receive some funding from the Cyclones Go Fund me, Page. They split the amount between 5 Associations. La Taqueria paid for their Food night from last year. Tier 1 sports cost \$2500.00 for 4 tournaments. We might want to see if we can find a different vendor to use going forward. Some late registrations came in the month of August, and script paid out to families is anything over registration. Starting balance- \$156,024.43- ending balance \$188594.26. Brought up Steve Strunk Camp again for next year so we can book him now. We had 107 skaters this year and 96 last year. We will bring back this discussion.

Girls Committee: JJ

3 on 3 tournament is October 10th. We have 4 – 10U teams, 5 – 12U teams and 1 = 14U team. We have 6 – 8U girls that want to form a team, but no other 8U teams registered. Thought about maybe doing a pancake breakfast or getting a beer license for mimosas, coffee truck? We have ice that day from 9-3. Just trying to think of something else we can do if anyone has any ideas for that day.

Hockey Committee: Eric

14U Girls – 21 registered girls. 1 signed up as a Goalie. Eric spoke to the father as this goalie has never played before or skated. Stressed the importance of this position and staying committed for the full season. She is going to try and come on Sept 15th and see how she does and how she

feels about it. We do have a Merrill skater, but she might be playing freshman as she is a 2011 birth year. We also have a goalie at 12U we can move up to 14U if needed. Looking to do 2 teams however can only have 4 Associations per level or we will need to forfeit state. Right now, we have not accepted transfers from Point. We can appeal the decision also at a cost of \$250.00.

Did also meet last Sunday to talk about mites and schedule. 14U recommendations would be 2 teams once the goalie is figured out. 10U there are 3 2017 girls that would bring the total to 25. Technically we would not need them to move up. I sent a message to the committee to see thoughts on this and it was mixed responses. Talked about letting them tryout and needing to be in the top 3 to move up. If we did not have them move up there would be 22 = 10 skaters and a goalie. Brought up if there were any coed 2017 to play up and no one has asked. We did do this in 2012, and it was fine. This is likely a decision that needs to be evaluated on a year by year basis. Motion was brought up to leave the 3 – 2017 girls on the 10U roster, Ben Second, Kelly abstained, the rest were in favor.

Fundraising: Kayla

Thank you to Pete and Molly Lawrence, they sold the center ice this year. Thank you also to Ben who helped get more fundraising. Right now, we have 3K in sales = 1 dib you can earn, which is kind of a lot. Talked about either doing 10 % of sales returned or money = the cost of a dib. Rick motioned if you raise a \$1000.00 in sponsorship that will equal 1 dib for the 2025-2026 season, Andy second, all in favor.

Recruiting and Retention: Adam

Will be meeting this month to discuss the Slap Shot Social, Try Hockey for Free events and any other fall recruitment events we can think of.

Disciplinary Committee: Kristi

Asked if we wanted to reach out to any prior parents or skaters that were in front of the committee last year, we decided we will not do individual meetings, but if we have a parent meeting will discuss then.

Equipment: Rick

Picked up the 70 skates that were donated by the Turner Foundations. Will need to write WYH on all of them. Still need to get Goalie equipment organized and labeled. We are going to wait to sell the batting cages until after dryland is up and running to make sure, we do not need

them. Matt and 200 pucks came in. Will be looking to get new rubber bands for the snipper. Nov 1st we will be able to get into dryland. The contract is November to May/ June and is \$1800.00. We need to give the outdoor storage unit 20-30 days' notice we will be moving the items out, Ok to end the outdoor storage unit in October.

It was brought up we need to think of where we can put the half boards. The county needs them to move out of that area with the mat now. Asked if we could put them under the bleachers and they stated there was not enough room? They are used on both rinks so need to think of a good place to keep?

New Updates:

New Business:

*Seth has a meeting with Lance at the County about an update on the Rink the 2nd week of Oct and is meeting with the mayor to see if the city wants to get involved.

*Eric- CTI proposal, an email was sent out about details on the program. This will be geared towards 10U, 12U and 14U levels. Oct 6, 13, 20, 27th. CTI staff would lead it and while players are in training, coaches and parents will have guest speakers explaining and helping them through the Hockey program and what we are trying to teach the kids. BJ, Jana, Don, Scott will attempt to get Dan from USA hockey to talk. Looking to do \$20.00 a skater and will include a shirt. The important part is the education for the parents. We can get 30 skaters per session. 2 out of the 4 nights coaches will need to be there. The other 2 will be parent focused. BJ will double check and make sure there is no membership fee. BJ will write an email to send out. Andy Motioned to approve CTI proposal and increase the fee to \$25.00, Rick second, all in favor. If we get a lot of skaters wanting to join, we can see if we can get 2 sessions for one group and 2 sessions maybe for the 2nd group?

*Greg- 26th we meet about mites. The group thought it would be best to go back to how we were running the group prior vs the 6U and 8U. Last year we moved LTS skaters to Mites and they did not progress as we thought they would and were moved back to 6U. Eric stated this should be an item we are discussing at the Hockey Committee. The suggestion would be Mite blues would rotate through the game schedule. It was brought up USA model has 6U and 8U. Asked why we changed the design originally, and it was thought that there was another step needed before the blue league. Will bring back to the table after its further discussed.

* Game sheets were discussed. We can get these for free. Game limit should be per level, 30 for squirts, 30 for peewee, 32 for bantam. Ben has 89 % of the girls completed. Practice schedule has been uploaded to crossbar for the first 3 weeks.

*Registration right now. 13 kids down so far, 29 LTS, 87 mites, 97 coed, 71 girls. Refresher has 30- 10U, 23 – 12U, and 13 -14U.

*Coaching app and meeting, Chris and BJ will handle.

*Dibs opened up, Last year 2177 hours, this year 2104 and 90% are full already. We will need to keep an eye on this as we might need more hours. Talked about opening concessions during practices. Talked about having people label the skates that just came in.

*A couple refunds have been requested. One squirt play, one 10U girl player and 2 bantams. This does not impact the team counts.

Meeting adjourned: 8:34 pm

– motioned by Andy

– second by BJ

all in favor, motion approved.

Next meeting is: Oct 5th at 7:00 pm at Marathon Park

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Denzin, WYH Secretary