



## Wildcat Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

### August 10, 2023 - 7 PM – The Ice Pond Board Room

		Board Member	Position	Executive (Voting)	Committee(s)	Term Ending	Email
Executive Members	Officer Members	Todd Swenson	President	Tie Break Only	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2024	president@wildcathockey.org
		Stacy Benedict	Vice President	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2024	vicepresident@wildcathockey.org
		Matt Saltzberry	Past President	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2024	pastpresident@wildcathockey.org
		Bryan Ellefson	President Elect	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2024	presidentelect@wildcathockey.org
		Lisa Cunningham	Secretary	Yes		2025	secretary@wildcathockey.org
		Ashley Van Ooyen	Treasurer	Yes		2024	treasurer@wildcathockey.org
		Jon Millin	Hockey Director	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2024	hockeydirector@wildcathockey.org
		Pat Gilles	Hockey Director Assistant	Yes	Hockey Operations, Scheduling	2025	hockeydirectorassistant@wildcathockey.org
	Age Level Directors	TJ Marks	ALD-LTS/LTP/6U	Yes		2024	aldlts6u@wildcathockey.org
		Brandon Hommowun	ALD-8U (Mite)	Yes		2024	ald8u@wildcathockey.org
		Stan Johnson	ALD - 10U (Squirt)	Yes		2024	aldsquirt@wildcathockey.org
		Ben King	ALD - 12U (Peewee)	Yes		2024	aldpeewee@wildcathockey.org
			ALD - 14U (Bantam)	Yes		2024	aldbantam@wildcathockey.org
		Open	ALD-18U (Midget)	Yes			aldmidget@wildcathockey.org
		Alyssa Greiber	Director of Fundraising	Yes		2024	fundraising@wildcathockey.org
		Appointed Members	Age Level Assistants		ALA-LTS/LTP/6U	No	
	ALA-8U (Mite)			No		2025	ala8u@wildcathockey.org
Bryan Bednarz*	ALA - 10U (Squirt)			No		2024	alasquirt@wildcathockey.org
Scott Derlein	ALA - 12U (Peewee)			No		2024	alapeewee@wildcathockey.org
	ALA - 14U (Bantam)			No		2024	-
Open	ALA-18U (Midget)			No		2024	-
Michelle Mueller	Apparel Directors			No		2025	apparel@wildcathockey.org
Corrin Maier						2025	apparel2nd@wildcathockey.org
Kim Alton	Concessions Directors		No		2024	concessions1@wildcathockey.org	
Megan Heideman					2025	concessions2@wildcathockey.org	
Craig Van de Kreeke	Equipment Manager		No		2024	equipment@wildcathockey.org	
Suann Saltzberry	Ice Scheduler		No	Ice Schedule Cmte	2024	scheduler@wildcathockey.org	
Shannon Derlein	Registrar		No		2025	registrar@wildcathockey.org	
Matt Claggett	Skills Director		No		2025	skillsdirector@wildcathockey.org	
Alyssa Greiber	Tournament Director	No		2024	tournaments@wildcathockey.org		
Jamie Millin	Communications Director	No		2024	communications@wildcathockey.org		
Laura LeCaptain	Safety Directors	No		2024	safety1@wildcathockey.org		
Diana Van de Kreeke				2024	safety2@wildcathockey.org		
Ben King		J. Millin		Todd Swenson		Stacy Benedict	

- I. Call meeting to order- at 7:05 pm
- II. Member open forum- no one
- III. Approval of prior meeting minutes- approve via email
- IV. Additions to the agenda- approval of Bantam ALD and ALA
- V. Approval of agenda- Ashley make motion to approve the agenda, Stan seconds, no further discussion, passes unanimously
- VI. New Business (30 min)

- A. Pay Bills- no bills to pay this month
- B. Parent Handbook Changes:
  - 1. Added President Elect to areas that addressed the leadership structure — those will be revised next year to eliminate the references to Vice President and replace it with President Elect
  - 2. Clarified roles of Hockey Director and Hockey Director Assistant
  - 3. Changed length of term of President to address change to leadership structure
  - 4. Clarified and codified goalie rebate program — related to Bantam B team's two goalies who split time at goal
  - 5. Added policy that transfer requests should come between July 1 and start of evaluations
  - 6. Added cross roster policy for girls skaters
  - 7. Clarified age for requirement to wear helmet on the bench (under 18 rather than 18 and under)
  - 8. Clarified and streamlined process for scholarship applications
  - 9. Expanded explanation for application of community service hours to a family's account
  - 10. Added organizational chart
  - 11. Clarified that goalie coach is part of the evaluation committee for the purpose of evaluating and placing goalies
  - 12. Clarified that the data entry will not be done by someone with a skater at the level being tabulated
  - 13. "Appendix F - 14U Girl's Co-op" deleted as co-op with Sauk Prairie is dissolved. Appendix G (WYHA's Locker Room Policy) re-labeled Appendix F.
  - 14. Discussion on fees for players who try out for HS and Wildcats (Freshman)

Ashley makes motion to approve handbook changes, Brian seconds the motion, no further discussion, motion passes

- C. Player requests to transfer out of WYHA. The Transfer Committee approved all three. All three were granted last year. has approved all three.
  - 1. Wilbur Weichert - 2015 Mite
  - 2. Dawson West - 2014 Squirt
  - 3. Layla Weichert - 2012 PeeWee
    - a) Brandon make a motion to pass all transfers requests, Pat seconds the motion, no discussion, motion passes unanimously
- D. Chi Zander and Shaun Steinhurst for ALA and ALD for Bantam
  - 1. Ashley makes motion to pass Bantam ALD and ALA, Brian seconds, motion passes

## VII. Reports By Appointed Board Members (20 min)

- A. Apparel Directors- Apparel website is 98% completed and will send out communication; will put link on website; will put jersey to try on at the rink when registration opens

- B. Equipment Manager- got 8U nets all strung up and only used for 8U; will talk with Pat and Jon for further needs for the year; talk with Stacy and Brian about equipment rentals before next board meeting
- C. Scheduler- reached out to Poppy Waterman and the Shell for the request for ice and the Ice Pond; have times for Sept; and a draft for Oct. McFarland reached out for times on the weekend;
- D. Registrar- Ready for Monday- registration opens!! Everyone on the board needs to do safesports and USA hockey number (volunteer is free) and will let you know if you need a background check; use your personal email, not board email. Will get LTS dates and will set up registration for them- will put dates on the website- Sept. 30th start date;
- E. Skills Director- n/a
- F. Tournament Director- received names for 8U tournament and sent to Greg's family with recommendations;
- G. Communications Director- no report
- H. Safety Directors- handbook updates; get invited to coaches meeting to do a mass training for them; trying to get non certificate training for CPR and first aid trainings;
- I. Concessions Directors- will work on volunteer schedules for people to sign up when schedule for hockey gets on - concession will be open this weekend for a tournament this weekend at the ice pond!

#### VIII. Reports By Executive Board Members (20 min)

##### A. President

##### 1. WAHA Annual Meeting Update

- a) Each association is being asked to identify a Culture Education Liaison/Leader (CEL). This person will be responsible for disseminating information that pertains to the continuous improvement of your association culture and will also be the person who makes sure that all of your coaches, parents, players, officials and association officers have reviewed and signed the USAH Code of Conduct promise as part of your association pre-season welcome process. On the WAHA web page there is a place to list the name and contact information for your CEL and your Safety Officer. I will work with our Recruitment Committee to identify our CEL.
- b) Positive Coaching Alliance – The WAHA Board entered into a contract with PCA for the 2023-24 season for training

opportunities for all hockey stakeholders and for the Culture Education Liaison/Leader training. PCA is about building up (coaching up) the people in your organization. The dates of the training will be on the WAHA web site. The sessions will be for coaches, some for players and some for association leaders.

- c) Dan Jablonic, USAH Manager of Player Development for the Central District was there and held a session on how to improve hockey skills and IQ beginning with the 6U players. One of the things that came out of that session was that our coaches could use more development than what they receive in their CEP sessions. USAH is hosting a podcast in two weeks about developing coaches. I will work with Jon and Pat to get this info out to ALD's and coaches.
- d) Use of Game Sheet – The WAHA Board voted to move to the use of Game Sheet for scoring/recording games. The move will be gradual over the next three years and for the first two years it will be voluntary. The board voted to reimburse associations the cost of purchasing Game Sheet at the rate of 75% of the total cost for this season. The cost per game per team per year is about \$4. A team that plays 30 games would incur a cost of about \$120.

(1) Associations that play close to Minnesota have been using this program and swear they will never go back to paper score sheets. That said, it only makes sense to use it if other teams we play use it also. I will reach out to the other Region 4 associations and see who plans on using this season. This will be how all associations will scorekeep in the future. This is the beginning of the phase-in period.

#### B. Vice President

1. The Girls Hockey Committee continues to make good progress on our goals of improving communication about opportunities and offering some girls activities this year. We had a meeting with girls' parents on Aug. 2 and shared information about what the Wildcats offer for girls, as well as what the options are for those who may want to play all girls for their primary team or as a cross-roster option. I have slides I can share if anyone is interested.
2. Try Hockey For Free is on Saturday, Sept. 23. We'll start at 9 a.m. with an hour for any skater, and then an all-girls hour from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Help spread the word and stay tuned for more details about help we may need from board members. People who are interested can register through the links on our website.
3. I'm working with Pat on a WAHA grant application for dryland equipment — he had great ideas for equipment we can use to develop our players off ice. We'll submit that next week ahead of the Sept. 1 deadline.
4. I'll work on retooling the preseason letters for each age group and writing up the info about our referee incentive program. Let me know if there are any other pieces we need to develop or write. (Did we want to send out

the preregistration email I had drafted? I'm not sure what happened with that.)

5. Let me know if there's anything else we need to take care of! Thanks all for the work everyone is doing to get us up and running for the season. At this point, I'm ready for it to start.

- C. President Elect- building marketing and culture committee, officer meetings been having this discussion the last few meetings;
- D. Past President- no report
- E. Hockey Director- received first 20 coaches applications have come in; need another 60 for the season; coaches meeting scheduled for Spet. 13th at Rex's; Todds been making progress with some tournaments for the year; clarify when LTS starts; Ice is coming out at the rink; and we will have people to come help Don; hoping for outdoor rink this year; suppose to be cold and lots of snow- Stacy was in charge last year; need a committee to help run this and a person in charge; a few people will be meeting with Chase- head of HS hockey; sounds like Deforest may be going to other rinks for their ice time; working with midgets team in the area for HS cuts; coaches continuing ed for the next few years will be costly;
- F. Hockey Director Assistant- no report
- G. Treasurer- codes are ready for registration; credits should be sitting in your account for board members; multi skater discount, there is a code; ready for registration;
- H. Director of Fundraising- golf outing next Friday, have 18 foursome; need volunteers; food trucks are booked for The Classic
- I. Secretary- no report

IX. Reports by Age Level Reps (20 min)

- A. 6U ALD- n/a
- B. 8U ALD- midweek ice time, with all skaters it was chaos; practices are tight and hard to maneuver; more discussion; Hockey Director Asst more involved with 8U and 6U
- C. Squirt ALD- if open ice right after school, would like a stick and puck time if ice is available;
- D. Peewee ALD- n/a
- E. Bantam ALD- no report

X. Old Business- no old business

- XI. Adjourn- Ashley makes motion to adjourn, Allisa makes second, motion passes and adjourn meeting at 8:25PM
- XII. Future Items- update board members on chart- anyone else to vote in (ie ALA?)  
Next Board Meeting: September 14, 2023 - Location TBD (Rex's is not available)