

WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday, August 25th

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Jake's Pizza

Approval of minutes from 8/11

Guests: Brent Christenson, Laura Larson (on behalf of hockey boosters), Eric Setrum, Rick Pearson, Jory Bulthuis

Members Present: Cory F, Corey H, Erik R, Mindy H, Eric H, Shawn E, Katie S, Shannon L, Darin S

Executive

- Discussion with Brent Christenson about his interest in joining the WHA board. Brent shared he wanted to join the board because he likes to be involved and wants to contribute to improve the association as his children will be. Board will discuss his potential membership in a closed session at the end of the meeting.
- WHA Handbook & By-Laws
 - Eric H shared the proposed finalized handbook and bylaws, Board members will look it over to see if changes are needed to finalize it with a vote on the September 8 meeting.

Finance

- Shawn gave an update. He got the last invoice for Hackfest and will wrap-up finances. Hackfest was very successful this year raising approximately \$12,000.
- We received \$940 at the county fair by working the gate and shucking corn.

Registration

- Shannon gave an update. Had issued a refund to a family.
- Shannon reminded board members to do their USA Hockey background check as all board members have to do that before she can make any team rosters..

Hockey Operations

- Update from HOC on last meeting and outlook for the upcoming season.
- HOC has been having discussions based on the number of players registered at each levels and how many teams would work best at different levels with those numbers. We are still at 8-9 10U girls and need to get at least 2 more girls.
- Eric Setrum shared his concern over the high school numbers and that in a few years there potentially will not be enough skaters to field teams. There was a discussion by all about why the numbers are decreasing and possible solutions.

Fundraising/Volunteering

- Andrew Deboer is making progress on reconciling gambling. He is 5/20 months into the reconciling process.

Marketing/Recruitment

- No updates.

Off-Ice

- Cory F. reported we have first draft of the clothing order and would like to have it live first week of September.
- November 4th will be picture day.
- Did a tally of practice jerseys. We have enough practice jerseys for a year or two. We are a little short, and may have to supplement some. May reach out to past sponsors or new sponsors to get to sponsor practice jerseys in the future. We have traditionally done new practice jerseys every 2 years.
- Still working on getting up the shot board.

Grievance

- None

Tournaments

- Still the same as a couple of weeks ago.
- Corey H. gave an update on status of how many teams have signed up for our tournaments.
- With Squirts coming in November, and the tournament not full, Corey H. suggested possibly reducing the cost to get more teams. No decision was made. We will see where we are at September 8 and continue to monitor.

WHA Non-Committee Updates

Ice Scheduling

- Discussion about increasing game counts for Squirts and Peewee's to reach the same level of games played by peer associations (River Lakes, Litchfield, Sauk Rapids and Hutch).
 - Corey H. gave his perspective on this. And closer-in-distance associations have reached out to us in the past to add games
- Number of teams needs to be finalized by HOC so ice scheduling can be completed. D5 opens scheduling September 17th and we can certainly schedule after that but it leads to less desirable times/dates.

Website/Social Media/Email

D5

- Next meeting Wednesday September 3rd @7pm – Erik R. will attend.

Additional Business

- Need to get evaluators for tryouts finalized.

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:30

Went into closed session at 7:30 to discuss new potential member, Brent Christenson.

Closed session adjourned at 8:00

Next Meeting - Monday September 8th, 6PM @ Civic Center