**WHA BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

**Date**: Monday, June 9th

**Time**: 6:00pm

**Location**: Civic Center

Approval of minutes

Guests: Charlie, Nate and Payton with the Warhawks.

**Attendance**: Katie Stepaniak, Shannon Lindquist, Cory Fladeboe, Erik Rannetsberger, Shawn Engstrom, Eric Hjelden, Corey Hanson, Mindy Hagen

Warhawks’ Guests

* Warhawk’s representatives came with ideas to increase youth hockey engagement between the association and the Warhawks.
* They will send a follow-up email to WHA with all their ideas.

Executive

* Crossbar
* ’25-’26 season registration is set to go
* Hackfest Registration is up and running!
  + Cory F. talked about trying to send sign-up information to as many people, including past WHA families. Discussion was that we could do this through SportsEngine since that is where the addresses are and we still have SportsEngine active for 1 year.
* Also asked if there was a way to hide SportsEngine since we have now moved to Crossbar. We could also edit the SportsEngine page to redirect them to Crossbar. Corey H. will go into SportsEngine and strip it down and put a redirection to Crossbar. Shawn is working on contacting the domains to get them deactivated or redirected.
* WHA Handbook & By-Laws
* Discussion on any revisions?
* Darrin had made hand revisions. Eric will contact Darrin about getting those changes and then have a copy for approval.

Finance

* Signer changes to the WHA accounts is done.
* Erik R., as new President, is working to get credit card signed over from Justin R, past president.
* Gambling accounts should be audited/reports corrected to terminate our license. Westberg/Eischens has been contacted to perform this work for WHA. Shawn is working to get a quote. We would need to vote to approve funds to have this work performed.
* There are 2 goalie camp reimbursements. $500 in handbook given for goalie development and camps. We are also going to specify in the handbook that goalie reimbursements are only for the fiscal year May 1-April 30.

Registration

* Planning to open registration on July 1st and end at the end of July.

Hockey Operations

* Update on teams/levels of play?
* D5 is stating that all associations within D5 that have 10u and 12u play at “A” level. Even if only one team at each level. Erik R. along with other associations pushed back on this. Updates to come.
* Erik R. talked about posting move ups/peer ups (Waive up/Peer up) forms on the website. D5 has the forms but they are hard to find. Decision was made to provide the forms to those who request them.

Fundraising/Volunteering

* Hackfest
  + Registration open…working to secure sponsors and teams.
* Kandiyohi County Fair
* Time slots needed for workers have not been set yet by the fair yet. Corey H. is going to look at information and get it to Katie to possibly send out to WHA families.
* Discussion for possible travel team sponsor idea brought up by Katie. Proposed model is currently used by Mounds-View/Irondale(MVI). Several ideas were discussed surrounding how this might look and work.

Marketing/Recruitment

* Dates determined for “Try Hockey for Free”
  + Sunday, July 27 1:15-2:30
  + Saturday, September 27 4:00-5:30
  + Saturday, October 25 4:00-5:30
* Skate it Forward- Katie S. proposed some ideas.
  + Each new skater, we get $250 per skater.
    - we cover registration fee of $60
    - for starter hockey gear Dick’s ($119) /bags, welcome bag, helmet, stick?? - $190
    - has to be 8 years old and younger.
  + Katie also applied for “Gear Up” Grant as well- which may cover gear up for up to 30 kids. We can use for Skate it Forward Kids or Association Kids. This comes with gift cards from Dick’s to get the gear.
* Cardinal Place
  + Katie gave an update. Starts June 16 and 23.
  + Justin Rucks has coordinated a lot of the programming with Cardinal Place. They want 2 helpers for now for each session.
* Rockin’ Robbins
  + Katie S. is working getting flyers with Laura to distribute for Try Hockey Dates to hand out.
* Idea to get an 8U girls program going. As part of rec?
* Also discussed doing a “Little Cards Hockey Program” to give introduction to hockey in general.
* Katie also talked about getting an “Intro to WHA” information out to rec players so they know what is next.
* Also a program of hockey families who help mentor or guide new association members and players.

Off-Ice

* Cory F- in contact with jersey sponsors for practice jerseys
* still working on 10,000 shot board in a week or two

Grievance

* none

Tournament

* Home Tournament Registration is live for all team levels.
  + have several teams who have registered at all levels.
  + discussion was had to open it up to more teams in a few tournaments
  + Shannon/Katie have been thinking about ideas to make our 10U/12U tournament more “girl-friendly”. Example of giving out a cross-body bag instead of hats for champions. Do a drawing for a MN Frost jersey. Also giving away Gopher women’s hockey swag. Or having a more “girl-friendly” theme.
* There was also discussion of getting money from boosters to make our tournaments more special and unique.
* All away tournaments are booked for 25/26 season.

WHA Non-Committee Updates

Ice Scheduling

* Corey H started penciling some things in.

Website/Social Media/Email

* Corey F. created a WHA Instagram account that’s connected to our Facebook.

D5

* update was given by Erik R. See his D5 notes for more information.
* Next meeting Wednesday July 9th @7pm

Additional Business

**Next Meeting - Monday June 23rd, 6PM @ Civic Center**

Adjourned 8:45PM