

# WHA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** Monday, August 11th

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Location:** Jake's Pizza

Approval of minutes from 7/14 & 7/28

Guests:

Jami Hamstad- Jami's mother, Taden, came and shared why he did not want to play hockey including peer issues as well as not getting a lot of playing time. Board President and members shared that they were sorry Taden had a bad experience, that there would possibly two teams this year and playing time would be better. Board shared the door was open if Taden changed his mind.

Brent Christenson- came to observe the meeting. His daughter will be trying out for the 10U team, coming from Redwood.

Members Present: Shannon, Erik R., Eric H., Cory F., Corey H., Mindy ,Katie S., Justin Jorgenson, Shawn E.

Executive

- WHA Handbook & By-Laws
  - Status on revisions- revisions have already been completed. Recommendation was to remove the playing time grid from the 2024-2025 handbook on Page 18 and replace it with the following language for the entire grid:
    - "Playing time is earned, may not be equal every game but should try to be equal over the course of the season."
- Eric will make all final revisions for final approval by the board next meeting.

- Parent Meeting will be Sunday, October 12, 2025 - 5:00PM
  - Tentative Location- MPR Room for General Session and Breakout into Classrooms
  - Discussion was that the breakout into each teams after a main session was a good format.
  - Volunteer DIBS will still be by paper checks.

#### Finance

- Shawn gave an update on current status of financials including registrations tournaments, and outstanding player balances of 5 families from last season totaling \$855, which is far less than past years.
- One family had outstanding DIBS but it will be reconciled. Motion- Eric, Second- Mindi, Passed unanimously
- Decision was made to give Shawn discretion in using different means to collect the outstanding balances from families.

#### Registration

- Currently 79 signed up, with a few on the fence. This is down from 103 skaters a few years ago.
- There is a potential refund as well.
- Discussion also about numbers for Pewee and Bantams and how there are barely enough for 2 teams, but too many for one team. Cory F. and Justin J. will continue discussion in HOC.
- Also a discussion of some of possible skaters that have not signed up that we can reach out to. 10U is currently at 9 skaters and would need 11 for a team.

## Hockey Operations

- Update on team counts, size of teams and level of play after registration. Justin J. gave an update.
- They will have a meeting Thursday night to review these numbers.
- Shannon brought up issues with goalie practice conflicting during certain teams practice times. Recommendation was made to Justin J. (HOC) of having two goalie practice sessions to increase flexibility and have smaller goalie practices. More goalie practices would increase the budget. HOC will look into changing this based on concerns at the Thursday meeting.
- HOC is also going to add to their agenda how to best handle playing time for goalies on teams that have multiple goalies- but especially 3 goalie teams.

## Fundraising/Volunteering

- Hackfest - Event went very well.
  - Net positive of about \$12,000 which was the highest yet.. There were 72 players
- Kandiyohi County Fair – there was good feedback on us doing a good job doing it quickly. Just that adults should serve the corn, and not the children. They asked us to come back next year.

## Marketing/Recruitment

- No updates
- There will be a Try Hockey for Free sessions in September and October.
- There were some more ideas for marketing and recruitment as well.

## Off-Ice

- Cory F got team warm-up narrowed down to 2 options with Rambow.

## Grievance

- none

## Tournament

- Several levels are already full for our home tournaments. Sherri Oerter is the tournament chair.

## 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 reported on this. Tryouts will be end of September, early October.

### Website/Social Media/Email

- none

### D5

- Next meeting Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> @7pm -

### Additional Business

- Gambling accounts should be audited/reports corrected to terminate our license. Working with Andrew Deboer to lead us on getting this resolved.

**Next Meeting - Monday August 25th, 6PM @ Jake's Pizza**