

VAHA August Board of Directors Meeting

October 6th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 06:00pm

Present: Casey Nelson, Betsy Johnson, Matt Hickock, Phoebe Engh, Kyle Buros, Dalton Hoffland, Justin Halverson, Aaron Berg, Susan Egge, Travis Engh, Mandi Orlikowski, Paul Severson, Brendan Karlstad

Absent:

Betsy made a motion to approve September meeting minutes, Justin seconded. Motion carried.

Member Requests:

None.

Arena Manager report (Pam):

- Rummage sale brought in \$1327.
- US Cellular sold to T Mobile. Pam reached out to inquire about the tower. If it has been over two years and they have not contacted us, they are likely not putting the tower up here. Pam will continue to investigate this.
- We are going to begin the adults advanced group the weekend before Christmas at 6:30pm. This will begin on December 21st.
- Pam ordered new stones for the Sparx as well as new socks.
- Pam sanctioned the Driftless Tournament that is being held here. The other teams will pay the sanction fee as well as reffing fees.
- We have a new sign board for Laci McClurg real estate.

Committee Reports

Facilities (Aaron):

- Ice is ready. It was challenging but we had good help.
- James had to put a fan in for the compressor. We have not received a bill yet.
- We added two barn fans on the balcony to help move the air. This seems to have helped with condensation considerably.
- Aaron ordered new coaches boards for the locker rooms (A&B) as well as the home bench.
- Dalton will look into mirrors for the bathrooms on the rink side. It will need to be a durable mirror as it typically breaks.
- Aaron still needs to talk with Jim Olson regarding lighting.

- Shawn Engh met with the sound guy (Steve Brueggen). They are going to put a sound board in the scoring area as well as mic's. We will look to update the mixer in the concession stand next year.

Technology (Matt):

- We cannot do referee management through Crossbar. Matt is looking into alternatives.
- Gamesheet information has been sent, and Matt is waiting for an invoice.
- We are ordering a different tablet for Jim.
- Matt is working on resources for Parent Reps and Coaches.

Registrar (Travis):

- Still working on USA Hockey numbers from players and parents.
- Tracy is still meeting with Travis to cover final details.

Player Development (Justin):

- Coaches met last week. We need to approve the head coaches.
 - Phoebe: Mites
 - Josh Petzel & Nate Perkins: Squirt Coaches
 - Aaron Berg: Peewee
 - Heather Engh: U10
 - Kyle Hall: U12
 - Roger Nelson: U14-Viroqua
 - Greg Whitney: Bantams
- Dalton made a motion to approve all coaches. Matt seconded. Motion carried.
- HS Visiting teams will take locker room D only to avoid bumping extra practices for youth.
- Home games cannot be scheduled by Parent reps, they still need to go through Pam.
- Ice Hockey Systems log ins have been sent to coaches to use.
- Goalie development was this past weekend. It went well. We had around 9 in the first session and 5 in the second, 8 for the third and 6 for the fourth. If we do this again, we would like to have more coaching help and shooters. We were very limited on those. It is a busy time of year with other sports. We should also consider doing a registration, even if it is no cost, just to get an accurate head count.
- Matt made a motion to pay Michael \$500 for non-parent goalie coaching. Justin seconded. Motion carried.

- All teams should have enough goalie gear to participate in things (practices, clinics).
- Squirt evaluations are coming up. All 8-year-old kids or kids turning 8 by December 31st should be allowed to try out.

Board entered closed session @ 6:34pm-6:52pm.

Finance (Paul):

- Down \$4k from this time last year.
- Expenses up \$9k from this time last year.
- Net income just over \$24k for the year.

Fundraising (Phoebe):

- Fun Night tickets are still for sale.
- Emails requesting donations will be going out soon.
- Ashley Young will assist with apparel orders through Sports World. There will be two orders this year.

Equipment (Phoebe):

- We updated goalie equipment and now have enough for all teams if needed.
- Received a donation of goalie gear from Lee Marx.
- Practice jerseys are almost done. Phoebe will distribute once they are.
- We will give skaters the option to purchase for \$20.

Concessions (Susan):

- Shawn Engh would like to put in a window rather than a roll up door in concessions.
- Pam will need to increase prices this year.
- Joel Goede would like to donate products (Dairy) through Vernon County Dairy Promotion.

Publicity (Betsy)

- Betsy started a new FB page for existing members to keep them updated.

Nominations (Susan):

- Nothing

Justin made a motion to adjourn. Dalton seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm