

WILLMAR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010  
YMCA 6:00 PM

Board members present: Nate Weber, Mike Kubesh, Brenda Bredesen, Kirk Gerdes, Randy Kobienia Dan Tollefson, Ben Werder, Jason Mayer and Crystal Goosmann.

Board members absent: Karen Skaggs, John DeLuna, Doyle Slagter, Trevor Hansen and Terry Schneider.

Visitors: Tom Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm and the Agenda was approved as presented.

The Secretary's Report for August 2010 was approved as presented.

After the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, an e-mail motion, second and Board vote was held to approve John Wodash as the B Bantam Head Coach. This was a recommendation from the On-Ice Committee and the e-mail vote was done to allow John to take part in choosing team tournaments. The motion passed by a majority (10) of the Board members.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. It was noted by President Weber that the overdue accounts of Blue Sky and Dunn Bros very old accounts and Blue Sky has changed ownership. It was approved to write off these two past-due accounts.

As part of the Treasurer's report, Nate Weber discussed the Smith Open's expenses and proceeds. There were 16 teams, 4 jr. teams and 11 hole sponsors this year. The Board acknowledged how much effort was put into this event by Sherri TerWisscha and John DeLuna and a big thank-you goes out to them.

On -Ice Chair Randy Kobienia went over items currently being worked on by the On-Ice Committee:

1. Jason Mayer discussed and made a motion that WHA give an in-kind donation to the City of Willmar in the amount of \$1300.00 for reimbursement of some of their loss incurred by the hosting of summer ice. A letter explaining the in-kind donation would be sent along with the check. This motion was seconded and passed.
2. Changes to the 2010-2011 player fees were discussed and it was decided the fees would stay consistent with the 2009-2010 season. Side note was that fees have not been raised in at least 8 to 9 years.
3. The On-Ice Committee recommended that WHA change the designation of our Squirt B team to a Squirt C team his season. Motion was made, seconded and passed.
3. The On-Ice Committee recommends the following coaches at this time:

Bantam A	-	Travis Hanson
PeeWee A	-	Chad Akerson, head coach: Paul Tinklenberg, and Rick Dahle
12U B	-	Kip Oveson

The motion to approve the above listed coaches was made, seconded and approved.
4. Nate Weber talked about the mite program being run through Willmar Community Ed & Rec and how last season some parents were upset by the additional USAH registration fee for their kids to play in a season-end jamboree. Nate recommends that WHA pay for the USAH registration fee for mites. This will clear up any parental confusion and keep hockey affordable for families to try the sport and give their kids the full experience which includes a tournament/game situation such as the jamboree provides. The motion was made, seconded and approved by the Board.
5. Reminder that registration is Monday, September 13 at the Civic Center Arena from 5:00 to 9:00 pm during the Blue Line Auction and that final team designations/changes to the District are due September 29, 2010.

Fundraising Committee notes:

1. The raffle is underway. Tickets have been and still are being distributed to players. They are due to be returned September 13<sup>th</sup> during registration. The drawing will be held Tuesday, September 21 at Jake's Pizza, 6:00 pm.
2. Board members are asked to think about and ask potential person(s) if they are interested in taking over the Greens Coordinating position previously held by Tim Parsons.

Public Relations Committee notes:

1. Kirk Gerdes submitted the grant applications, Pass the Puck and Jerry Demeo, given to him at the August meeting and he is awaiting replies.
2. Kirk will handle scheduling a location, date & time for the parents night meeting.

Tournament Committee notes:

1. Team registrations are coming in and thinks are working well as per Ben Werder.

Nate Weber informed the Board that he has secured a \$10,000 donation from a local business for the WHA general fund.

Nate informed the Board that WHA received 6 sets of jerseys as a donation from USA Hockey and Degree. It will be up to the WHA Board as to the best use of these.

Brenda Bredesen brought up that the WHA Handbook needs to be reviewed and any changes made prior to the parent night meeting. Changes recommended by the District include the addition of a locker room supervision policy and dis-allowing recording devices in the locker rooms.

Brenda made the motion that WHA require neck guards for all their traveling players. This motion was tabled for further consideration and review regarding liability issues.

Brenda noted to the Board that there were several people who offered to help with the Blue Line Auction set-up and during the auction as was requested by Blue Line members. However, there has been no response from those members at to time and what help is needed, if any still.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, October 4, 6:00 pm at the YMCA meeting room.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Bredesen