



WHA Meeting Aug. 6, 2012 6:00pm

Members Present – Kraig, Jason, Kip, Melanie, Priscilla, Rolf, Karen

Absent – Tolly, Tony, Melissa, Stacy, Matt, Lara,

Guests – Brendan Bredesen, Tim Hanson, Rick Dahle

- Kip called the meeting to order.
- Jason made motion to approve minutes, Rolf 2nd.
- Melanie will check into printing options for the Join Hockey brochures.
- No treasurers report right now. Stacy is gone. She is making up a rough draft of a budget. WHA has had a budget in the past, so Stacy will contact Kris our last treasurer for more info.
- D5 check needs to be mailed out for penalties assessed concerning the ref costs.
- D5 presidents meeting. Kip will put out a document about what was said. Oct 3 is last day for teams to be decided before the associations will be charged. Doug K will get back to us on our 3 yr plan. It was brought up by D5 asking why we have only 1 Squirt team. Matt says the numbers are too small to put forth 2 teams. If we have 17, only we will have 1 team. 20 or more kids sign up & WHA will host 2 teams. We might have more #s after the inhouse league gets going. D5 would like us to put forth 2 Squirt teams. Thinks it would spark more interest in Willmar hockey. We are hoping for 2 Squirt, 1 10U & inhouse, with the inhouse making a team later in the year.
- Rick Dahle from the BLC
 - Concern was voiced from blue line club that Willmar kids don't know about Gold card sales. Rick would like to include incoming Squirts in any emails about Gold card sales, but WHA has no way to contact any incoming Squirts since CommEd has their info and can't release their info. WHA is trying to find a way to register all inhouse kids in the CommEd program with USA Hockey. It was brought to Rick's attention that we might be bringing a proposal to the BLC to help fund registering the CommEd kids with USA Hockey.
 - Kip contacted Randy and the BLC will probably have someone at our registration to answer questions about scholarships.
- Registration is set for Aug 26 at the Aquatic Center. Get addresses of kids from schools? Can we do this thru Rec dept?
- Brenda is finding out info about online payment options. Will the parents pick up the charges for online payments? We might not have the time this year to put online payment into place.
- Rework registration sheet to make the prices seem "friendlier".
- Pool party in WCER book, Priscilla has a flyer to email to everyone.
- Get the WHA handbook updated b4 parent meeting.
- Priscilla made a motion to increase dues because USA Hockey raised its dues. Raised \$10. Karen 2nd.
- WHA will get rid of the invoice billing parents for volunteer hours. Have the team rep keep track of volunteer hours or schedule parents to work.
- Brenda will buy a receipt book for registrations to keep track of cash income.
- Need some way to record kids info that don't sign up for hockey.

- Matt will be taking care of scheduling away tournaments.
- Brenda will check the certification dates for the WHA coaches. 6 coaches certification will expire this year.
- Priscilla gave a fundraising report from the Smith Open – Rough estimate from Smith Open - \$5300 made
- No idea about how much the Stinger fundraiser made.
- Mary Amon will be greens coordinator
- PR – Getting into the schools for open houses was HUGE. #1 idea to get kids into hockey is to get a rec program in place!
- Regional tournament – we did not get regional or state
- Girl's coordinator - Karen – meeting on Monday – “Fun” day for girls – At this meeting a decision is to be made whether each association has one of their own or do 1 altogether. Another idea is to invite clubs (like 4H or Girl Scouts) to come out and skate with the girls. “Branding” Karen didn't want to go with Cardinal because of the kids outside of the Willmar district. Matt will get a better idea of # of girls that would be participating.
- Kip will get a list of potential sponsors.

Karen made a motion to adjourn and Kraig 2nd the motion.

Dismissed 8:10

Next meeting Sept 10, 2012