

Worthington Hockey Association  
December 1, 2014

Members Present: Kevin Black, Chad Henderson, Richard Fellows, Jesse Flynn, Jason Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Scott Langerud, Tracie Luinenberg, Sarah Nickel, Darrel Ponto, Cliff Shreiner, Joe Vosburgh, Josh Wasmund

Excused Absent: Deb Olsen

Absent: None

Others Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Kevin Black.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Jesse Flynn to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2014 meeting, seconded by Joe Vosburgh and unanimously approved. Motion carried

Athletic Director Update: There was no Athletic Director update.

Finance Report: Richard Fellows reported. As of December 1, 2014 there was a Checking account balance of approximately \$15,000.00, Capital Campaign balance of \$26,142.43, and Savings Account balance of \$38,826.85. Richard also explained that approximately \$9,500 has been paid out of the general account in the last 6 months on utilities and this is usually paid by the gambling fund. Kevin Black explained that this is a typical cycle. Richard would like to create a letter concerning the advertising signs for billing and an informational flyer to generate interest. The advertising signs were discussed and it was reiterated that all signs need to be paid for instead of bartering with volunteer hours. Kyle Johnson made a motion to form a subcommittee specific to the ice rink advertising signs, including all 8'x4,' 4'x4' and possible in ice advertising, seconded by Jesse Flynn, and unanimously supported. Motion carried. Scott Langerud volunteered to head this up. A motion was made by Josh Wasmund to approve the finance report, seconded by Chad Henderson and unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Pull Tab Report: Kevin Black reported that allowable expenses for December were \$6,182.72, which includes games, maintenance, rent, and graphics for the calendar printing (\$3,592.72). Lawful purpose expense was \$90.27 plus utility & gas bill, referee fees, and 3% tax to the city of Worthington. October profit and loss were as follows: the Tap had a profit of \$876.80, Hickory Lodge had a profit of \$1,388.81, for a total profit of \$2,265.61. Deb Olsen checked on the tax exempt status. There was an item that was missed when Sara Ponto took over the responsibility from Mel Ruppert. This has been taken care of. The bank balance as of October 31, 2014 was unknown— after calendar payouts. A motion was made by Jesse Flynn to accept the pull tab report as presented, subject to audit, seconded by Scott Langerud and unanimously supported. Motion Carried.

Ace Coordinator: Kyle Johnson reported. There was a hectic time of getting settled with teams at the start of the season with having to change some things. There was some scuttle with an email sent out concerning the Squirt team. Kyle has spoken with Kevin Black and the Squirt coach. Richard is wondering if we are going to contract with Legends Hockey for the goalies. Kyle Johnson has asked Alex North what his opinion is. The cost last year specific to goalies was just under \$2,000 for 4 or 5 sessions with every team. Cliff made a motion to contract with Legends hockey, specifically Elliot, with a cap of \$2,000, seconded by Richard and unanimously approved. Motion Carried. There was a discussion about whether or not non WHA goalies can participate. It was unanimously decided that non WHA goalies can attend if they are covered by USA Hockey, pay \$50 per session, and have a manageable amount of players as deemed by the person putting on the session.

Kevin Black discussed that Isaac Garza is playing with the PeeWee team. He is the age of a Squirt player. His parents and the registrars did not notice the discrepancy. He has the skills to play with the PeeWees. A motion was made by Scott Langerud to leave Isaac at the Peewee level pending the coaches approval, seconded by Josh Wasmund and unanimously approved. Motion Carried

Committee Reports: None.

Building Update: Joe Vosburgh and Cliff Shreiner reported. Everything seems to be working. There is a fan that should be fixed at some point. Cliff stated there may be a cheap way to fix it. Cliff stated that there is really a need for a dehumidification system. Jason Johnson asked how to keep locker room 4 & 5 from getting so hot. Cliff said it would be a couple thousand dollar fix. Kevin stated that the thermostat could be moved to a locker room at a lesser cost. Kevin will investigate this. The hot water is also working in the locker room 4 & 5 bathroom.

Website: Jason Johnson stated that he does not want to be in charge of being in charge of starting up and maintaining the website. Cliff will check into having Ideas help get us set up.

Outdoor Rink: Kevin went over what was spoken about last meeting for the nets. The Old Home Lumber building was discussed. John Standafer would like to put a light up on it. Lighting will be an issue. Kevin Black & Joe Vosburgh will investigate. Cliff Schreiner made a motion that if the lighting issue can be fixed that the new nets be purchased for the Arena and use the old nets outside. The motion died due to a lack of a second. There was more discussion on the subject. Cliff rescinded the motion and suggested we focus on the lake. There was discussion on the ease of use for the lake in creating a usable skating rink. There was also discussion on the benefit of having an outdoor rink at the arena. Cliff shreiner made a motion to purchase the net set for \$1,200 that Alex Northhad previously found, seconded by Chad Henderson and unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

Darrel Ponto arrived at the meeting. He had a previous commitment and notified Jason Johnson prior to the meeting that he would be late.

Advertising Signs: Discussed above.

New Business:

Open Hockey: Jason Johnson stated that it needs to be clarified how to treat non WHA hockey players during the Wednesday. There was a discussion on how this should work regarding whether or not non WHA players could skate, if they can what the cost would be, and whether or not adults/coaches could be on the ice. Each of these parts were debated with some differing opinions. A motion was made by Darrel Ponto that all players attending open hockey must verify USA hockey registration/insurance for the current year, that no fee will be charged to anyone using the ice, that the ice will be open to all players whether they are a part of the Worthington Hockey Association or not, and also that WHA coaches can be on the ice supervising but cannot participate in play, seconded by Scott Langerud, approved by Chad Henderson, Richard Fellows, Jesse Flynn, Tracie Luinenberg, Sarah Nickel, Cliff Shreiner, Joe Vosburgh and Josh Wasmund, opposed by Jason Johnson & Kyle Johnson, none sustained. Motion Carried. All players will be required to register at each event attended.

Cliff Shreiner stated that Alex North would like to give a raise to employees based on their responsibilities & skills. The current pay hourly rate is as follows: Nate Kness \$8.50, Taylor Bui \$9.00, Anthony Bui \$10.50, Angela Bui \$8.00. Alex is requesting a 50 cent raise for Nate Kness because of his increased responsibility. Kevin will speak with Alex and follow last year's protocol on hourly rate specific to skills and duties performed.

Sarah Nickel asked about the end of year banquet. It was suggested that Tina Nickel create a proposed budget and present it to the board.

Sarah Nickel asked about Winterfest. Jason Johnson stated that he is willing to help but will not be there that day. Jason will send out an email seeing if there is any interest. Participation was discussed. There are some teams that have made commitments to play in tournaments that weekend and will not be able to play.

Kevin Black stated that there is one hockey family with three skaters that has not paid anything for registration to the WHA. Kevin will write a formal letter requesting a payment plan be presented within one week. If there is no payment plan presented in the specified time stated in the letter they will not be able to play.

Kevin Black stated that Alex North is giving private lessons and is wondering if there is a fee that should be charged to him. This was already discussed and agreed upon in a prior meeting but may have been specific to camps. Kevin will investigate and let the board know.

Scott Langerud is wondering if there will be a three month review of Alex North. It was decided that Kevin Black, Darrel Ponto & Scott Langerud will schedule a time to go over perform this with Alex.

Scott Langerud would like to throw away the old Refrigerator in the Dryland room. He was told he could. He also is wondering if the old light bulbs can be thrown. It was discussed that it is about \$1 a piece to dispose of but there may be a cheaper option.

Darrel Ponto informed the board that the food license needs to be filled out. Richard Fellows has received this and will fill it out and pay.

Darrel discussed that some of the high school players that were originally going to play at the bantam level paid the USA Hockey registration fee of \$50. They were told that they would be reimbursed upon request if they ultimately played on the Varsity team. The board was in agreement to pay this back if requested. Two of the four families have requested this. Richard will pay this.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Jesse Flynn to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m, seconded by Cliff Shreiner, and unanimously approved. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted  
Jason M. Johnson  
Secretary