

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2015

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Present: Steve Scadden, Craig Nelson, Justin Temple, Mark Jones, Janie Ritter, Meredith Gabler, Tom Osting, Steve Simpson, Earl Tollefson, Bill Monroe, Jim Martin, Scott Mirwald, Roxanne Brazeau, Jason Matilla, Bill Snow, Jared Marske, Jamie Stebbeds, Mike Bakalars

Call to order – Janie Ritter 7:04pm

Special Presentation – Bill Monroe

Secretary's Report – Meredith Gabler

We would like to post pictures of board members on the website

Ice Ink Report– TBA

Hometown Brewdown – we need to sell tickets, have 400-500 sold but would like to get to 1500, rinks great and everything is current.

Treasurer's Report – Roxanne Brazeau

We still have \$7000 out from puck passes so we are hoping to get those sent out earlier next season. Looking into having a credit card on file and then we could just charge it directly. End of fiscal year is May 31, we will start working on budget – now through June. We discussed a variety of ways to get people to work their concession hours and pay puck pass amounts. We renewed our membership to WAHA. We got the bid to host Squirt B State Tournament 2017.

President's Report – Janie Ritter

WAHA state mtg. is Aug 1 in Wausau (Jefferson Inn in Wausau). Janie will send out more information to board members if interested in attending. Janie updated on Mt. Horeb/Dodgeville – district skaters should skate with Dodgeville however for many years we were told if they were on a USA hockey registered team below Squirt you didn't need anything and that has changed – NOW it doesn't matter what level you are playing - you need a release. We continue to work with WAHA to try and allow Mt. Horeb to be open and allow them to play anywhere. This will be discussed at the meeting Aug. 1.

Concessions

We had a few problems with bills – they thought their pass was cut off but it hadn't been. We are looking to purchase a POS system – Justin has it narrowed down to 3 systems with credit card capabilities.

Equipment – Tom Osting

Ton of 1st year skaters, 5 2nd year rentals, need to purchase 30-40 certified helmets. There is no return day for rental equipment however if you need it during the summer please let Tom know. He will contact families in Aug. to bring it in. We have 70 bags total equipment, 40 new ones, 25 out with no contact information for families. We have lots of breezers, need elbow pads, gloves, and helmets, order individual pieces not

sets. Discussed having a buyout program for those that rent equipment. All skaters must wear a black helmet Squirt and Up.

Coaches Committee – Steve Simpson

Met last night, overall positive experience, no issues, looked at where coaches may be coming back and are their holes for upcoming season. They are working on a uniform speech for parents at the beginning of the season. Let Janie know when you have parent meetings so someone from board can be present at team mtg. to help set clear expectations. Coaches are going to bring ideas to next mtg. Also give ALDS a uniform message about concussions. Looking into possibly getting someone from Meriter to come to give a concussion speech to parents (Scott will get information).

We need to get something on the website regarding safe sport so that families understand the purpose, what it is, how to use and access. We also need to develop some guidelines for parents so they know the appropriate route for filing complaints/concerns. They will be working on explaining to coaches what their expectations are, head coach vs asst coach. No changes will be made with evaluations. They are looking to provide another sheet of ice at Bantam level maybe Pee wee however it is hard to find. Coaches are going to let us know if we should budget for Sweet Hockey. New/Interested coaches can find a list of requirements on USA hockey website. There is still talk about scheduling a level 4 training in Madison, hopefully that will happen soon.

Website Update

Kari is going to post pictures of the board members. We will add something for families if they have comments/concerns – what are the steps they need to go through and which route to use: safe sport/board/ALD.

Rebranding/Fundraising – Justin Temple and Craig Nelson

Hometown Days on June 7 – parade, bought t-shirts, candy, use zamboni, bracelets. They will collect money and get it to Roxanne. They need help from ALDs to collect missing jerseys so they can get them in to get cleaned and keep them all together. We need to order small socks, small jerseys. They ordered helmet stickers and new window clings.

Registrar's Report – Mike Bakalars

Budget committee will meet over the summer, goal is to have online registration open by Aug 1st.

Tournament Coordinator

No date set yet for Mite tournament however this is the last year for Mite WAHA sanctioned tournament. Discussed possibly running a tournament then for non-qualifiers in State.

Recruitment – Kristin Simpson

Contacting USA hockey rep to get date for Try hockey for Free day. We would like to do it earlier however we get more promotions if we go through USA hockey which is usually in Nov. We discussed doing an Open House earlier and then they are preregistered for Try Hockey for Free – we would do it 4 weeks prior.

Update from ALD's – Families will not be able to register for next year if they haven't paid their puck pass.

HS – none

Bantam – Code of Conduct issue to be discussed at next meeting, summer ice opportunities

Peewee – Trying to get the puck passes paid and jerseys collected.

Squirt – There will most likely be 2 squirt teams next year (29 skaters), approached by parent of a RWB parent to have their kid tryout for squirt – needs to be top 5 to make it otherwise remains a RWB.

RWB – all is good

U6- all is good

LTP- A few families owe concession fees, sent out survey: some complaints about time moving to 8, cost would be a minor factor in their child continuing to U6. Discussed possibly doing different colored jerseys to identify the skaters easier on the ice. We are hoping to retain a lot of skaters next season.

Ice Scheduler – Earl Tollefson

He needs dates for Open House/Try Hockey for Free ASAP. Region 4 had a league meeting – they are going to reseed teams so that you will know your league teams and begin scheduling them ahead of the scheduling meeting. This will go to the ALD's if team managers have not been assigned.

Goaltending

Greg Zeigelbauer has interest in taking over the administration portion of the Goalie DOJO and it would be good to have someone that wasn't a coach already. We are going to reach out to Jay regarding his interest. He could be on the ice and Greg could oversee the office piece. Wondering how much this group needs for budget reasons?

Board Appointed Positions

i. ACE Director-2 year

Steve Simpson – He learned a lot last year and looks forward to doing it again. He looks forward to the challenges and working on the ice and with the coaches.

a. Steve Simpson nominated by Scott Mirwald, 2nd by Bill Monroe

b. Vote is Unanimous

ii. Fundraiser Coordinator-2 year

Justin Temple- would like to do it again

They share 1 vote on the board and co-chair it, we recommended there be a chair person who directs a committee. Kristin Simpson would also serve on this committee. Ideas for committee: Try Hockey for Free, organizing New Years Eve party, Wisconsin Brewing Co. parents night out, and any other event that we have, apparel, Hometown Days.

The board would like a general calendar time frame with the list of events for the year so we can allocate money in the budget.

a. Motion to have 1 fundraising coordinator by Bill Monroe, 2nd by Jim Martin

b. 11 For 3 opposed

- c. Motion approved for 1 fundraising coordinator position
Craig Nelson will be the committee chair per Craig and Justin's discussion
 - a. Craig Nelson nominated for fundraising coordinator by Mike Bakalars, 2nd by Earl Tollefson
 - b. 13 For, 1 opposed
 - c. Motion approved to have Craig Nelson act as the Fundraising Coordinator

Board Appointed Non-Voting Representatives

- i. **Concessions Schedule Coordinator** - Angie Kamoske
- ii. **Deposits/Cash Coordinator** – Marcie Stebbeds
- iii. **Inventory Coordinator** – Sarah McCabe
- iv. **Recruiting/Retention Coordinator**

Kristin Simpson-She has been the recruiter for the past 3 years. Over the years she has gotten more ideas which include Try Hockey for Free event, formed a committee with Bill to figure out ways to get more kids involved, New Year's Event. She has a contact with USA hockey and has overall experience and interested in doing it again.

Doug – He sent an email regarding his interest, Jamie spoke on his behalf.

- a. Kristin Simpson for Recruiting nominated by Jason Matilla, 2nd by Scott Mirwald
- b. Unanimous

Kristin will contact Doug regarding assisting with events.

- v. **Jersey/Photography Coordinator** - Art Bishop
- vi. **Rental Equipment Manager** - Tom Osting
- vii. **Communications Director** - Jean Mirwald

- a. Motion to pass all the above positions Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Steven Scadden
- b. Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn at 10:36pm by Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Mark Jones
Meeting Adjourned at 10:36pm.