

S. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00. K. Steen, M. Evans and J. Rasmussen were absent. Guests included C. Kranz, L. Deutsch, M. Spiering, C. Ortmeier, K. Fedt and T. Holien.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer: CJ Hanson

- Handed out a Profit and Loss Report through 10/13

Secretary: M. Evans

- Reported via K. Evans: 14 Dasher board signs have been sold which includes one for the United Way. Mike would like to challenge everyone in the room to sell 6 more to fill it up. S. Sheehan will send a list to the board of the current sponsors. It is a 3 year \$500 per year commitment. If you know of someone and would like Mike to contact him or her for you, let him know.

Vice President: J. Wirkus

- League Level goalies will have practice on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 am. Jenni has found a former goalie that recently moved here that would like to do this.

Past President: J. Rasmussen

- Reported via S. Sheehan: The Figure Skating Club, the Lions Club, and the Building Committee have agreed to split the cost of the sound system evenly. The goods are been purchased and will go up as soon as the ice is able to handle having a scissor-lift on it.

President: S. Sheehan

- See General Business

Girls Varsity: D. Kunkel

- The girls that are playing on the Team South Dakota teams are doing well and having fun.
- Currently 11 Varsity girls have signed up and 13 U12 girls. We need to work on recruiting girls to the sport. They will have the girls wear their jerseys to school on Fridays once league starts.

U12 Girls: K. Steen – No Report

Boys Varsity: C. Eide/J. Sheehan

- Varsity tournaments have been set for Sunset Wisconsin and White Bear.
- JV Jamboree is set for November 21st & 22nd
- WHA will not play in the Rooster Cup if there are no out of state teams.
- Currently 30 registered JV/Varsity players.

Bantams: L. Fox

- Has a player concerned about being placed on the right team as he has a broken bone and will miss the first month of practice. This is up to the coaches on where he will be placed. Past performance will be used.

Pee Wees: H. Boomsma

- 15 current players. Although 2 have been asked to practice with the bantams for the first 2 weeks. There will be one Play Up petition from a Squirt player for sure.

- Tournaments set for Brookings, Sioux Falls and the State Tournament in Huron.

Squirts: K. Evans

- Just getting Initiation Hockey process going – working with Amber.

Mites: A. Redlin

- Has been working with the city to get Initiation Hockey rolling. Equipment check out is this Thursday; please let her know if you can help with that. We will be having a coaches meeting after that to get a game plan for the season.

GENERAL BUSINESS

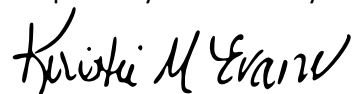
- Amber has found a nice man that will change the sign out front. He just needs to know what it needs to say. Steve will get his phone number and let him know. Thank you Amber for finding someone.
- M. Spiering – WHA Registrar
 - The \$50 fee and paperwork to USA Hockey to register a tournament or jamboree only needs to be paid/filled out if a champion is declared.
 - Please get her your rosters as soon as possible.
 - All league level USA Hockey papers, code of conduct and medical release forms need to be turned into Margo.
 - She also needs the coaches USA hockey #.
 - Annette at SDAHA will be getting her a list of current background checks and Safe Sport information for WHA in the morning.
- K. Fedt – Concessions Manager
 - The prices will be going up this year. Katie has been given full authority to run the concession stand as she sees fit by the WHA Board. If you have a concern, please wait 24 hours, then politely contact her.
 - She would like some volunteers to help clean up the concession stand, possibly October 20th, from 6 – 7:30. Watch for an email about that. She would like to have it up and running by November 1st.
 - A new slushy machine is on its way and a new cheese machine will be purchased.
 - Steve will contact Mark Dunn at First Premier about the popcorn bags that they have recently been donating.
 - Only workers above the age of 16 will be allowed to run the till. A sign shall be posted.
- Only league level players will be required to work the concessions again this year. M. Evans will share the emails with K. Fedt as soon as everyone has sent them to him for the WHA list. She will use these to set up her Sign Up Genius.
- C. Ortmeier presented a proposal for a 3rd set of Varsity/JV boy's jerseys that include purple in them to tie in with the Watertown Arrow colors. The V/JV boys have been asking for this for the past few years. She has secured 3 businesses that are willing to donate money (\$500 per donor over the next 3 years) to cover the cost. This would also include 1 set of Black away jerseys for the girls with no purple in them as per SDAHA rules. D. Kunkel motioned to accept the donation, purchase 1 set (25) of Black away jerseys for the girls and 1 set (41) of a 3rd jersey option containing purple for the boys. L. Deutsch, J. Sheehan, C. Kranz and D. Kunkel will bring a recommendation to the board for final approval of the design. L. Fox 2nd the motion; 2 members were undecided and K. Evans opposed. Motion carried. C. Ortmeier will find out if the other donators are willing to still donate the money despite the fact that there will be NO purple in the Girls jerseys and report back to S. Sheehan.
- There will be a level 1 coaching clinic in Watertown this year on November 14th. Details will be posted on the website.

- There will also be a level 1 and 2 ref clinic in Watertown on November 1st. Details will be posted on the website.
- D. Kunkel motioned to purchase 4 passing trainers that L. Deutsch and C. Kranz have asked for at \$40 a piece and all levels can use. C. Eide 2nd the motion; all in favor.
- K. Evans presented a new WHA Play Up policy and request form. One line has been deleted and one line worded differently. If you would like to Play Up your player, contact the President or Vice President for the procedure.
- WHA is still looking for a marketing coordinator. We would like to get the billing process streamlined for everything businesses are paying for.
- L. Fox asked that everyone take a look at the website and send her any changes. This needs an update.
- The state is requesting that all league level teams roster page is set up with players and their numbers. Margo and Lori will take care of this for ALL leagues.
- A discussion was had about meal and mileage reimbursements for the coaches. There needs to be a different rule for Rapid City trips and tournaments. J. Wirkus will look into this further and come up with a plan before the next meeting. Current rates: \$20 overnight for meals, \$10 a day for meals, \$.25 for rider in the car and \$.41 for the driver.
- A lengthy discussion about season passes was had. This will be a topic at our next meeting. Please bring along or email your ideas. Kristie will make a sign for the new ticket booth about season passes being available and we will sell them to people that are not from Watertown.
- A rough draft of the league schedule was given out which cannot be shared with ANYONE. Tentative plan to have Meet the Lakers on December 18th since the boys and girls Varsity will be playing back to back.
- J. Wirkus is trying to work with Roys to get new rental skates ordered with the donations we received from One Main Financial, Midco Community Foundation and Watertown Community Foundation. She will personally deliver a thank you to these groups and offer them a free ¼ page ad in the program. They can choose to pay the additional fee to have the larger sizes.
- The Figure Skating club is currently painting the hallway and cleaning the mats. They have asked for a section of the trophy case for a trophy that they won, so a spot has been cleared for them.
- Directors: Please let J. Wirkus know when your parent meetings will be held. Someone from the coaching committee will be there.
- We are still looking for an Athletic Trainer for the boys Varsity games. C. Ortmeier is going to talk to Dr. Mike Hendricks and Dr. Nick as they have expressed interest. If they will do it, we can offer them a sign above the warming room to cover that fence in lieu of services. We are also looking for the SDAHA rule on this.
- All high school players need to have a concussion baseline testing done every two years. This can be done through the school at no cost. We will look into having the non high school kids that are playing Bantams tested as well.
- We need to get a changing table station for the men's bathroom, as the one in there is broke. Also new trashcans for both bathrooms and deodorizers. Kristie will get the cans; Cathy will look into the deodorizers that the WCS use.

L. Fox motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm, C. Eide 2nd the motion; all in favor.

Next meeting will be 7:00 pm on November 10th at the Park & Rec Fieldhouse.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kristie Evans

Squirt Director and Secretary to the Secretary