

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Attendees: See attached

## **Call to order – Janie Ritter**

Called to order at 7:00pm

## **Approve Minutes from April 2015 Annual Meeting**

Motion to approve by Kari Brotzman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Tollefson

Motion passed unanimously

## **Ice Inc. Report – TBA**

\*Successful year as far as youth hockey goes, there were no issues.

\*Looking forward to off season options – offering options for U6 and Mites, Squirt League (over 40 signed up) and Peewee League (57 skaters signed up), brought in Lead Hockey 3 days a week, Joe Geier 2 days a week in the evening. If you are interested in any of these options, please sign up soon. There are also lots of camps available during the summer (Brittany Apperman, Turcott, Goalie Inc.).

\*We are paying for a ¼ of the paving project for the modifications we made to make the rink more accessible.

\*We will be re-painting the ice the last week of Aug 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.

\*We will be making some modifications around the rink – phasing out Polar Sports and hoping that crossover sports/skate shop will be coming in and the goal is we will expand the lobby to alleviate congestion – they are talking about expansion but are looking at raising money to fund it, exploring options such as grants.

\*Rink is in great financial shape but please support fund raisers – business signs to purchase and advertise, Brew Down July 16– please sell tickets if you can and attend, Sept 24 Nest Fest – bounce houses, tournament, tailgate upstairs in the evening airing the badger game.

\*The hope is to have the mortgage paid off in 2-3 years.

## **Treasurer’s Report – Roxanne Brazeau**

Fiscal Year end is May 31<sup>st</sup> but through April 28<sup>th</sup>, we are showing a profit of \$21M. Given our financial position, the past few years we have been able to invest into our younger skaters as well as our goalies. LTP has grown significantly because we have been able to cut fees and purchase new equipment which has allowed us to engage families who might have otherwise not given hockey a try.

## **President’s Report – Janie Ritter**

Skater numbers were up significantly this past year, 2<sup>nd</sup> highest association this year. We work very closely with Ice Inc. as this is our home and we have been able to accomplish lots of great things. The association is in the best place financially that we have been in years. Our fundraising has helped us purchase rental equipment, kept our skater fees the same, and keep LTP fees low.

## **Committee Reports and updates**

### **a. Fundraising – Craig Nelson**

Lots of people helped volunteer, raised almost \$10,000 last year; continue to look for sponsors, working at community giving – got 400 cards to deliver to soldiers and senior citizens, rebranding – 3<sup>rd</sup> jersey for the kids for tournament jerseys, teamed up with a new company to get new hoodies/sweatpants. Every little bit you can give is greatly appreciated.

### **b. Equipment – Tom Osting**

Lots of skaters continue to rent equipment through the summer, please let new families that we do have equipment available

### **c. Coaches Committee – Steve Simpson**

Met in Sept. for annual meeting – they went over certifications and the philosophy of the Verona hockey association. Coaches committee met monthly to discuss how they can make things better for all skaters. This committee makes recommendations to the board after tryouts as far as teams and coaches. They also help run evaluations and choose coaches to help run evals. During the off season they work on things they may be able to improve upon for the upcoming season to make a positive experience for skaters and families.

### **d. Ice Scheduler – Earl Tollefson**

Schedules all practice times and home game times

### **e. Website Update – Kari Brotzman**

She gets registration up and running, hoping to have it up earlier for this upcoming season. Please send any pictures/comments to Kari so that she can add it to Facebook.

### **f. Concessions – Angie Kamoske**

POS is working well and email Sarah with any questions.

### **g. Registrar's Report – Mike Bakalars**

227 skaters, 53 LTP, 26 U6 – lower levels are growing

### **h. Tournament Coordinator – Kari Brotzman**

Mite tournament raised over \$7000 this year, 12 teams attended 4 on the waiting list, WAHA will not sanction full ice Mite tournaments next season but the rink might run it so that we can continue to run it. We will be hosting the Squirt B state tournament this coming season.

### **i. Recruitment – Kristin Simpson**

Primary goal is to work with the community to get the word out about the association. Some activities they offer are Try Hockey for Free, parade, yard signs, Santa's workshop, New Years Eve party.

### **j. Goalie DoJo – Greg Ziegelbauer**

Had a half sheet of ice every Wednesday during the season dedicated to goalie practice. They had a great turn-out.

### **k. Update from ALD's**

**HS2-** 39 games, 26-13, incorporated Dodgeville – had 4 skaters join the team

**Bantam-** 6 week evaluation process, disappointed that they didn't qualify for state, they are going to need some numbers for next season – especially goaltenders. Put together a program for the Bantams during the summer – they will have ice on Monday nights.

**Peewee-** Peewee A team went to state and took 6<sup>th</sup>, numbers were strong – had 3 teams at this level and will again next year

**Squirt** – 3 teams, successful season for all

**RWB-** 42 skaters, 5 teams, we did the scheduling for Dane County last year and will hopefully continue to do that next year, began season with 2 blue, 2 white 1 red at the end of the season moved 1 white team up to red

**U6** – 26 skaters, 4 teams, lots of coaches, took the lead for region 4 scheduling at this level

**LTP** – 54 registered skaters, recruitment efforts work really well, open house brought in a lot of skaters, 12-13 rotating coaches this year which helps tremendously

## **New Business**

### **Annual Elections – Janie Ritter**

1. Motion to open nomination by Janie Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Tollefson.
  - a) President – 2-year term.
    - a. Nominations:
      - i. Jamie Stebbeds nominated by Joe Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Simpson.
        1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah McCabe. Motion passed.
        2. Jamie Stebbeds elected as President.
  - b) Vice President – 1 year term
    - a. Nominations:
      - i. Justin Temple nominated by Mike Bakalars, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Codde.
        1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kari Brotzman. Motion passed.
        2. Justin Temple was elected as Vice President.
  - c) Registrar– 2-year term.
    - a. Nominations:
      - i. Mike Bakalars nominated by Earl Tollefson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin Temple.
        1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Mirwald. Motion passed.
        2. Mike Bakalars was re-elected as Registrar.
  - d) LTP ALD – 1 year term
    - a. Nominations:
      - i. Brian Alt nominated by Steve Simpson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kari Brotzman.
        1. Motion to close by Bob Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sarah McCabe. Motion passed.
        2. Brian Alt was elected as LTP ALD.
  - e) U6 ALD– 1 year term
    - a. Nominations:



