

WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 8th, 2023

Location: Second Street Station

Time: 7:00pm Board Meeting



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Randall, Adam Sullivan, Amber Dahl, Nate Shuller, Travis Young, Jeremy Johnson, Kris Dorneman, Matt Engen, Eric Skott

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Tonya Holien, Lucas Deutsch, Molly Randall, Lindsey Stricherz, Juliane Lloyd, Casey Shuller, Jenni Wirkus, Kristina Suttan

ABSENT: Debbie Melville

Call to Order at 7:07pm

AGENDA for May (Meeting B) 2023: Nate Shuller moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Golf Tournament is July 22nd at Prairie Winds Golf Course:** Looking for 10 Large Sponsors for the event. Event planning is underway, including live entertainment (band) for the evening. Will need volunteers for the event. WHA Members: Please SAVE THE DATE!
- b. **Registration Fees & Registration dates:** It costs roughly \$125,000 to pay for open ice during the season. Registration due amounts will be determined and presented at the June board meeting. Discussion was held on budget billing where families could pay monthly, quarterly or annually for hockey registration. Tonya Holien will be putting together a letter explaining expectations for next season which will give more detail to registration & dates.
- c. **New Board Member To-Do's DUE (USA Hockey, Background Screen & Safesport)** – All WHA board members, coaches and volunteers must complete the following:
 - i. Background Screens – every other year
 - ii. Safesport – annually; you must be within 30 days of the expiration for you to complete it. You will receive reminders leading up to Safesport expiration. If you do not complete it by the expiration date, you cannot serve your position until completed
 - iii. USA Hockey # - update annually
- d. **Player/Coach/Parent Surveys & Coaching Exit Interviews:** Amber Dahl will mock up a survey, reviewed by Adam Sullivan, to present to the association for 2022-2023 season feedback.
- e. **State Board Meeting Voting Updates:** Lucas provided updates from the SDAHA Spring 2023 meeting that was held April 15, 2023. The meeting minutes are available online at: <http://bitly.ws/EhUc>. The Fall 2023 SDAHA meeting will be held in Watertown on September 16, 2023.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Board Meetings – Day/Time/Location discussion:** Board discussed availability and decided to stick with board meetings at 7pm on the second Monday of each month. Location was

also discussed. Suggestion was to move to an online platform to allow for better board attendance and allow for digital accessibility for some that may need to travel, but could still participate. Suggestion was LATC to try for the month of June. When we get into the new rink, board will gather in the meeting room.

- b. **Rental Skates:** Rental skates at the Maas Arena have been assessed. Skates that are in good shape may be sold to the City. Motion made by Travis Young, seconded by Kris Dorneman to sell Rydell figure skates at \$85/pair and hockey skates at \$45/pair. Motion carried.
- c. **Kitchen Equipment:** Maas Arena kitchen equipment (that is commercial grade) may be sold to the new rink as well. Suggestion was to have it assessed for price.

3. OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS- reports if any information

Coaching Committee, Adam Sullivan, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff – Coaching staff for upcoming season will be determined by June meeting. Lucas would like to plan a coaching celebration to thank our coaching staff.

Finance Committee, Debbie Melville, Treasurer – Todd Randall provided update on a meeting held at VRS that included Nate Noeldner (VRS) with Tonya Holien, Debbie Melville, Adam Lalim, Todd and Josh Dahl. Motion made by Eric Skott, seconded by Adam Sullivan to approve members of the Finance Committee as Nate Noeldner, Josh Dahl, Business Manager and Treasurer, and ensure Finance Committee establishes/updates the budget, proposes registration costs and identifies overhead and coaching expenses. Motion carried.

Dibs/Volunteer Committee, Tonya Holien and Amber Dahl - Tonya provided an update that “Volunteer Points” in WHA communication will go back to “DIBS” – they are the same. Team Snap will continue for team communication and calendar management. DIBS and Registration will move to the Sports Engine platform.

4. GENERAL COMMITTEES

Marketing & Fundraising Committee, Molly Randall, chair - Molly provided updates that there are interested parties in joining the Marketing & Fundraising committee. Molly discussed advertising details for the new rink. Chase the Ace at the Rooster came to a close with an estimated \$40-50k that will go to the BIN fund. A BIG THANK YOU to the Rooster for their generosity. Gun Raffle sales are roughly \$9,000. Goal is to sell 6,000 tickets (at \$20/ticket) for a total of \$120,000 raised (where half will go to the WHA Alumni Association).

Nominations Committee, Kristina Suttan, chair – Kristina will be sending out a message on TeamSnap to gauge interest for open committees. Todd would like to host a gathering to finalize committees and expectations for each committee/role.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch – no additional report

Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim) –

- a. **United Way** application interview will be May 10th at 10:30am at LATC 4th floor.
- b. Tonya would like the Business Manager role better defined and encouraged board to solicit nominations for open committees.

6. **FACILITIES** – Eric Skott updated group on new Ice Arena and mentioned there may be open house for the new rink in the next month. Board asked for a BIN update at June board meeting.

7. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION

- a. June 15th – Thursday Night Live WHA. Please sign up if you’d like to earn DIBS points.

8. ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURN @ 9:15pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, June 12th, 2023, 7:00 pm @ LATC