

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 20th, 2025
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Adam Sodersten Troy Rost, Aubrey Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Wayne Pfahler, Eric Helsher, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Megan Seefeldt, April Rabedeaux, Kendra Noll, Mike O'Brien**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:13pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the March 2025 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Aubrey, second by Kyle. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O'Brien) – No report.
4. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – No report.
5. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – 2025-26 outlooks have been created and sent to Bantam, Mavs, Pee Wee, Squirt, and Mite ALD's. Will create outlooks for U6 and U18 once the ALDs are elected. We have a potential Pee Wee transfer from McFarland - Kyle has been sent the information to investigate with his McFarland contact. Kendra will see if she can get the number of patches (Hat Trick, Playmaker, Defense, and Goalie) we gave out at the Verona tournaments to help me when I reach out to WAHA to get patches to cover these tournaments, which happen early vs the end of the season when we usually receive patches. Going along with that, we may want to design a generic Defense patch if we want to give them out at those tournaments since WAHA doesn't provide them anymore and the ones we have are Verona-branded.
 - b. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report.
 - c. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Mite tournament will be March 7-8, will have both sheets of ice.
 - d. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Girls Try Hockey for free registration is up and running as of today. 3v3 info will go up in the next few weeks.
 - e. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Replacement jerseys are ordered for the set that were bought out. Todd would like to start selling the socks through House of Hockey, this will be a lot easier for everyone involved. Helmet stickers will not change, no need to continue doing anything with goalie helmet stickers.
 - f. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – Looking into several grant options. Potentially looking at doing an equipment swap.
 - g. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
 - h. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – No report.
 - i. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – Matthew Baus has agreed to shadow and help this year in prep to take over. Desiree is going to set up a meeting to discuss changes and improve the DIBS process. Going forward, we will only be in charge of concessions in Rink 1.
 - j. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – Parade is June 8 at 11am.

- k. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Bridget Jelle got added to the committee. Planning to keep U10 and U12 Junior Lynx program the same, going to increase the U8 cost to \$100. Working on grants for next year.
- l. **Update from ALD's**
 - RWB (Aubrey Freeman) – Planning on 60 skaters, should have plenty of coaches. Moving forward, we should not allow skaters from other organizations in U6 or U8.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – Projecting 64 skaters. There are 9 potential skaters that might play elsewhere.
 - Peewee (Amanda Ferwerda) – Projecting 51 total skaters. 3 confirmed goalies and 1 potential goalie.
 - Bantam (Eric Helsher) – Projecting 45 total skaters, not planning to co-op with Dodgeville. Evals will be the week after the Squirt and PeeWee evals. 3 confirmed goalies and 1 potential goalie.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – By only accepting girls from Verona, Middleton, and Oregon we would have 1 strong team that is state eligible for the first time in Mavs history. The Polar Caps may or may not have a U14 girls' team, we should know what they are doing in June. Discussion as a board around pros/cons to playing in the NIHL next season. Determined we will not apply for playing eligibility for the NIHL this upcoming season; however will still schedule games with teams from Northern Illinois for like-matchups. There were no concerns from the board about the Mavs not playing in the NIHL next season. Katie would like to motion that the U14 Mavs would accept players from only Verona, Middleton, Oregon, and Polar Caps for the 2025-2026 season, second by Adam. Motion passed.

6. New Business

- a) **Proposal for the Girls Committee** – Handout from Angela with all the details. If we are going to do this, we should also include a starter set of equipment and make sure they sign-up by the early bird deadline. Justin would also like the girls committee to research a multi-tier proposal. Adam motions to approve this proposal, second by Amanda. Motion passed.
- b) **Tournament Updates** – As of right now, tournaments set for all 4 Squirt teams, all 4 PeeWee teams, and 2 Bantam tournaments. Still waiting to hear if Verona got any state tournaments for next year. All home tournaments will count as 1 of the 3 tournaments.
- c) **Elected Open Positions**
 - i. **Treasurer:** Troy Rost nominated by Eric, second by Karin. Motion passed.
 - ii. **Learn to Play ALD:** Brian Lind nominated by Eric, second by Katie. Motion passed.
 - iii. **U6 ALD:** Still looking.
 - iv. **U18 ALD:** Still looking.
- d) **Board Appointed Positions**
 - i. **Newly Appointed Positions**
 - a) Fundraising Coordinator (Voting, 1st year of 2-year term): Cathy Woods is interested.
 - b) Recruitment (Non-voting, 2-year term): Kate Louther is interested.
 - c) Communications Director (Non-voting, 1-year term): Kaiti Bohacek is interested.
 - d) Jersey Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Julie Kuprianczek is interested.
 - e) Apparel Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Amanda Lindow is interested.
 - f) Aubrey approves all, second by Katie. Motion passed.
 - ii. **Re-appointment of Current Positions**
 - a) Director of Hockey/Coaches Committee (Voting, 2-year term): Joe Beyler
 - b) Culture Liaison (Non-voting, 2-year term): Eric Helsher
 - c) Concessions Schedule Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Desiree Bates
 - d) Concessions Deposit Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Lesley Steffin
 - e) Concessions Inventory Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Brian Lindow

- f) Tournament Chair (Non-voting, 1-year term): Kendra Noll
- g) Earl approves all, second by Adam. Motion passed.

7. Motion to Adjourn – Motion to readjourn by Aubrey, seconded by Eric, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:39pm.