

West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 20, 2019
6:00 PM West Fargo Sports Arena, West Fargo, ND

Board Members:

Present: Brent Kuehne, Josh Benson, Shana Wilson, Anthony Houkom, Eric Nelson, Desirae Holum, Jareb Raan, Ryan Endres, Corey Moos, Jessi Kuhn

Absent: Joel Honeyman, Brad Saville, Rob Otterson

Others Present:

Gaming Manager: Jason Campbell

Hockey Director: Jason Gregoire

Office Manager: Julie Fraser

Others: Kristen Cigelske

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Executive Vice President, Josh Benson.

Motion made by Ryan Endres to approve the April 2019 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Anthony Houkom. Approved by all and passed without dissent.

Financial Report

Josh Benson

Benson highlighted the March financials previously emailed to the members of the board. Statement of Activities currently reflects eTabs and Pull tabs combined but will be separate line items going forward. Gaming expenditures are also reporting higher than anticipated due to the expense we pay each time someone plays but this was expected by the Julie Fraser, Office Manager. Brewtus Brickhouse reflects a high gaming tax as the Winter Raffle tax is tied to the site in which it is held. Current balance of accounts is \$732k vs \$330k compared to March 2018.

2019-2020 Season Key Dates

Shana Wilson

At the April meeting, Joel Honeyman presented key dates for 2019-2020 Season for the board to review and was tabled until the May meeting. Board agreed that dates are approved and can be communicated to the membership with the Gun Raffle date added and as well as "dates subject to change" added.

Unpaid Membership Accounts

Shana Wilson

Wilson reported 30 families currently are still owing for a total of \$7,220 on uncompleted dibs and fundraising not turned in. Board agreed to install policy prohibiting any player who has an unpaid balance on their account that is not currently in an active payment program to be prohibited from participating in the upcoming season. Wilson will engage Fraser to execute a plan to communicate this policy and expectations to these members.

2019 Gun Raffle Changes

Eric Nelson

Prize changes for the 2019 gun raffle were to change the \$10k prize to 2-\$5k prizes due to improve tax benefit for the winner. Raffle is current running on-track as expected.

2019 West Fargo Hockey Association Golf Tournament**Eric Nelson**

Nelson was approached by a parent member who offered to facilitate a golf tournament on behalf of West Fargo Hockey Association. Tournament would be held on September 10, 2019. Estimated revenue of \$5k. More details to come and be communicated to the membership.

2019 Jersey Recommendations**Brent Kuehne**

Brent Kuehne reported they have narrowed to 7 designs and will be sent to membership for a vote. Ryan Endres and Kuehne proposed a sponsorship program to pay for these jerseys. It was estimated that each jersey sponsorship would be \$1500/3 years. Jersey Sponsorship Committee will be led by Kuehne and Endres. Kuehne requested \$40k to purchase new jerseys contingent on a sponsorship plan that would pay for a significant portion of the \$40k expense. Seconded by Endres. Approved by all and passed without dissent.

Recreation League**Ryan Endres**

Endres presented a WFHA Recreation League option created by Jason Gregoire. This league would be open to boys and girls, ages 8-16 and would run December, January and February. These teams would play each other and other local rec teams (if agreed) once a week and would only have one skills practice per month. Final approval is pending per NDAHA, but this is seen as a great way for kids to play hockey without such a large time or financial commitment. Motion to approve was made by Endres for the 2019-2020 season. Seconded by Houkom. Approved by all and passed without dissent.

Bantam & Peewee AA Update**Ryan Endres**

Endres reported the Bantam & Peewee AA prospect meeting went well with approximately 60 parents/guardians in attendance. It was estimated that the cost would be \$1000 for peewee level and \$1100 for bantam, but this will be finalized at the June 2019 board meeting.

NDAHA Spring Meeting**Ryan Endres**

Endres reported that Gregoire attended the NDAHA spring meeting on April 27th in Minot and provided a summary of events and interesting topics shared by Gregoire. He also reported that WFHA is approved to host the 12U/14U Girls State Tournament on March 14-16, 2020.

Summer Camps**Ryan Endres**

Local hockey associations are finding decreased numbers in their summer camps with all the big-name camps coming to town. With the low numbers this year, it is likely we will not have camps until after August 1 next summer but may supplement with open/drop-in hockey.

Park Board Meeting Update**Ryan Endres**

Endres, Kuehne, Gregoire and Fraser met with the West Fargo Park District recently to review the past year and adjust for the upcoming season. The NDAHA probation which has disallowed tournaments for WFHA has trickled-down a negative impact as well for the Veterans Memorial Arena and community. They proposed writing a letter to the NDAHA in support of WFHA and the great improvements made over the past year.

7:10 Meeting closed by Josh Benson for an Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned by Benson at 8:24 p.m.

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Jareb Raan, Treasurer

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Corey Moos, Director of Tournaments

Brad Saville, Director of Compliance & Safe Sport

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Anthony Houkom, Director of Business Operations

Brent Kuehne, Director of Facilities & Equipment

Rob Otterson, Director of Communications & Marketing

Eric Nelson, Director of Fund Raising & Gaming

Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6 p.m.