

WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Maggies on the River, Watertown, NY

Date: 09/27/2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Vega Nutting, Board President Michael Ledoux, Board Vice President Board Members Samantha VanBrocklin, Ice Coordinator Chris Nethers (not in attendance) Thomas Brown Angela Keegan Anthony Felder Jordan Reber	Additional Elected Positions *Brian Nutting - WHA Treasurer Angela Keegan - Secretary Michelle Rist - WHA Registrar *Dan McAloon - Ace Coordinator *Amanda Gregory - Equipment Manager *Lori Felder - Tournament Coordinator *Not in attendance
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Agenda Items

Meeting called to order 6:14 PM

August Meeting Minutes Review: Vega Nutting motioned to approve minutes from 8/22/23 meeting, seconded by Michael Ledoux, no one opposed, motion carries.

2023-2024 Scholarships: Template to be updated to reflect WHA logo and WHA requirements. Suggestion to come up with a few to name after people who have come and gone and made an impact, write a bio for them and contact their family about what we'd like to do. **Mike motions we offer four \$500 scholarships to 2024 HS grads who currently play for the WHA, can only receive one scholarship and they have to complete an application similar to the Tyler Christman example provided to the board. The board will come up with naming conventions prior to January. Samantha seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.**

IHS Coaching Package: Mike Ledoux, John Terry and Jordan Reber all pay for this system to use for drills and practice plans. The system is organized in age levels and offers ease of use, live videos and it's broken down very well. **Mike L motions that WHA purchase an annual license for 10 teams for \$400 for IHS coaching program going forward. Tom B seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.** Vega suggests a zoom meeting to go over the system with the WHA coaches.

ImPACT Testing: Impact testing: head trauma testing. Every player would take a baseline test. If they are subject to a head injury or concussion, they would then take it again. \$2 per player to do baseline testing, concussion possibility it is \$16 to re-take the test. It would not eliminate the need to see primary doctor to be allowed back on the ice. Head injury player to be removed from the game, do the impact test and see their primary care. Table for now.

JCC Hockey Donation: Excerpt from the letter the board received from JCC Hockey Program: "This program is not supported as a sports program and is a self-funded AAU Varsity College Hockey Club that requires athletes to "pay to play." As many of you know, a lot of expenses accumulate running a program, and the JCC has gone above and beyond to help us with some funding for uniforms. However, in order to get to where we want to be, we need your help. We want present and future student-athletes to have the best experience possible and be part of something special." JCC Hockey is giving opportunity to play at the club level in college. **Sam motions to donate \$5,000 to JCC to**

help with startup fees, revisit each year based on fund availability. Vega seconded, one opposed. Motions carries.

Registration/Coaching/Tournament Updates: Lacking on coaches. Treasurer suggests budget for teams tournaments: bump to \$4k for every team on tournament budget. Raffle money at tournaments to go back into the coffer vs. kept with the teams. If teams need more \$ they need to come to the board for it.

NYSAHA Meeting Follow Up: NY is putting forth efforts for coaching modules/milestones to have each level hit. Important for a person to do this.

Golf Tournament Update: Approximately \$6700 raised

Try Hockey For Free: Christmas break suggested as the top choice, look at HS games. Once date is picked, Tony will register for it. Suggest having some of the Wolves guys/JCC guys come up or having Wolves Hockey game pucks for goodie bags.

Girls Hockey Day: Suggest Christmas time to get ice for the girls hockey.

Officials Training: Officials training is now pushed to all online.

Goalie Training: Tom tried to get ahold of Vic, he's not around right now and he has not been able to get in touch with him. Kole James is helping JCC, played for arrows team in Canada, OH junior B team, played at Potsdam. Wolves would have to go through safe sport, can't be on the ice without it.

Alex Bay Bulk Ice: Extra ice slot, booking every Wednesday at 7pm. Will be ala carte for additional ice.

Open Agenda:

Tony suggests PCA, positive coaching alliance, to get coaches certified. Should try and implement to be proactive with quality coaching.

Need to fill open board position, consideration for someone who was already on the board. Tabled.

10/10/2023: 14U rosters received and reviewed via text. Approved by all board members.

10/12/2023: 12U rosters received and reviewed via text. Approved by all board members.

10/12/2023: 10U rosters received and reviewed via text. Approved by all board members.

Vega Nutting motioned to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM.