**WAYHA Board Meeting 1/17/21**

1. **Call meeting to order 7:00 pm**
2. **Roll Call (must notify board member prior to meeting to be excused)**
   * Present: Luke Fleming, Kendra Cichy, Melanie Hirte, Howie Abhold, Robert Schulz, Eric Anderson, Jake Waller, Sheri Olson, Becki Niemuth, Forrest Wright, Bryon Prey, Pam Fullmer, Robert Schulz, Collin Dykstra
   * Missing: Pete Olson
3. **Referee Concerns:** 
   * Parent emails regarding the ref pay rates in Waupaca. Comparisons are provided for Stevens Point and FRIHRO and that their children are considering trying to travel to get paid the higher rates.
   * Collin Dykstra is our ref scheduler. He notes that we have 12 youth refs at this time. He notes that we are one of the few associations that has only youth, including high schoolers, at the Bantam level and often at the PeeWee levels as many other locations also have at least one adult on the ice. He isn’t certain that pay is a reason that people don’t ref.
   * Other considerations may be offering DIBS for adults who ref, tiering pay based on experience or Level of Certification. There is also a cost for start up equipment. It is probably $200 up front to certify and purchase equipment. Try to get more adults for an adult presence to help the kids.
   * Another note is that Fox Valley generally pays cash to refs at time of service for youth games. It seems to be an incentive.
   * **This will be tabled until a meeting this summer. Rates will be increased at that time and we will consider changing reimbursement or Tiering pay at that time.**
4. **Approval of WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes for December 2020**
   * *Motion by Bryon Prey, Second by Jake Waller motion passed.*
5. ***Financial Report-Pam Fullmer***
   * Financials were emailed by Pam Fullmer
   * There is a public meeting regarding boundary changes on Fulton Street. We are due for a water test.
   * There is ~$5,000 left in the construction account.
   * We will start a subaccount for the Zamboni, to denote the specific use for compliance of a large donation.
   * We did get 3rd quarter $6500 hotel tax and 2019 and 2020 High School Hockey payments
   * *Motion to approve December 2020 financial report by Becky Grundman. Second by Sheri Olson. Motion passed.*
   * Pam will cut check to Southern Wood County for Girls State.
6. ***High School Coach-Andy Yeska***
   * ***None***
7. **Covid-19 planning/protocol-Eric Anderson/Luke Fleming**
   * **Updates to policy:** Public procedures will remain the same for visiting teams. We will trial a no spectator limit for our home fans. Please continue to follow social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing, etc. safety guidelines.
8. ***Ice Schedule- Chris Gusmer***
   * We are still in need of an ice scheduler for next year. This can be emailed to the club. Maintenance crew, concessions manager, assistant treasurer.
9. **Game Scheduler-Stephanie McGregor:** 
   * Sign-up genius for playdown weekend is posted.
10. **Registrar Report-Becki Niemuth (not present, sent ahead of time):** 
    * Late registrations are always welcomed into the club. If roster finalization date is past, they may not be able to participate in playdowns or state. There should be a coaching committee next year (Forrest) that can help address these issues amongst the head coaches.
    * All delinquent payments have been caught up and all players can participate in playdowns.
    * 3x3 date has been changed to March 19-21. Forms and website have been updated and 8 teams registered in the first 2 days. In the future, any date changes should be voted on first. Will we have enough people to work the tournament?
11. **Director of Hockey: Forrest Wright**
    * **None**
12. **President’s report:** 
    * With playdowns we need a current WAHA handbook in the score booth.
13. **Tournament Director-Jake Waller:** 
    * Squirt tournament is full. Schedule details are being worked out. There were 2 teams added.
    * PeeWee tournament went well with lots of compliments. PeeWee families did a wonderful job doing whatever was asked and everyone chipped in to clean up.
      + Concessions: $640
      + Raffle: $845 (not including UTV tickets)
14. **Maintenance Report-Howie Abhold** 
    * **Outdoor rink:** original thought was something small, similar to what they are putting up at South Park. If we offer a small rink for people to come out and skate on. This idea has grown as we do have a full set of boards. Full size would allow for use of the Zamboni. Ideally, we could ask the city to sweep it off. There is a lot to work through but it might be a good way to get interest over in this direction to make people more aware of the rink in this area. It would be a decent way to begin a second rink. We should at least look into it. We would need a concrete footing. Howie estimates about $10,000. Howie will get an official estimate on concrete and talk to insurance. He will also ask Rafalski if he is willing to kick the boards back to us.
    * **Handicap Door:** Unable to easily lock and unlock the door. It needs to be able to be opened for those who need it.
    * **Sound system:** Howie will talk to Precision to see if they can fix or adjust anything.
    * **Coolers:** The rollers need to be adjusted. There are also new doors for the cooler that could be installed.
    * Howie did get Tom a full set of keys
    * Snow piles have been a natural barrier compared to trying to put snow fence in the frozen ground.
15. **Equipment Manager-Becky Grundman**
    * Jerseys: Becky will contact Janet to see where to get the jerseys from and we will order 10 or so in the fall.
16. **Fund-raisers:** 
    * 60k update: We are currently about $15,000 short when the update was prepared. This is shrinking.
    * Farmers State Bank donated $50,000 for a Zamboni. Fund-raising in total is reaching near $100,000.
    * Luke has a meeting with Rotary February 10, Todd is meeting with CEO of Community 1st.
    * 280 tickets have been sold for the UTV (donated by Peterson Chrysler along with $5,000 to raffle off). We are near the point where any tickets sold are profit for the club.
    * There is a lot of marketing to be done yet.
    * Information storage is on a google drive. This can be shared with anyone on the board who feels the need to be added.
    * Danielle will get the names off of the computer and Bobby will coordinate with Howie where to put the tiles and they may add in the current fund-raising in that way. The locker room donors and score board donors are still being addressed as well.
    * Meeting on a monthly basis with quarterly objectives.
    * The goal with Zamboni donation is to have it on the ice by next year. There is research going in to what options are.
17. **Walk-in items**
    * **Camps:** Are there any camps that we are hosting. Forrest has been talking to a few people about some fall camps. This may take a few years to get going. There were many families that enjoyed the Bauer camps. Kendra will email Coach Bauer to see if a late season or early season camp might be a possibility. We would not be able to do a mid-summer camp.
    * **Bios for Election:** Howie will send club email asking for Bios to be submitted for upcoming elections.
18. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Becky Grundman to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. Second by Sheri Olson, motion passes. 9:06 pm*

**Next Meeting Sunday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm at the Expo**

Minutes submitted by Kendra Cichy, WAYHA Secretary