

Wadena Hockey February Board Minutes
February 8th, 2021 @ 6:30pm
Masklowski Wellness Center

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Tate McManigle, Eric Ness, Mac Nelson, BJ Meyer, Mike Olson, Jamie Hathaway, Amanda Schmidt, Amber McManigle, Matt Lunde, Michelle Allred, BJ Fink, Joe Sworski, Derek Tucker, Kelly Zaic, Chrissy Krell, and Bob Weiher.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve BJ Meyer, 2nd Tate McManigle (Approved)
3. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Michelle Allred (Approved)
4. Public Forum:
 - a. Mike Olson wanted to know why Bantams practice has been moved to a half an hour later. Some parents are not happy. Squirts are taking 30 mins more. Splitting practices between the 2 teams for a couple of weeks to see how it goes. If not working, then will go back to regular practice times.
 - b. Joe and Jamie wanted to make the board aware of a problem with a parent at the Hockey tot level. The appropriate channels and people have been contacted and informed of the parent issue of her children being in hockey. Ex husband registered and paid for kids. He brings to practice on his weeks. There have been some not so nice emails, phone calls, texts. No reason the kids cannot play hockey until mother brings legal document stating they cannot. Jamie contacted Naomi (Chief of Police) and asked about this all, she stated mother should not be allowed in the building. Do not let mom leave with the kids. Contact police if needed.
5. Treasurers Report:
 - a. Per Amanda-Sports engine got paid. Someone asked why we were reimbursing things from last year? Some receipts had just gotten turned in and paid. Motion to approve BJ Meyer, second Derek Tucker (Approved)
6. Reports:
 - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
 - i. Most games are scheduled, there is a chance for a couple of more games being added for mites/mighty mites,
 - b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
 - i. Who takes care of the awards at the end of the season? Amber will talk with Carrie and get started on those.
 - ii. Squirt and bantam banquet-talked with Cody at VFW-as of now allowed 150 people. \$5 per person for burger meal. Thinking April 13th. That date is good with the board.
 - iii. Mighty Mites banquet will be March 21st@ the arena. Want to order skate towels as gifts for kids-would be \$367-That is over what they are allowed. Tate and Jamie both said they want to donate the money allotted for coaches' gifts to go towards the towels (for both mighty mites and hockey tots).
 - iv. Hockey Tots banquet will be March 28th at the arena. Will order pizza ranch and they will also be getting towels.
 - v. Registrations: We have some that signed up their kids after January 1st and then did not sell our raffle tickets. We will need to come up with a registration end date and if anyone wants to sign up after this date then they will need to contact our registrar and be made aware that they will still need to sell raffle tickets as this is our way of continuing to keep registration fees low. Board needs to decide on an end date around September.
 - c. Building Maintenance (Eric Ness)

- i. Ice resurfacers batteries: having issues with batteries on the ice resurfacers. Reached out to Zamboni rep and nothing yet. Got a rough estimate for replacing them-\$25,800. Having someone come next day to check the life left on the batteries. Will let us know after that. May need to have special meeting to discuss as that is a large sum of money.
 - ii. New Lobby vacuum: Eric looked into a commercial vacuum about \$200-300 for one. Ours is very loud but still seems to work. We need to make sure we empty it and clean filters. Decided to leave this one through this season and discuss again in the summer.
 - iii. Eric sent out cleaning schedule.
 - 1. Make sure it is getting done, locker rooms are being neglected, every team needs to step up and help.
 - iv. Garage door for Zamboni is getting stuck.
 - v. April 18th is last date for something scheduled for our ice. ICE OUT after this date.
- d. Equipment (BJ Meyer)-Nothing currently
- e. Concession (Matt Lunde)
 - i. Maybe need a wall hanging reminder sheet that states they will pay a new fee for hours not completed.
 - ii. Asked if there would be some more food options for Squirt districts weekend? Matt says yes a few more options but still limited.
- f. Gambling (Matt Lunde)
 - i. Have a new partner in mind-working out all the details. Hope to report more next month.
 - ii. Long process-We need to have every member, that is in good standing with Wadena hockey, have a say in all matters fundraising. Add a general member meeting every month to discuss all things fundraising.
 - iii. General membership meeting could start next month, we must have at least 15 people. Will need an agenda and minutes for that meeting separate from our regular board meeting.
 - iv. Motion to approve adding a meeting for all members prior to regular monthly board meeting allowing all members of Wadena Hockey Club Inc. to make motions and vote for all things fundraising effective starting the March 8th board meeting. Regular Board meeting to follow-BJ Meyer, 2nd Michelle Allred (Approved)
 - v. Need a list of membership and when they became members asap.
- g. Referee (Mac Nelson)
 - i. Things are going smoothly, potential concerns for Thursday game-may need to bring in refs. May need to pay \$50 for mileage.
- h. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
 - i. Squirt B2 go to Squirt Internationals this weekend and B1's got the following weekend.
 - ii. Talks of wanting to get the bigger skaters like high school back on the ice with the little kids. It is exciting. Trying to talk with Scott Woods.
 - iii. Amber asked about Travis Rasinski getting approved as coach at hockey tot and mighty mite levels. He is there always helping, questioned having to work concessions if coaching.
 - 1. Jamie said he had spoken with Nate on this and decided that we had coaches approved at those levels already and that we knew there would be some that come and help on ice as volunteers. We genuinely appreciate all the help they give us, but they still need to do concession hours. This year is exceedingly small for concession hours.
- i. Mite Director (Nate Witthuhn)

- i. Per Joe from Nate-Sam Meyer has mite banquet potentially April 10th at the bowling alley in Wadena. Bowling and pizza. Wadena Lanes is looking into a way to potentially getting it paid for.
 - ii. Sam and BJ have an engraving machine and she wants to order pucks and colored pens for the mites. Asking for \$64.40. Motion to approve the money Amber McManigle, 2nd BJ Fink. (Approved)
 - iii. Hockey Tot food for banquet will be paid for by association not to exceed \$350-motion to approve Tate McManigle, 2nd Chrissy Krell. (Approved)
 - iv. Mighty Mite parents will pay for their food.
 - j. Fundraising (Dani Sworski)
 - i. Having BLB committee meeting next week.
 - ii. Motion to approve changing name from Fundraising to Events Committee-BJ Meyer, 2nd Derek Tucker. (Approved)
 - k. Marketing (Marketing Committee)
 - i. Per Amanda, when bills sent out, no letter or thank you was sent with. We got 2 upset letters from local businesses about it. Amanda apologized to businesses and smoothed things over.
 - 1. According to Amanda, in previous years, bills and thank you letters were hand delivered.
 - 2. She wants to step in and take over marketing again. Feels the current committee is not doing what they were supposed to.
 - 3. The committee was never made aware that letters and bills were hand delivered. A thank you letter should have been sent with the bills. We will do better.
 - 4. Joe or Tate will chat with Amelia.
 - 5. Chevy has a sponsorship that we can do as a virtual test drive. As soon as we get that info Amber will get it sent out. We have potential for \$500 from Chevy for participating.
 - ii. Per Amanda, she reached out to some local churches/businesses that have spend down money.
 - 1. 1st Congregational Church had money that was a gift from a parishioner, and they want to donate it to our youth hockey association in the amount of \$3000.
 - 2. Would like to see that go into a fund for Zamboni. Motion to approve putting the donation into a fund titled Zamboni-BJ Meyer, 2nd Tate McManigle. (Approved)
 - 3. Also got a donation from Tyrrell.
 - iii. Our Raffle tickets brought in \$55,305. Hunkes Transfer won the \$10,000. We cannot have a company win for tax purposes. They paid with a company check and labeled ticket with company info. Need to have tickets in a person's name.
 - iv. Amanda would like to potentially do a second raffle for the year as we are down funds. We do not know what BLB will bring in and we could use all the funds we can get. Potentially a gun raffle, Amanda will look into different options.
 - v. Mac had an idea of maybe partnering the Golf squirt fundraiser with alumni fund. Money raised that is needed for Squirt Internationals would go to squirts and the remaining money into a fund that a committee would decide where the money is best needed. Just an idea at this point.
 - l. Public Relations/Communications/Newsletter (Amber McManigle)

- i. Want to get a newsletter out. Please send anything you want added to me soon. BJ Meyer suggested waiting until after squirt internationals to be able to include that. Amber will wait.
- 7. Old Business:
 - a. Ref locker room key fab is done.
 - b. Graham refrigeration changed dirty filter on humidifier. If light comes on do not flip switch-call Eric.
- 8. New Business:
 - a. Apartment Rental-Amber-Amy Kern reached out and they have an apartment for rent above their garage. Wondered if we would want to advertise for anyone coming into Wadena for hockey.
 - i. Suggested that in the past we have allowed places to put flyers on our bulletin boards but that is about it.
 - b. Live Barn:
 - i. Michelle-high school parent has concerns as to why we are not using live barn when it costs nothing to get. Listed multiple reasons why they like live barn better.
 - 1. We do not have enough bandwidth to support Live barn. We have looked into this multiple times. It would potentially cost the association \$20,000 to get Arvig to get us the internet we would need to support Live Barn. Therefore, we are sticking with Season Cast for now, if they continue to have issues, they could contact the school and they can start their own live streaming for high school games.
- 9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn Tate McManigle, 2nd Bob Weiher. (Approved)