

## Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday, 09-Nov-2025

7:00 PM @ Ice Wolves Ice Arena, Dodgeville, WI 53533

**Call to Order** – 19:15

### **Roll Call/Secretary Report** – Rachel Lee

- Board Members in Attendance: Kyle, Jon, Rachel, Tricia,\* Abbi,\* Tonia, Amanda, Laura, Chris, Stephanie,\* AmyBeth, Mitch, Kaelyn. Via Zoom: Ryan (arrived in person during President's report). Absent: Shannon,\*\* Kathryn,\*\*
  - \* arrived late and prior to any vote
  - \*\* denotes board members whose attendance was not required at October meeting
- Addition to the agenda: Cultural Liaison topic.
- Motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Rachel, seconded by Amanda. All in favor, approved.
- Motion to approve October 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Jon. All in favor, approved.
- Big Kahuna raffle tickets order update: tickets ordered with requested pick up date of 15Nov, expected distribution the following week. Working with Mitch on QR code information.

### **Non-Board/Association Member Comments** (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes).

- New business – School Field Trip proposal to visit the rink, Rachel Lee
  - Someone from the Dodgeville school asked about the possibility of a school ice skating field trip. Discussion with the board indicated we would need volunteers present, which should be feasible if given adequate time to plan. The school/children in attendance would need to rent something to be covered by our insurance. Rachel to share the information back with the interested party.
- New business – Locker room assignments for games, Bo Rickard
  - Vying for use of the 'inside' locker rooms for our Ice Wolves players. Regardless of where away teams' locker rooms are situated, away teams and parents are going to dislike our cold rink. Squirts are using those locker rooms now and we want them to enjoy the process and want to come back to us, which is more important to us than wanting visiting teams to return.
  - At one point a choice was made to keep Ice Wolves in outer rooms to make things a bit more appealing to visitors.
  - Laura recently sent a message to Team Reps for coaches to use their best judgement in choosing which rooms for their teams. The feedback and discussion provided a different perspective; no further action will be taken at this time.

### **President's Report** – Kyle Levetzow

- Discussion/possible action on Logan Ley and Ethan Ferrell playing part-time with the HS team
  - Logan and Ethan went to play AAA hockey in Detroit, USJHL; not WAHA, MAHA, or USA Hockey affiliated, etc
  - Abbi reached out to state registrar and concluded there is no conflict with being able to play within our association concurrently; no impact to State rosters if they play with us and we make it to State
  - Logan registered and paid full registration fee in the previous week
  - Last date to roster is Dec 31
  - Bo and Tony discussed – concluded they will allow him to play where he can; won't take away ice time from other kids all the time
  - Attendance policy comes from WAHA which allows the coach to determine impact to game play due to missed practices
  - No additional concerns were raised given the information discussed above
- Update on visitor locker rooms

- Tim Carey and Rusty Lynch are going to rebuild rather than proceed with the semi-pre-built option we were considering
- Two larger locker rooms than what we have now; add floors to keep more enclosed and better insulated
- Adding 10x10 girls locker room
- Goal is to complete before Bantam tournament in Dec
- Decommission – would like to have occur at a time when we have few home games in a given weekend
- Mancusos – did not register initially; Kyle discussed option to play up with HS team as a freshman with the Mancusos
  - Play up, no tryouts are planned
  - Concerns were discussed over not having a tryout yet bringing player up, as other players are also playing up without tryout. Case by case basis was evaluated for each with specific input from DOH and President.
  - The board was generally in agreement given the information presented, no formal vote was made.
- Motion to approve Paul Jones as 6U head coach – approved via Slack 27-Oct-2025. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Jon. All in favor.
- Motion to approve Travis Marten as 8U assistant coach – approved via Slack 29-Oct-2025. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor.
- Jesse Biddick decided to step back from coaching. Motion to approve Rachel Lee as 10U assistant coach – approved via Slack 30-Oct-2025. Motioned by Tricia, seconded by Kathryn. All in favor; Rachel abstained from the vote.
- New motion to approve Rachel as assistant coach for 10U, 10U She Wolves and 8U. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Tricia. All in favor; Rachel abstained.
- Motion to approve Brian Olinger as 10U assistant coach – approved via Slack 06-Nov-2025. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Jon. All in favor.
- Motion to approve Ryan Currie and Jason Ranum for 10U co-ed assistant coaches. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Jon. All in favor; Ryan abstained.
- Concussion compliance and SafeSport course completion was sent to WAHA

#### **Vice President's Report – Jonathan Olday**

- No topics

#### **Financial Report – Tricia Ley**

- Income higher due to second installment payments from registration and end of sponsorship monies coming in. Did not move money over from Heartland, will do so in Nov. First payment on refinance of chiller and the boards.
- Motion to add Tricia Ley to Heartland accounts. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.
- Motion to approve Oct 2025 financials. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Jon. All in favor, approved.
- Taxes are filed, posted online
- No families remaining to pay for last year's work hours

#### **Registrar – Abbi Trainor**

- Hockey Pictures will be as follows:
  - Wednesday, December 3rd
    - Squirt @ 6:00 pm
    - Bantam @ 7:15 pm
  - Thursday December 4th
    - High School @ 4:30 pm
    - U6 & U8 @ 6:00 pm

- Peewee @ 7:30 pm
- USA hockey rosters are submitted along with play-up requests; Cross-rosters are in the process
  - Concerned about low numbers at 6U level now that players moved up to 8U
- Try Hockey for Free – 19 kids attended, including one at Squirt level
- LTP players are on Sports Engine and therefore will receive our communications, per our standard practice
- Working to get out-of-district players' forms sent out
- Review of drafted refund policy – Rachel to send out by email week of 09Nov for review; discuss at next board meeting

**Director of Hockey – Ryan Currie**

- Power skating subsidies: discussed possibility of IWYHA covering a portion of the power skating classes
  - Board agrees we can cover half the cost.
  - Motion to approve by Abbi, seconded by Kaelyn. All in favor, approved.
  - Prefer payment on day of; can use Concessions iPad for payment
- Use proper channels to stem rumors. Recently a parent asked the President about a possible play-up and before the player's coach heard about it, he was told by 2 other parents that disapproved of it.
  - Laura to send message to Team Reps for reminding parents of proper contact for concerns
- Skate Sharpening class: Ryan to hold a skate sharpening class on Nov 12 and 13 @ 6:30pm for anyone interested in learning how to sharpen skates
- From Abbi – confirmed that Ryan is aware of a number of coaches that need to complete coaching requirements, such as Coaching Clinic needed by 31Dec; suggested sending a message to all coaches indicating they have tasks to complete and due dates

**Cultural Liaison – Kaelyn Martin**

- Locker room monitor and cell phone use
  - Discussed the value and need of using a locker room monitor during practices, games and open hockey
  - WAHA policy requires us to ensure locker room presence
  - Will work to communicate with coaches in determining how to enforce this
- Update on an issue with a visiting parent getting kicked out of the rink: policy states they must leave the building

**Equipment Managers – Tonia Smith/Amanda Aide**

- Equipment needs – we have excess youth equipment though have limited sizes for juniors equipment; most juniors/senior sizing available is from well-worn, donated equipment
  - Input from various members was shared as to quantity and sizes we should offer, as it will not be feasible to provide sizing for all levels, particularly as players age to a higher level of play
  - Amanda and Tonia plan to purchase items for juniors size equipment
- Background check reimbursement – discussed creating a policy to cover reimbursement
  - We will move forward with drafting a policy, Kyle to draft
- Updates on Try Hockey/LTP fittings – fittings complete
- Equipment reimbursement for registered hockey players and/or possible deadline to have submission for this request after season starts
  - Reimbursement for unrented equipment will be granted (for example if a player requires equipment for a size we do not carry); Equipment Managers to send reimbursement requests to Abbi
- Need to remind parents not to go through the equipment bins; Amanda and Tonia spend a lot of time and attention on ensuring accurate inventory and storage of equipment, and families should contact them for assistance

**Team Rep – Laura Anderson**

- Motion to approve 18U co-team reps, Jessica Rickard and Amy Esch, and 8U Blue team rep, Kathryn Schaaf – all approved via Slack 08-Oct-2025. Motioned by Jon, seconded by Abbi. All in favor.
  - Anthony Esch, an assistant coach for 18U, to co-team rep with Jessica, rather than previously-approved Amy Esch. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.
- Motion to approve 8U White team rep, Nicole Apicella – approved via Slack 01-Nov-2025. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Rachel. All in favor.
- 6U and Bantam Team Reps needed
  - Melissa Angle for Bantam team. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Tricia. All in favor, approved.

**Rink Manager** – Chris Rusch

- Rink setup update
  - Mostly set up, need to clean mats in rink area, ongoing work with locker room updates
  - Service call was needed for chiller
  - Parts coming from Rink Systems – glass, acrylic pieces for zam doors

**Marketing** – Kathryn Schaaf

- Open Skate social media posts are ready and set up for the season
- Skate with Santa: Dec 7, 4:30-6:30, moved from a weekend that was previously scheduled as a tournament weekend. No concerns were presented.
- Sponsorship update – need to invoice ~10 businesses, to be completed this week; remaining banners to be printed/hung by this upcoming weekend

**Concessions Manager** – AmyBeth Levetzow

- Concessions
  - Operational and new iPads are in use; Tickets (tabs) need to be paid by EOD
  - New popcorn maker and smaller hot dog roller were purchased, as we found a deal to get both for less than the estimated cost of the popcorn maker
  - Travis and Steph Marten Family donated a larger microwave, thank you to them!
  - New Zam room fridge needed
- FYI for Parties: only scheduling during open skates – prioritizing time to schedule game time
  - 4 party inquiries, 2 confirmed
- Open Skates have begun, first one we had 100+ skaters, it was a nice mild way to start the season.
- New in season Dibs reviewed with all teams at team meetings
  - Please send feedback regarding use of Dibs

**Next Meeting – December 10, 2025 (date rescheduled for holiday purposes), 5:00 PM @ Ice Wolves Ice Arena, Dodgeville, WI 53533**

**Adjourn** – Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Rachel. All in favor, approved.

**Adjourn** – 21:25