

WHA Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021 @ 2nd St Station

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Sheehan, E. Skott, T. Bramer, K. Hendricks, F. Espland, T. Holien, T. Randall, M. Randall, M. Anderson, J. Knopf, J. Kasuske, and L. Stricherz

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Barton

OTHERS PRESENT: L. Deutsch, S. Schlapkohl, E. Witt, R. Holien J. Wirkus

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm.

Motion to approve agenda made by T. Holien, 2nd by K. Hendricks. All in favor.

Motion to approve January minutes made by J. Knopf, 2nd by T. Randall. All in favor.

Motion to approve January's financials made by S. Sheehan, 2nd by M. Anderson. All in favor.

Treasurer to include association wide team snap into next year's budget.

Reid Holien made a presentation to the board explaining the status on building a new ice arena. Still has a few corporate sponsors to speak with and has had some interest. Requests WHA set up a 501(c)(3) for fundraising and having a 5-person board which includes a few hockey people, a few ice skating people, and a neutral member. Donations can go to the Watertown Community Foundation but if the project does not happen, money will not be returned. Will keep us updated with progress as appropriate.

S. Sheehan addressed the skate sharpening status and that current sharpeners are overwhelmed. Need a few more parents involved to ease the commitment time for the sharpeners. Need to consider another machine. Will bring proposal with cost to next meeting. Summer roller hockey or floor hockey being considered.

T. Bramer requests \$500 for shelving to hold goalie gear in locker room. Motion made by T. Randall, 2nd by T. Holien. All in favor.

S. Schlapkohl discussed details of the alumni association and how to add funds. Reports the funds will ideally be used for hardships, coaching fees, and eventually scholarships.

S. Schlapkohl brings forth a concern about unused ice time and who should it be reported to. Unused ice time is reported to the city first to be made available for rentals because the facility is city owned. Open communication encouraged between city, figure skating, and WHA.

S. Schlapkohl reports raffle drawing will be Saturday, February 13 and will be on Facebook live.

L. Deutsch recapped coaching meeting, specifically status of girls hockey. Several ideas to increase numbers at mite and girls levels were discussed. Some ideas are having free nights with free popcorn at the varsity games for each elementary school, open skate for each school, open skate with the Lakers, increasing social media presence, disproving the idea that hockey is expensive, pushing try hockey for free.

Try hockey for free flyers will be sent out in some schools this week and it is scheduled for February 20th. Ages 5-14 at 12:45-1:45.

L. Deutsch gives plans for next year including more power skating earlier in the season, renting ice this summer, trying to find a sponsor for mite hockey next year, including jerseys and socks in equipment rental.

L. Deutsch would like a meeting for girls hockey in early March to discuss numbers and what is needed to have a U14 team next year.

J. Wirkus gave update on Stick it to Cancer night. Around \$6500 was raised which was more than last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

End of the year banquet is discussed and planning committee to work on a plan. Each level to make own plan for end of the year banquets.

Discussion about what to do as far as purchasing goalie gear for varsity level goalies. Association to own goalie equipment for each level to encourage everyone that wants to play goalie to do so. Will investigate prices and discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Zero tolerance for drinking at hockey events is discussed. No tailgating allowed in the parking lots and no alcohol in the arena. Behavior reflects on the association whether at home or away.

Marketing and fundraising are discussed. An RFA will be brought to next meeting regarding possible ice melt fundraiser.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Mites – Jamboree went well. Last tournament this weekend but may have a pickup tournament.

Squirts – Last games are this weekend.

Pee Wees – Pickup tournament March 19-21

U14 Girls – nothing to report

Bantams – Nothing to report

Girls JV/V – State tournament planning going well. Senior night February 20th.

Boys JV/V – Senior night is February 20th. Banquet to be week of March 22nd with date and time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45. Motion by T. Holien, 2nd by T. Randall. All approve.

Next meeting will be March 9th @ 7:30 at 2nd Street station.

Kasie Hendricks

WHA Secretary