**WAYHA Board Meeting 10/17/21**

1. **Call meeting to order 6:30 pm**
2. **Roll Call (must notify board member prior to meeting to be excused)**
   * Present: Kendra Cichy, Melanie Hirte, Sheri Olson, Becki Niemuth, Pete Olson, Forrest Wright, Todd Peterson, Forrest Wright, Pam Fullmer, Colin Dykstra, Eric Anderson, Bryon Prey, Mara Schulz, Robert Schulz, Stephanie McGregor
   * Excused: Howie Abhold, Tom Grant
3. **Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** *Motion by Luke Fleming, Second by Todd Peterson, all in favor, motion passed.*
4. ***Financial Report-Pam Fullmer***
   * Financial report was emailed for review
   * Luke asks if an invoice was sent to the school. Mel and Pam will look into invoices in the past.
   * *Motion to approve September 2021 financial report by Robert Schulz. Second by Pete Olson. Motion passed.*
5. ***Ice Schedule- Pete Olson***
   * Pete has completed ice schedule through January.
   * Pete did discuss the high school game over Bantam weekend with the high school coach.
   * Follow-up from August: Pete will check with hotel owners and see if they can set a rate.
6. **Game Scheduler-Stephanie McGregor:** 
   * There are 3 Friday night games so far. Working on scheduling the remainders (PWA and Bantam).
   * Stephanie asks that any coaches think they may cancel games, please make her aware early to give the other team time to find other games if possible.
7. **Ref Program Updates:** 
   * In response to information emailed to past refs. A parents concern was if refs would sign up for Bantam games if they are being paid the same as squirt games as it is typically harder to ref. We will monitor this as the season gets going.
   * The parent also asked if the $5/game additional pay for tournaments would stand. *Motion by Forrest to have a $5/game increase in pay, 2nd by Robert. All in favor, motion passes.*
8. **Registrar Report-Becki Niemuth/Tricia Oltmann:** 
   * We have continued to have skaters register. Becki will run a report tonight and email coaches updated lists.
   * We currently have 112 skaters registered which is 10 under every year since 2017.
     + Rink rats 12
     + Mites 27
     + Squirts 25
     + PeeWee 28
     + Bantam 14
     + Learn to Skate: 5
9. **High School Coach-Andy Yeska**
   * none
10. **Director of Hockey: Forrest Wright** 
    * Forrest will email out bench coach recommendations after tryouts are complete.
11. **President’s report:** 
    * **Outdoor rink update:** The boards have been delivered along with the trailers to house them. They will need to be put up and have it flooded.
    * **Cleaning Personnel:** There is somebody willing to clean the rink. They were going to start this week but due to illness, may need to be put off a week. We will need to purchase cleaning supplies.
    * **Grass Roots Grant:** We were given the grass roots grant for $1000 which we were originally going to use for boards but there are several things we could use it for. Jolene Pintar did think we could use a couple more pairs of quick change pads
    * **Goalie Training:** We will be doing training with Jim this year and Jolene would like to see shooters to work with the goalies and to have a few coaches out there as well. (3 coaches, 6 shooters)
    * **Building Sign Quote:** Tom Grant was able to get a sign proposal for the sign outside $812.68 for “Ice and Expo” $1259.48 for “Waupaca Ice and Expo” from TLC. Bobby asks if there is another company to get a second quote from. Todd suggests we ask Bushmans from Point area for another quote.
12. **Tournament Director-Becki Niemuth:** 
    * There is a high level of interest at the Squirt level. To the point that there could be a separate tournament for both the A team and the B team. Becki will look at possibly expanding the one tournament.
    * Mites is essentially full with only a few openings
    * The other tournaments are filling up.
    * Melanie will apply for state tournaments. -Checked for link, will look again
13. **Maintenance Report-Tom Grant**
    * Pete contacted Wanty regarding stairs and side-walk to player entrance. The verbal estimate he received was $4800 and stairs would be $8,000-$9,000. They are near the end of the season and the sidewalk is a possibility, but not likely the stairs this year. We can get a few other quotes on that area. Eric and Forrest also discuss putting gravel down and tamper it before this season to get us by. Pete will get another quote, Forrest will call Faulks regarding gravel costs. .
    * Primary maintenance needs: painting old locker rooms and overall cleaning
    * Secondary needs: finish trim in new locker room.
    * The new locker room needs to be signed off on. This needs to be done before we can try to get a lower mortgage rate.
    * The ammonia inspector has been here and he did change it to Tom Grant’s name instead of Howie’s. The inspector still has to come through.
    * Pam will reach out to the county to see if we need to update our concessions permit.
14. **Equipment Manager-Becky Grundman**
    * This will be Becky’s last year as equipment manager. We would like to find someone to replace her early this season so she can work with them this year.
    * Apparel order was switched to EJs due to limited options for apparel. We were also able to do a one site online store that way.
    * Gary (Sani-sport) also set up a store and sent the link to Pete today. (Bags, youth warm up, shirts, ¼ zips, jackets, hats, blankets). The concern would be having 2 stores open at one time. We could wait and have a season a little later. We will ask Gary to decrease the list down to items not carried by EJs and then we can post that.
15. **Fund-raising Committee:** 
    * **Golf Outing:** Recommendation to change the golf outing from a fall event to a spring event to avoid conflict and to have a pre-season event.
    * **Chair:** Has changed form Luke Fleming to Todd Peterson.
    * **Wausau did an Excel hockey camp** with Charlie Dupont which is a fund-raiser for the club and it sold out in 4 hours. This would be something to look at.
    * **Gun Raffle:** We have about 400 tickets left to sell. As long as all tickets out sell, we will have a profit, but it could be more if we could get rid of the 400 tickets left.
    * **Rink Report:** We would like to find a way to get the newsletter out to more club members.
16. **High School Game Duties:** In the past we have paid $20/game for off ice officials (out of gate) which includes score and clock as these positions were hard to fill. Last year, due to COVID, WAYHA did not work games. This is a little higher pressure position. We will try to not pay for this and Sheri will ask the high school parents if they would be interested in working the high school games. There will not be pay.
17. **Walk-in items**
    * **How local are you is scheduled for October 27.** Need to have a question and a $25 prize.
    * **Chamber of Commerce:** Mel submitted a request for $50,000. They had there meeting but she has not heard yet.
    * **GreenBoyz:** Sent an invoice for $18,000. We are tax exempt so taxes should be taken off and we did post the $5000 payment we gave them. Pam will clarify these changes.
    * **Back to Hockey Day:** Mara would like to have a back to hockey day in the fall next season. Either at the rink or at Swan Park. Apparel, meet and greet, equipment swap, bag toss tournament, bring a friend. This is a great idea and we will plan for prior to a few weeks prior to ice in.
    * **Hockey Banners:** Mara had a few banners printed up to hang at the rink and then it can be used for the float in the 4th of July.
    * **Covid:** The first positive player who was at the rink occurred. Eric has updated our COVID policies. Options would be getting chairs back, we could use masks in the locker rooms. Sheri will get the chairs back out of storage from the school. Mel will look at other rinks COVID policies. Mel will email out the proposed policy.
18. **Adjourn:** *Motion by Pete Olson to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. Second by Todd Peterson. 8:11 pm*

**Next Meeting Sunday, November 14 @ 6:30 pm**

Minutes submitted by Kendra Cichy, WAYHA Secretary