

WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2021-2022

Date: Monday, August 8th

Time: 6pm

Location: The Oaks

In Attendance

Al Setrum, Matt Morton, Ashley Ewert, Joe Wisocki, Melissa Sorenson, Carrie Olson, Ashley Thole, Travis Michelson, Shawn Engstrom, Justin Jorgenson. 16 guests, including two District 5 referees.

Secretary Report

Joe motioned to approve prior month's minutes. Ashley E. second. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Shawn went through our accounts and explained that there are still a few checks that have not been cashed from last season.

Hockey Operations Committee

- D5 Referee Meet/Greet...two referees came to talk about how things have been going in the referee world. There is a severe shortage in the ref pool and they would love to see Willmar add a bunch of referees to the pool. Smig and John shared a LOT of information about becoming a ref in our district and are hopeful that the future of officiating hockey will grow significantly, especially with our younger skaters. We will look into offering an officiating clinic in Willmar in the future but, right now, the nearest officiating clinics/seminars are in STMA or St. Cloud State.
**If anyone is interested in learning more, please feel free to call "Smig". His contact info is on the District 5 website.
- Lakes Region Youth Hockey League – 2 practices and one game/week. \$50 for the season. 14 weeks. Mitch Olson has committed to running this in-house program. Basically, this will use the mite/mini-mite ice time and teams will be split up according to skill level. This program will be looking for sponsors to help administer the league. Fall season starts October 11th.
- D5 Update –

- Matt gave a few updates from the D5 meeting last month. A few D5 fees will increase a little bit. D5 will be looking to fill a few board spots next year; anyone who is at all interested in going to a meeting, you are always more than welcome to go! They are the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the St. Augusta Legion.

Off-Ice

12U Team Options –

1. Wait for registration and hope for at least 10 skaters.
2. 12U age girls could play PeeWee hockey with the boys.

Board members and parents asked questions and offered their opinions. Mike Bowman made a point to say that our goal is for ALL WHA skaters to have a chance to play at the appropriate skill level this year (and every year).

Joe made a motion to offer a refund for dues paid by 12U players IF we are not able to field a 12U team. Ashley T. second. Motion passed.

Fundraising

No fundraising update at this meeting.

Tournaments

As of now, tournaments are mostly filled. We only have 4 spots left to fill for all of our tournaments. (At this point, prior to the season, this is really great news!) Tournament caps have been ordered.

New Business

Parent meeting is scheduled for September 25th

Matt made a motion to amend our handbook to follow MN Hockey's new rule that says that mites who play up to Squirts are not required to play on the lowest team. Melissa second. Motion passed. Handbook will be amended.

Ashley T. made a motion to accept two players to come play WHA hockey from River Lakes. Matt second. Motion passed.

There are potentially two more players who want to come play WHA hockey from River Lakes.

Adjourn

Ashley T. made a motion to adjourn. Ashley E. second. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

*Minutes submitted by Travis Michelson. Next meeting will be Monday, September 12th at The Oaks. 6pm. All are welcome.