



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING —FEBRUARY 9TH, 2022

1. **INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM**
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M., Chris P., Kurt H., Chris S., Tom G., Patti E., Tom N., Tim W., & Bobby G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** NA
4. **Membership Attendance:** Laureen Hoeft, Matt Selsor, Sean Luedtke, Roger Nissen, Jen Knuth, Lisa Lockett Neumuth, Matt Magruder, Jen Barker, Val Shurley, Matt Staufenbeil, Matt Frederick, Emily Hill, & Jason Herzog
5. **JANUARY MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Patti E. Seconded**
6. **JANUARY TREASURER REPORT: January Activity:** 1099s were sent out prior to 1/31; U8 Tournament fees (all but one collected) + need fee from Waunakee U6; payment for U8 refs will be handled at end of season; Last installment fees have been collected in January – ALL MEMBERS PAID UP BEFORE PLAYDOWNS!!!!; Spring Bash registrations booked to be prepaid until event plans are confirmed; Scholarship checks have been distributed to the respective winners; **Next items:** State tourney fees need to be paid; End of season financial wrap up; Budget process will begin and there will be a focus on timing of credits through the year in conjunction with the payment timeline for next year; 2022 Hair Team contest – submissions to Patti will be accepted through Friday 2/11; **Chad motioned to Approve: Chris S. Approved/ Tim W. Seconded**
7. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: Laureen Hoeft** – Ideas around Player Development P & U8 program – suggested surveying the current families for feedback; Player Development Program plan for next year will be to play more games. The numbers didn't afford us the opportunity to schedule outside games, but they will entertain U6, U8, & PDP teams depending on numbers; Rinks reps have gotten questions on next steps after kids attended learn to play hockey sessions – Chad will reach out to rink managers for clarifications; Suggested a manager type position be established for the PDP team; New family registration most likely will be available in May and June registration for the returning skaters; Flyers to be sent out to Pewaukee schools; Chad will be meeting with Bud to discuss the possibility of another mite day. **Val Shurely:** Spring bash (18) people registered to date, possibly might have to cancel; Lumati's pizza is the latest fundraising opportunity.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Elections Notices posted:** Nomination forms for the open 2022-2023 Board positions have been posted at Eble and Nagawaukee Ice arenas. They will remain posted until Friday, March 4th, 2022. Nominations will be reviewed at March board meeting to determine any needed elections.
 - B. **Playdown Recap and State Qualifiers**
 - a. As an organization we would like to recognize and congratulate the following teams that have qualified for the State Tournament:
 - b. **U14:** Valkyries 14U A & B, U14 B
 - c. **U12:** LCW A, B-Black & C-Gold
 - d. **U10:** LCW-A, A, B, C-Black, C- Gold, & C White
 - e. 12 of 18 teams qualified for State Tournament
 - C. **WAHA Region 5 Meeting Summary:** WAHA voted on the new territory boundaries for the former Blaze skaters, Waukesha will get New Berlin West school district, Shaw and winter club absorbed the other areas – skater & sibling families will be grandfathered in to their current territory; Kohlmann Cup registration is open; Pat Mcannon and Eric Olson presented the fact that officials are down 17% this year resulting in games being cancelled; Referee registration opens June 1st with (4) additional seminars being made available; If you are a coach or parent it doesn't hurt to sign up with your kids to help provide them

support during their initial stages of officiating; Concussion protocols need to be followed; Region 5 director seat is open; Annual workshop will be August 5th-6th.

- D. **Coaches Survey:** Coaches Surveys will be sent out via email in the coming weeks and strongly encourage feedback; There have been suggestions to do a mid-season coaches' evaluation.
- E. **End of the Year Survey:** Surveys will be sent out via email in the coming weeks and strongly encourage feedback
- F. **U10 C2 State Tournament/Winter Classic Tournament Volunteer Positions Posted:** WCYHA will be hosting the 2022 10U C2 WAHA State Tournament on 3/5-3/6 at Eble. In order to make this as successful an event as possible for all participating teams, we will need volunteers to help handle various roles throughout the weekend (setup, check-in table, raffles, scoresheet, clock, penalty box, etc.). If you have any questions about the State Tournament and/or the volunteer roles, please contact our State Tournament Director, Justin Hall, at wirthall@yahoo.com. If you have any general questions about the volunteer program, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Wanner, at volunteer@waukeshawarhawks.org.
- G. **Town Of Brookfield Sponsorship:** The organization has reached an agreement with the Town of Brookfield to sponsor their local hotels. Chad worked with the Tourism Director and agreed that we will do a silver level sponsorship to be reviewed annually. This is a good relationship for the organization in the Town of Brookfield. We agreed that in lieu of their add in the directory, that we would place their information on any tournament page for a tournament that we host, minus the U10 C2 tournament this year as that has already been secured.

9. UPDATES0

- A. **PRESIDENT:** Michele McHenry has stepped away from gear re-sale, Jason Meyers will be the new coordinator.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Practice Schedules for February will be finalized in the next week due to waiting on ice availability from the HS state tournaments.
- C. **VP OFF ICE: Girls:** (4) of (5) girls teams qualified for state; last Saturday was the girl's jamboree at Nags (50 girls participated); The event was fun and saw great play by all teams; Great turnout and good feedback. LCW had to drop out of Ozaukee tournament due to other game commitments; Girls hockey night at arrowhead on 1/20 saw great turnout of LCW girls at the game; survey sent out to families of girl players regarding their intentions for next season; There will be a parent meeting in the near future to discuss the girls program; Region 5 Girls program will be a focus after season; **VP** – Very successful playdowns with no issues; Reaching out to former blaze families on the decision and their future; managers need score sheets submitted by March 15th to earn player patches – Chris Parsons to send out email; Good job as an association to complete the required paperwork on injuries that result in missing ice time. It is state law that we comply to the concussion protocol.
- D. **TREASURER:** NA
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Bantam B going to state; Bantam A lost in the first round of playdowns
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Pee Wee teams played highly competitive games – great team and parental engagement
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** All teams are heading to state – great progress and commitment – excited for the opportunities ahead of them. Patti rose the concern of future goalie training for mites coming up to squirt level – If a skater has an interest to play goalie what is their path, we must foster goalie development. Chad will investigate getting additional goalie bags.
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** 8U started games in January and scheduled games with traditional region 5 teams. There were volunteers that did their best but had issues working efficiently scheduling games. Organization needs to focus on scheduling efforts to be improved for next year to ensure fair play across the board. There has been positive development across the groups resulting from ADM station practices and scrimmages. Preparing for the winter classic – still plenty of volunteer opportunities – short (2) teams to be

at capacity, skills comp, sucker pull, and a few other fun activities are planned. More sponsorship this year than we have seen in years.

Adjourned 7:08PM