

# WHA All Association Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 2022 at 7:15pm

Location: Fieldhouse



Welcome by President Adam Lalim

Introduction of Board Members, Team Coordinators, Coaching & Staff

## 2022 – 2023 Board Members:

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PRESIDENT	Adam Lalim	605.868.3487	alalim_neaa@msn.com	30Apr2023
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At-Large Director B	Jeremy Johnson	208.570.2626	Jcjohnson45@gmail.com	30Apr2024

## 2022 – 2023 Team Coordinators:

Boys V/JV Team Coordinator	Shane Wirkus	605.880.8094	wirkus9@gmail.com
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U8 Mite A/B Team Coordinator	Beth Schmeling	605.261.1417	nineoscars@hotmail.com

## 2022 – 2023 Coaches:

### BV/JV

Devon McMullen (head)  
Ryan Falk  
Joe Foley  
Jesse Vanheel  
Jay Good (PT)

### GV/JV

Curt Kranz (head V)  
Tiffany Arends  
Brandon Henman  
Ryan Linke

### G14u

Ryan Linke (head)  
Brandon Henman

Tiffany Arends (PT)

Curt Kranz (PT)

### BANTAMS

Jacob Fastenau (head)  
Ryan Lawrence  
Zane Scott  
Vaughn Doyen (PT)  
Dylan Wirkus (PT)  
Jarod Suttan (practice coach)  
Austin McNamara (practice coach)

### PEEWEE

Jim McCormick (head)  
Zach Hunke  
Jarod Suttan  
Dalton Krueger

### SQUIRTS

Nate Albertson (head)  
Jason Murray  
Mitch Hopper  
Nick Nekali  
Max Borkhuis  
Jeff Holgate  
Nick Shultz

### MITE/IH

Jarod Suttan (head)  
Nick Nekali  
Max Borkhuis  
Jeff Holgate  
Kaitlyn Kunkel  
Jason Murray

**2022 – 2023 Staff:** Lucas Deutsch (Hockey Operations Manager) & Tonya Holien (Interim Business Manager)

- All Board Members, Team Coordinators, Coaches and Staff must have SafeSport and Background checks completed by end of day October 16<sup>th</sup>. If not complete, you are not permitted to be on the ice or lead our youth until completed.

#### **What's New & Excitement in the Association:**

- **Maas Arena:** Last hockey season at the Maas Arena
- **Watertown PACH Fundraiser:** WHA was Awarded the LARGEST NONPROFIT SUPPORTER for the Watertown PACH Program! Total raised for the PACH program was over \$6,620 and 3,242 items in total. Thank you for your contributions towards the total, Watertown Lakers!
- **Build It Now NEW Hockey Rink Updates**
  - Jodi Driscoll, BIN Chair, spoke of our goal to hit \$10M goal by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Goal is to have 100% participation from WHA (at least an answer to a commitment). **Every bit helps!**
  - There are some larger asks out in the community we are hopeful will come in.
  - Watertown Lakers – you will be making Watertown History in this 2-3 generation arena. Groundbreaking is in process, and we are set to be on the ice in Fall 2023!
  - \$10,000 donated from the family of Brandon Bohling – THANK YOU!
  - **Pledges can be over 5 years** – anything over \$1,000 can be on payment plans through Ledgers Accounting. Payments can be scheduled monthly, quarterly or annually.
  - **Leave your Laker Legacy.** Did you know?
    - \$1,000 donation over 5 years is \$16.67/month
    - \$2,500 over 5 years is \$41.67/month
    - \$3,000 over 5 years is \$50/month
    - \$5,000 over 5 years is \$83.33/month
- **Breakfast Club:** Changing Speedskating to BREAKFAST CLUB this year.
  - Coach Jason Murray will lead Tuesday morning Breakfast Club from 6am – 7am. This is a station-based practice and is open to ALL AGES and LEVELS (goalies included).
  - It's an extra chance to work on your skills. As a bonus, you will receive breakfast as you leave. Please talk with your Team Coordinator if you have food allergies.
- **Team Pictures:** These are scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **New in the state – GREEN armbands for Youth officials** – we will have zero tolerance of youth officials getting yelled at by parents or coaches across the state of South Dakota. Refereeing is an important developmental role for our youth. As an association, we welcome new referees to learn and practice their abilities without fear of retaliation from spectators.

#### **Expectations of Board, Coaches, Team Coordinators & Staff:**

- Be the leader – you represent the association and Laker Brand. Our youth look up to you.

#### **Expectations of Parents:**

- Communication via Team Snap & TeamSnap Protocol/Etiquette – if you don't have TeamSnap, please download the app. Reminder: this is not a chat room. Please remain professional and level-headed. Send questions to your Team Coordinator.
- Communication will come to you from your League Level Team Coordinator first.
  - Parent → Team Coordinator → Board Member → President
- You are an example for your player – Your own Conduct matters

- 24-hour rule: If a parent has a problem or issue with something following a game, do not approach or contact the coach until 24 hours after the game. If a coach enacts the 24-hour rule and you don't comply as a parent, the Coaching Committee and Disciplinary Committee will meet to discuss repercussions.
- **Concussion Protocol:** WHA has partnered with Dr. Johnston with PLHS and Michelle Leitheiser (concussion specialist) at the high school. Wendy Solheim is the Concussion Coordinator for the association. Our player's safety is our number one priority.
- **DIBS/Volunteer Points** – Tonya Holien spoke on DIBS; short version is volunteer expectations are the same as last year. Signups are available on the TeamSnap app. All DIBS will be released in the "All WHA" calendar on TeamSnap.
- **Parent Forms:** Parent forms and signoffs are due no later than Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in order for your player to be on the ice.

#### **Expectations of Players:**

- **Behavior & Attitude:** Players – when you're on site at the rink, traveling or off the ice, you represent Watertown Laker hockey. You are examples to younger players and your peers. Do not participate in poor decisions if you are early for practice.
- **Drug/Alcohol policy** – School tracks this 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Please see attachment for details on expectations of participation in activities. In short, if there are alcohol or drug violations, there are serious consequences for the player. If poor choices continue there is an escalation process and disciplinary action to follow.
- **Parent/Player development book** – thanks to Jason Murray, Ryan Linke and Jarrod Suttin, Devon McMullen for your hard work in developing and finalizing this book for each player. Every player will receive a book. Coaches have also developed a coaching curriculum that is designed to each player level.
- Attitude is everything – you represent your town, team, family and friends.