

WATERTOWN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Location: Maggie's on the River, Watertown, NY

Date: 5/1/2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Vega Nutting, Board President (not in attendance) Michael Ledoux, Board Vice President Board Members Samantha VanBrocklin Chris Nethers Thomas Brown Angela Keegan Anthony Felder Jordan Reber (not in attendance)	Additional Elected Positions *Brian Nutting - WHA Treasurer Angela Keegan - Secretary Michelle Rist - WHA Registrar Dan McAloon - Ace Coordinator *Not in attendance
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Agenda Items

Meeting called to order 6:17 PM

March Meeting Minutes Review: No meeting minutes provided for approval. Secretary not in attendance 3/20/24.

Tournament Dates for City: Vega is sending out an email to the city for tournament dates.

Coaching Committee: Vega is nominating Jon Rose for Ace Coordinator position and he is expected to accept the nomination.

Coaching 2024-2025 season: 6U/8U: PPS interest to take over the program, Chris would be the director, not coaching. It will be in proposal from PPS. Wolves to do practice, parents coaching for games. Only to have wolves help 6U/8U, they will only stay at Level 1 for certified coaches for years to come. 10U, 12U, 14U coaches to still be established. 16U: potentially Jon Rose/John Terry, 18U: potentially Josh VanBrocklin. Coaches need to get letters in to the board.

16U/18U refund registration: 16U: \$275/player, 18U: \$250/player. Tom Brown motions to approve refunds for 16U and 18U, Samantha VanBrocklin seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.
Next season: 16U/18U pre/post \$395 registration, + \$65 jerseys for new players includes 2 tournaments, additional tournaments at the discretion of the board. Chris Nethers motions to approve, Tony Felder seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Scholarships: 4 - \$500 scholarships offered by WHA to graduating seniors who are WHA players. 3 scholarship applications were received and reviewed by the board. Tony Felder motions to approve 3 scholarships be awarded to the players, Chris Nethers seconds, Samantha VanBrocklin recused from the vote, all in favor, motion passes.

- Henry Lent Scholarship awarded to Owen VanBrocklin
- Blair Harff Scholarship awarded to Owen Bismarck
- Stephen L. Rich Scholarship awarded to Peyton LaClair

Goalie training discussion continued:

Unused pre-paid goalie slots available at PPS. PPS asked to use up slots that have been paid for and push them forward into summer. PPS can try contact goalies directly, WHA will post to Facebook page to remind WHA goalies. Association opened up goalie training for x amount of training, beginning of this season asked for budget funding for goalies, those x amount have not been used. Let's use up what we have was discussed at previous meeting. *concerns levied: kids who are currently WHA utilizing these slots even if they may be leaving to go elsewhere. What benefit is that of WHA to offer this to goalies that are planning to leave. Mike motion to approve use prepaid available goalie sessions now for WHA goalies, agree when it runs out, Board will discuss and reallocate 10 more sessions to be used by WHA goalies.... if additional sessions are needed board must re-vote. Tom seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Power Play Sports Proposal Update:

- Chris being director and PPS being admins. WHA ice at arena and they would come to PPS 2 times a week.
- Fee will be broken down: \$20K for admin, scheduling, managing of coaches. M-F with structure and a plan. WHA will receive registration and funding will come from WHA to PPS.
- 6U/8U encouraged to go to WHA from PPS. If PPS are contracted by WHA then in contract would be encouraged to move forward to WHA.
- Build something that sustains our WHA mite program
- Chris to provide proposal prior to next meeting and present at next meeting for board discussion.

Open Agenda:

Angela Keegan will resign from the board as of May 2, 2024. Meeting minutes will be provided to board of directors by this date.

Registration – pricing: No fee for 16U/18U tryout. No change in jerseys.

10U-14U \$550 (base)/+\$65 jerseys with socks for new players. 16U/18U pre/post: \$395 (base) registration, +\$65 jerseys with socks for new players. If a player needs replacement jerseys for whatever reason the cost is \$130/set of replacement jerseys with socks. Tom Brown motions to approve 10U-18U registration costs, Tony seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Mites cost TBD.

Consider a deposit for players on a team with tournament bound declaration, to ensure players finish out the season and attend the state tournament if the team qualifies. 16U team attended the state tournament with only 13 players, missing players chose other things as priority over the tournament. Tabled for future discussion.

27 girls interested in playing and have been showing up. Considering expanding this program. Will need more ice somewhere...A Bay? SR?

Alex Bay ice contract? Nothing at this time.

Michael Ledoux motioned to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.