

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 19th, 2024
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine**



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Adam Sodersten, Aubrey Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Wayne Pfahler, Eric Helsher, Bill Snow, Mike Bakalars, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, April Rabedeaux, Lelsey Steffin, Brian Lindow, Kristen Manning, Kendra Noll, Kaiti Bohacek**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the August 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Erin, second by Adam. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple) – Decided that we are not going to fill the concession stand down below, planning to just build it up by the bar.
4. **Treasurer’s Report** (Erin Ludmer) – Great job on the 3v3 tournament! If you have an upfront expense, you are able to reach out to Erin and she can pay via the club credit card.
5. **President’s Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – Justin heard from over 30 people about how great the 3v3 tournament was, so great job to everyone who helped. Region 4 is going to shift some boundaries around for skaters starting next year, it will not impact current skaters. For travel teams, you need to go back to getting 1 league game in before the end of the year, which will be used for playdown seeding. Region 4 scheduling meeting will be October 16 at 6pm in our mezzanine (10u 6:30pm, 12u 7pm, 14u 7:30pm).
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar’s Report** (Adam Sodersten) – Registration is going well, Adam sent all numbers to ALDs and Joe. All transfers are approved by WAHA.
 - b. **Fundraising** (Mindy O’Brien) – Hockey sweepstakes cards in November and Culver’s is December 18th.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – Met with coaches to prepare for tryouts. Will need to come up with a plan for the extra ice sheets in October.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – ALDs should have gotten an email about all game sheet ice. Earl has all practice ice time through early February, which he will get entered in SportsEngine for all teams.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Registration still open, Mavericks are rostered.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Socks are stocked in the pro shop, LTP, U6, and U8 jerseys are in. U18 jerseys should be in soon. Jerseys have been handed outs for Mavericks and Bantams. Erin makes a motion to approve the purchase of 5 additional size large jerseys, seconded by Katie. Motion passed.
 - g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) –
 - We’ve held a few equipment pickup sessions so far, and we will have a few more before LTP starts.
 - We received 3 goalie kits back, with one more on the way.

- Verona Youth Hockey is the recipient of the Bob Suter Memorial Grant again this year, so we will receive \$1k worth of Pure Hockey equipment soon.
 - We were just awarded the Grass Roots Grant through WAHA to purchase \$1k in new goalie gear.
- h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – New concession start for rink 2 will be open now. Bars will be open during the week, concessions stands during high school games and the weekends. All cash needs to go back to Rink 1.
- j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – Concession stands need to be open during the Ice Inc tournaments.
- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – Coed open house two weeks ago, 8 signed up for the season. LTP open house in a few weeks, parade is going to be tomorrow night.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Girls try hockey for free averaged 31 girls per week, only 6 girls who ended up signing up. Right now there are 34 girls signed up for Jr. Lynx.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – Someone from the CATS committee can join parent meetings.
- n. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – Dicks WAHA weekend will be in October.
- o. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Coaches jackets are ordered, talked to House of Hockey about apparel going forward. Initial Warm-up order went in already, next order will be in October. Talking to Signs by Caitlin to sell some Merch.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – Initial dates of November 12 and 13 for pictures, make-up on November 18.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – Total profit of ~\$14,000 from 3v3. Met with Andrea, she is going to be the tournament director. Teams will be responsible for fundraising and running the scoreboard, clock, etc.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
- LTP (Kris Canto) – 17 skaters.
 - U6 (Aubrey Freeman) – 12 girls, so 2 girl teams. 27 coed skaters, so 4 coed teams. Will have 2-3 coaches per team.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – 62 skaters, 20 coaches. 6 teams, 1 red, 2 white, 3 blue. Parent meeting is October 10. League scheduling meeting on October 22. Planning to expand the Mite tournament to 28 teams and start on Friday night.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – 4 goalies, 44 skaters. Eval meetings went well.
 - Peewee (Eric Helsher) – 4 goalies, 48 skaters. 3 kids will need be evaluated post-evals.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – 60 kids trying out, 3 goalies for 4 teams. Start scrimmaging internally next week, rosters will go out on October 6.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – 37 skaters and 3 goalies. Evals went really well, independent evaluators were great.
 - a. Mavs A/B Scheduler: We have a parent that did 99% of the scheduling for the Mavs A&B teams before the season even started. This was well over 16 hours of work. I would like to approve her as an official "Mavs A/B Scheduler roll" that will count for her dibs (and therefore leave a spot for a separate team manager for Mavs A). Earl motions, Katie second. Motion passed to approve.
 - b. Mavs C Head Coaches: We have two head coaches confirmed for the Mavs C team. I'm not sure if this needs to go to a vote (it wasn't in my original roster vote for the Mavs teams). Motion to approve Matt Wagner and Jesse Wickizer as the Mavs C team coaches by Katie, second by Adam. Motion passed.
 - c. Mavs C Additional Ice: Mavs C will not be state eligible nor play in the NIHL. I would like us to provide them either additional home sheets of ice OR an additional tournament registration to cover fees they don't use for either NIHL or WAHA-post

season tournament possibilities. Motion to approve alternative options for Mavs C by Katie, second by Eric. Motion passed.

- d. Dates for Mavs Home Tournament: The Mavs don't have a home tournament on our schedule. This has been discussed a few times, but I'd like to confirm the dates if it is happening to ensure we have the dates blocked off for the teams this season. Held weekend is March 14 for the Mavericks tournament.

- Midget (Mike Bakalars) – 6 registered skaters.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

- a) **2026 Open State Tournaments** – Open tournaments are 10u C2 2/28-3/1, 12u C2 3/7-3/8, 14u C 2/21-2/22. Motion to approve submitting to host the Squirt and Bantam state tournaments by Katie, second by Lauren. Motion passed. Erin will submit the request for to host.
- b) **Eval Meeting Reminder for Voting Members** – Next Saturday, September 28 around 8pm in the mezz. Lauren will send a reminder email.
- c) **Phones in the locker room** – WAHA locker room policy to have zero phones in the locker room. Coaches need to enforce this and collect the phones during the games. Justin will come up with something to give the coaches.
- d) **Cleaning the Rink** – We need to do a better job keeping the rink clean and picking up trash. ALDs need to be reminding coaches and parents.
- e) **Goalie Dojo** – Sean planning to charge \$325/hour, which is higher than last year. Joe will offer him 22 sessions at \$275/hour or 16 sessions at \$325/hour.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Eric, seconded by Mike, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.