

# WHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Jake's Pizza

## In Attendance

Carrie Olson, Al Setrum, Cliff Nystrom, Ashley Ewert, John Christianson, Ashley Thole, Mary LaRue, Joe Wisocki, Travis Michelson. Guests: Brooke Dahl, Nick Dahl, Chris Stark.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve prior meetings' minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

## Old Business

- Handbook Committee Structure updates
- End-of-season Meeting

## Treasurer's Report

There was not a lot of activity in or out of our account this past month. The Profit and Loss statement is posted below these minutes.

## Covid-19 Report

No new Covid news since the beginning on January. Keep following guidelines, please! New guidelines have started. Willmar Civic Center is able to accommodate 250 spectators per game. Each player is allowed no more than 6 spectators per game. Travis made a motion to adopt said guidelines. Joe second. Motion passed.

## Off-Ice

- Jerseys – We need a Jersey committee for next year.

## Fundraising

- Ice Melt will be saved til next year.

## Tournaments

- 2021-2022 Tournament Date Proposals...
  - Bantam A – Nov. 19-21
  - Bantam B – Nov. 19-21
  - Girls 10UA – Dec. 3-5
  - Girls 12UA – Dec. 3-5
  - PeeWee A – Jan. 14-16
  - PeeWee B – Jan. 14-16
  - Squirt A – Feb. 4-6
  - Squirt B – Feb. 4-6
- Ashley T. motions to approve these tournament dates. Cliff second. Motion passed.

## Hockey Operations

- D5 Update
  - There are 3 openings for D5 executive board.
  - River Lakes arenas will continue with only 2 spectators/player.
  - MN Hockey is looking into taking over AAA program.
  - High Performance nominations have been sent in; the following players have been selected by their coaches: Cullen Gregory and Mason Thole (Bantam) and Gibson Horyza (PeeWee). Motion was made (Cliff) to pay the entry fee for these players. John second. Motion passed.
- Remaining Ice Time for the season – last day of ice is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Move-ups are allowed for practices IF both teams' seasons are over, i.e. a PeeWee player could practice with Bantams since both teams have no games remaining. The expectation set forth by MN Hockey is that you stay with YOUR team until all their games are completed.
- Shooting Cage Update –
  - Willmar Hockey Boosters will donate \$4,000. West Central Hockey will donate \$2,000. All set and done, WHA will pay nearly \$6,000 towards this project; these funds will come out of our "Grow Hockey" fund.

## New Business

- Mite Tournament(s) – Two Jamborees are slated for Morris and Alexandria. We will vote next meeting on whether or not to pay tournament fee, based on the premise of growing the program. \$225 for Alex. (Morris tournament is free!) Mary made a motion to pay \$225 for the Travel Mite Alexandria Jamboree. Ashley E. second. Motion passed. \*\*WHA has only spent \$70 on Travel Mites this year and has taken in over \$3,000.

- First Year Free for 2021-2022 – Conversation has started in regard to bringing back the “First Year Free” initiative for younger players in an effort to grow our program. This will be an on-going conversation.
- WHA Banquet – has not happened in years and we are wondering why we wouldn’t consider doing this again.
- LiveBarn – is there any way that we can improve our live streaming services? There have been MANY complaints about how poor the streaming quality is.
- Willmar Chamber of Commerce will be at our next meeting to explain how our membership will benefit us.
- Joe makes a motion to put rink graphics on glass in each player bench. Cost is about \$100. Mary second. Motion passed.

## Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Cliff. Joe second. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

\*Minutes submitted by Travis Michelson. Next meeting will be Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.