

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2021
7pm Mezz



In attendance: Kari Brotzman, Danielle Pellitteri, Angela Hunt, Karin Ship, Mark Markham, Kristin Manning, Lesley Steffin, Justin Temple, Justin Temple, Jason Mattila, PJ Gregoire, Mike Bakalars, Brian Lindow, Mindy O'Brien, Travis Richert, Craig Fey, Erin Ludmer, Todd Carlson, Wayne Pfalfer

1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called meeting to order at 7:03
2. **Approve Minutes** - Motion by Justin Temple, 2nd by PJ Gregoire, passed
3. **Ice Inc. Report** – Justin Temple - About to kick off fundraising for rink, we have materials and a good list of contacts to start
4. **Treasurer's Report** – Travis Richert - \$186k collected ~\$75k left coming in December. Concession revenues are starting to come in, more cash sales than credit sales
5. **President's Report/Region 4**– Jason Mattila - Thank you to all involved in evaluations. Communication among board members to the association has been excellent. All is starting off well. HoCo parade, Sugar Creek Fun Run, LTP Open House all went well.
6. **Committee Reports and updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** – Mindy O'Brien - Tailgate fundraiser had 2 participants, with one more game available. Talked to the tournament director about ticket sales for event in December, 29 signed up. Cookie sales will be an app sale, no pizza this year. Will be here by Dec 19, prices are same and prizes are similar. Cookie sale starts Nov 1 ends on Nov 15. Discussion on possible PNO, need to assemble a group to get prelim planning started.
 - b. **Equipment** – Mark Markham Everyone but LTP is outfitted, 92 outfitted for the year. Gear is a little tight, should help to get new gear from fundraiser.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** – Joe Beyler Two coaches need approved: Jim Martin for PW B, Bantam B Spencer Gregerson Asst. Coach. Motion by Mark Markham to approve both as coaches, 2nd by Craig Fey, passed. TAP is up and running and on the website, starts next week. Hope to open up slots for Mavs.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** – Mike Tollefson Scheduling meeting happened, not required to play region matchups to qualify for State. All is pretty well set. PW, Bantam and Mavs will have games played in Monroe, refs handled by Monroe but clock and boxes are filled by our families. Officials are being filled in as spots are filled. Managers should keep website up to date with games. Tournaments are set. Only one home high school game during the week this year, so schedule should be fairly consistent.
 - e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman Please update with team managers, U6 will be updated after teams are set.
 - f. **Concessions** – Brian Lindow We are fairly well stocked, sales are behind previous years. Concessions during High School games are still not a sure thing, we will follow the guidelines of the HS. Food service manager has been filled by Spencer Stagman.
 - g. **DIBs** - Desiree Bates (via email) Dibs is going well. We have many families buying out. The buyout option is now the increased price, \$35/hour. The announcement of when dibs will be released has been well accepted. I also have received positive feedback from including dibs availability in the weekly emails. Now that most teams have been announced, all managers, coaches and board members have their dibs completed in my excel sheet.

I worked with Travis and Erin to give a recommendation to the board about the pledge from VAYHA for the new rink. I support the recommendation from our sub committee.

Finally, I want to thank Kristen for her constant help. Whenever I send an email, inevitably people reply to her instead of me. She does an amazing job staying on top of it and sending me the emails. It is impressive.

- h. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars - Starting to work on rosters, will be sending out an email to coaches to get USA Hockey registrations. At 320 players registered
- i. **Apparel** - Brandi Pierce via email Hoping to get the store open and closed on the 31st. The apparel people are waiting on the website designer. Once placed, orders will take 1.5-2 weeks (or less) to get here. They are putting a rush on our orders due to the delay from the website designer. Still have missing jerseys from last season. Would like to buy additional jerseys to better outfit the kids, around 60 sets at a cost of around \$10k. Motion by PJ Gregoire to approve purchase of jerseys, Lesley Steffin 2nd, Passed
- j. **Legal Counsel** – Brian Severson No Report
- k. **Recruitment** - 42 kids attended the Open House
- l. **Region 4** - Not required to participate in league play, Playdown brackets will be based off MyHockeyRankings. WAHA safety director will recommend no spit guards be allowed in place of masks. Level 1 Ref class coming up, critical shortage of refs available. Curfewed youth game, with 5 minutes left in your hour, clock will go to 2 minutes and remaining seconds. Defunct Region 4 council will pay for team manager login to MyHockeyRanking. WAHA updated COVID information. ALDs please sign acknowledgement of concussion training. Rosters due 11/15. Masking requirements still in place.
- m. **Communications** – No Report
- n. **Update from ALD's**
 - 1. LTP – 40 registered, Pete Stafford is head coach and a few assistants. Parents meeting next week, equipment outfitting still happening as well.
 - 2. U6 - 4 teams, still to be determined.
 - 3. RWB -(via email) 56 skaters registered. Teams were created and released on 10/20. We will have 6 teams (1 red, 3 white, 2 blue). "Regular" practice schedule in teams will begin next week with each team on the ice for practice twice per week. Will be looking for a tournament coordinator for the mite tourney at the end of the season.
 - 4. Squirt - 61 skaters, B team kicks off season on Saturday in Dubuque. All going well
 - 5. Peewee - Transfers have been approved. Tournaments for all teams scheduled
 - 6. Bantam – Scrimmage at Sun Prairie went well. All level meeting next week.
 - 7. U14 Girls – Team practice starts this week. Largest program so far.
 - 8. Midget – ALD still needed 1 player registered, expecting more after high school tryouts

7. **Old Business -**

8. **New Business -**

Association New Rink Pledge - Sub committee recommends a pledge of \$150k -\$50 first year, \$25k over next four years. Motion to approve pledge by Mark Markham, 2nd by Erin Ludmer, passed. 2 abstained from voting (members who also sit on Ice Inc board)

U14 B Girls State Tournament - Need a tournament director

9. **Motion to Adjourn** Justin Temple moved to adjourn, Mark Markham 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm