

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Minutes

Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:00pm VIA Pavilion



**Present:** Jason Mattila, Earl Tollefson, Rob Vega, Craig Fey, Justin Temple, PJ Gregoire, Travis Richert, Erin Ludmer, Kristen Manning, Mike Bakalars, Eric Grudzinski, Wayne Pfahler, Brian Porter, Brian Lindow, Brittany Grant, Mindy O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Kari Brotzman, Brian Severson, Mark Markham, Brandy Pierce, Joel Mardshall

**Call to order** – Jason Mattila called meeting to order at 7:05

**Approve Minutes from the July 2020 Meeting**

Motion to approve the June minutes by Earl Tollefson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bakalars, passed.

**Ice Inc. Report** – Mike O'Brien

New boiler has been installed. Ice Inc. has ~\$90k on hand. For the season, expect between \$25-30k less in sponsor revenue. Also, Hometown Brewdown is cancelled and WAHA has decided to not play WEHL. Total budget loss for season is approximately 25%. Ice is available to rent at this time.

**Treasurer's Report** – Travis Richert

Tax return is complete, expected file date is September 9. Groundworks has switched platforms, so there will no longer be daily deposits made.

**President's Report** – Jason Mattila

Region 4 Presidents call occurred on August 4. Main takeaways:

-Most associations are following rink protocols similar to ours. City run rinks have different rules. A move towards synching rules across the region was discussed.

-WAHA recommends no U6/LTP this season. VWYHA intends to still host these programs.

-USA Hockey has sanctioned the 2020-21 season, important insurance implications. Also issued COVID recommendations for return to play.

**Committee Reports and updates**

a. **Fundraising** – Mindy O'Brien

Check was given to Travis for funds earned from FlipGIVE fundraiser from previous year. Reached out to Pizza Ranch for fundraising partnership possibility.

b. **Equipment** – Mark Markham

No report

c. **Coaches Committee** – Rob Vega

Reviewed new registration wording for this season.

d. **Ice Scheduler** – Earl Tollefson

Because of the need for 20 minute intervals between sessions, practice times this season will begin at 5pm. We will need to buy extra ice in order to accommodate 20 skater limit. We should consider moving evaluations to October. Preseason skates may also be scheduled on Saturday morning.

- e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman  
Updated registration wording and waiting on final approval and opening of registration to publish.
- f. **Concessions** – Brian Lindow  
Began the process to obtain Food Manager certification.
- g. **DIBS** – Vacant  
Still need to fill the DIBS coordinator position. Please discuss with anyone who may be interested.
- h. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars  
Nothing to report
- i. **Tournament Coordinators** – N/A  
Nothing to report
- j. **Apparel** - Brandy Pierce  
Additional jerseys have been ordered. Neck gaiters and masks are available to buy to give to each skater. There is a 5 week turnaround on orders.  
Motion to give gaiters to each skater made by Kari Brotzman. Second by Justin Temple. Passed.
- k. **Legal Counsel** – Brian Severson  
Nothing to report
- l. **Recruitment** – Desiree Bates  
Nothing to report.
- m. **Communications** – Kristen Manning  
Nothing to report.
- n. **Region 4 Update** – TBD  
Nothing to report.
- o. **Update from ALD's**
  - LTP** – Brittany Grant  
Would like to see if there is a way to filter emails from going to LTP families when they don't apply.
  - U6** - Wayne Pfahler  
Nothing to report.
  - RWB** - Brian Porter  
Nothing to report.
  - Squirt** - Todd Carlson  
Nothing to report.
  - Peewee** - Eric Grudzinski  
Plan to book tournaments soon.
  - Bantam** – Craig Fey  
Nothing to report.
  - U14 Girls** – PJ Gregoire  
Parent meeting will happen this week. Looking to register as many skaters as possible by the end of the month. Area organizations that don't have U14 girls teams are looking to send players to Mavericks. If HS doesn't hold season, expect to have 4 or 5 teams.

**Midget – Bob Schaffer**

Nothing to report

**Old Business**

Recommendation of equipment purchase. Next year, we should consider a staggered fee schedule based on level.

Board members and other volunteers need to have Safe Sport training and USA Hockey registration turned in.

**New Business**

Discussed need to hold Q&A meetings with families to discuss changes to registration. A FAQ page will be published on the association web page for reference for anyone who was unable to attend. Motion to approve language of proposed changes to registration, keep fees the same as previous year and to add an In House option to U10 and U12 made by Rob Vega. Second by Travis Richert. Passed.

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Rob Vega, 2<sup>nd</sup> Erin Ludmer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.