

WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2022

Location: Second Street Station



BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nate Shuller, Jason Kasuske, Jeremy Johnson, Juliane Lloyd, Travis Young, Lindsay Stricherz, Adam Lalim, Amber Dahl, Roger Schmaltz, Steve Sheehan, Debbie Melville

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Jenni Wirkus, Lucas Deutsch, Tonya Holien

Call to Order at 7:10pm

AGENDA for NOVEMBER & OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES: Jason Kasuske moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Registration Update:** 157 players registered. PW, Squirts and Mites are projected to hit 180 by the end of November.
- b. **BIN Update:** No updates.
- c. **USA Hockey, Background and Safesport:** All are complete – thank you!

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 50/50 with High School – the WHS Student Council has asked if we could split a 50/50 night at a BV game to support Children Miracle's Network. Board approved this for the BV game on February 10th.
- b. Cell Phone policy change – Cell phone lockers were not successful. Lucas Deutsch sent out the USA hockey locker room policy. Proposal would be to add in the prohibition of "active use" of cell phones in the locker rooms, which would include talking/texting. If a phone is 'in transit', (moving between pocket and bag), it is not in active use. Most music playing devices are cell phones. Music must be changed outside of the locker room, not in the locker room. Motion to approve amendment by Amber Dahl, seconded by Debbie Melville. Motion carried.
- c. JV – Stick it to Cancer Jerseys Question was raised whether we could have JV jerseys. Jenni Wirkus confirmed jerseys were ordered for JV. T-Shirts must be ordered by 11/24/22.

3. OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS- reports if any information

Coaching Committee, Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff

- Team splits are complete at all levels. Evaluations went well at each level.
- Great feedback on Coach Dylan at BV level.
- Thanks to Coach Dylan and Coach Kranz for representing Watertown at the Girls Weekend in Sioux Falls

Finance Committee, Debbie Melville, Treasurer

- Proposal for 2022-2023 Budget
- Registration money coming in
- Budget discussed. Estimated profit is \$29,500 for 2023.
- Motion made by Jason Kasuske to approve the budget, seconded by Jeremy Johnson. Motion carried.

Dibs/Volunteer Committee, Amber Dahl and Tonya Holien – no additional updates

Marketing Committee, Molly Randall, chair – Sign sales are almost complete.

Fundraising Committee, Molly Randall, chair – Raffle ticket sales are in motion.

4. GENERAL COMMITTEES

Calendar Committee, Todd Randall, Chair – no updates

Growth and Retention Committee – Try Hockey for Free did not bring as many as desired. Goal was 30+ and we had 10. There are 82 kids on the ice on Monday nights, 10 came out for THFF. Return rate on the 10 is 4 so far, which is strong. Decision was made to send fliers to the schools for a reminder of this event.

5. STAFF UPDATES

Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch

- a. Question was raised how to handle illness. If your player is ill and will not be at practice or play, contact your league level coach.
- b. Return to Play Guidelines were proposed for Concussions. See attachment for “Return to Play Guidelines” if your player was diagnosed with a concussion.
- c. Hockey going well so far.
- d. Breakfast Club going very well. Between 30 – 50+ kids each week. THANKS to Tonya Holien for breakfast!
- e. Schedules are out for Group 2

Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim)

- a. All teams have been submitted to South Dakota hockey.

6. FACILITIES

7. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION

- a. Meeting was held to shore up volunteer responsibilities. Thursday, November 17th at 7:30pm for Team Coordinators to teach how to open/close the rink and responsibilities.

8. ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURN at 8:24pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, December 13th, 2022, 7:00 pm @ 2nd Street Station