



# RIVER FALLS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## *February 2021 Minutes*

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DATE: Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

LOCATION: Wildcat Centre, River Falls

ATTENDANCE: Jody Christensen, Carrie Torgersen, Kristin Jepson, Kaylan Wilson, Catherine White, Kevin Hare, John Linehan, Chad Flanagan, Paul Bloodhart and Nicole Ralston.

ABSENT:

Meeting called to order at 6:02

### **AGENDA**

1. **Welcome, Intro, Agenda Review** **Wilson**
  
2. **Consent Items** (All can be approved in one motion, unless an item is removed by a board member for further discussion) **Wilson**
  - A. Agenda Approval  
**Action Item:**  
Approve Agenda and any supplementary
  - B. Approval of Materia  
**Action Item:** Approve meeting minutes from past month.

Motion made to approve all consent items by John seconded by Jody. All in Favor.

3. **Guest Comments** **Guest**
  - Neil Accola was present for the meeting
  
4. **Other Business** **Wilson**
  - Application for granted equipment has been completed and submitted to Kraft Hockeyville, we have not heard back
  - Covid19 procedures will remain the same
  - There are 6 open Board positions for the upcoming term. Kaylan will send an email to the Association members notifying them if they would like to run for the Board, they will need to

submit their bio to Nicole Ralston via email by March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Voting will take place at the Annual Board meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> which will take place social distanced after the ice is removed. Voting will be submitted on paper for the Board positions in person. Maximum of one vote per person and two votes per family. Voting for Officer positions will take place via Survey Monkey.

#### **5. Hockey Operations - On Ice**

**Hare**

- Playdowns will be held weekend of February 13<sup>th</sup>
- Transition practices will follow after playdowns
- Ice out is dependent on if we will host an additional tournament

#### **6. Hockey Operations - Off Ice**

**Christensen**

- Committee has met and has decided together a proposal for new jersey, socks and how to track numbers moving forward. They took bids from 4 different companies and decided to go with JOG in Appleton, WI. JOG is also doing the new Blackcat and UWEC jerseys. Wildcat jersey will be reversible, one side gold and one side blue with 2 pair of matching socks. Skaters last name will be printed on the back of the jersey along with the WI logo. Cost will range between \$90-\$100 per set, cost will be worked into registration. Current plan is to order new jersey every year.
- Goalies can choose any number but will have first choice of #1 and #30
- Kaylan will forward proposal to committee regarding choosing numbers, Board will vote next meeting.
- Conversation regarding moving registration to Late August or Early September
- Jody recommends saving a couple of the old jersey sets and selling the remaining supply.
- We are hosting the Fusion sectional final on Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Highschool has requested no more than 200 spectators in the building. Extra time before and after the game has been added to the schedule to allow for passing time. If Fusion wins, we will host the semifinals for State on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There will not be a Midget tournament but will try to replace with another Bantam tournament, currently we have 17 teams and are hoping to get 24.
- Fat Boys tournament will continue, currently contacting teams we know that have been played in the past, currently 4 teams registered, we will have 50+ and 60+. Catherine and Rebecca will help run.
- We will be hosting U10 State Girls Tournament first weekend of March
- All youth tournaments are full
- Volunteer hours were reviewed, there will be plenty of hours to finish off the season.
- Jody is requesting meeting with Kit Luedtke to talk about HS and Youth program being in alignment. Kaylan will be present for this meeting.
- Board had conversation regarding our alignment as a program from Mites through Bantams.
- Jody has been asked to consider a Midget team for next season for kids that may not play for the HS program. Next year there will be 15 skaters move to HS, 9 are graduating.

#### **7. External Relations/Advertising**

**Williamson**

#### **8. Financial Operations**

**Flanagan**

- Financial packet was reviewed
- Revenue brought in from Concessions, Tournament registration, HS contract payment and Ice rental

- Flanagan is working on projections for next season if you have expected expenses please follow up.
- Yeti raffle sales have been successful
- Catherine has asked for \$500 annual budget for Mites. Catherine made a motion, Jody seconded, all in favor.

**9. Fundraising**

**Jepson**

- Spring fundraising Event will be Purse Bingo - April 10<sup>th</sup> at Mainstreeters. Seating will start at 1, bingo at 2, Will work on licensing with the State of WI. Would presale 80 tickets. Projected revenue will be \$4-\$5K with expense of \$1K. Hours worked will count towards volunteer hours worked for next season.
- Back to Hockey event to be scheduled at Rush River, more details to come.
- Will investigate fundraising opportunities with Kwik Trip and Jonesy's.
- State Farm grant has been applied for, top 4 will be announced in July.
- 29 (6 pizza raffles) families have not turned in their fundraising packets. Reminder email was sent out on February 8<sup>th</sup>. February 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline before invoices will be sent for payment
- Raffle drawings will be held at the Shamrock Shootout

**10. Building Operations**

**Bloodhart**

- Three compressors are running well; one compressor failed few weeks after it was installed, it is under warranty. Looking into labor cost
- Spring cleaning list has been started
- Cleaning for dibs has been a success

**11. Member Engagement Retention/Recruitment**

**Wilson**

- Jess Brunkhorst is working on the succession planning document

**12. Girls Coaching Committee**

**Swanson**

**13. Other Business**

**Wilson**

- Catherine looking into picnic license for Fatboys. Canned beer will be sold out of concessions.
- Following up with City of RF regarding the softball tournament during River falls Days.

Motion to adjourn by John; Paul seconded. All in favor

<u>2020-2021 Calendar - Key Dates</u>	
February 19-21 <sup>st</sup> , 2021	Bantam A/B Tournament
February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Mites End of Year Party
March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm
May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Board Meeting – 6 pm