

# WHA Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Location: PLIA Community Room 1

Time: 7:00pm Board Meeting

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| <b>Board Members Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> &amp; Absent <input type="checkbox"/></b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Todd Randall (President)       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Dorneman, League Director A     |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Lalim (Past President)               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travis Young, League Director B      |  |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Sullivan (Vice President) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Skott, At Large Director A      |  |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Mathews (Treasurer)    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Johnson, At Large Director B  |  |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Schmeling (Secretary)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Engen, Development Director A   |  |
|  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nate Shuller, Development Director B |  |

Other Attendees: Karen Groomis, Tori Simon, Lucas Deutsch, Molly Randall,

Call to Order 7:11 pm

**AGENDA for August 2024.** Nate Schuller moved to approve the August 2024 Agenda, seconded by Eric Skott. Motion carried

**MEETING MINUTES for August 2024:** Adam Sullivan moved to approve July meeting minutes, seconded by Travis Young. Motion carried

## 1. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. July Financial Review: Allison reviewed income and outbound costs. CD comes due at end of month and recommendation was made to put back into a 6 month CD. Discussion had about which CD, how long and what interest rate.  
*Motion made by Eric Skott to put money back into a 6 month CD. Second by Travis Young. Motion carried.*  
*Motion made by Eric Skott to approve the July 2024 financials, seconded by Nate Schuller. Motion carried.*

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Last month action items review (label pipes- not done yet, need label maker- sprinkler cages, filler panels, string nets, moving of equipment has been moved and is a work in progress, Itemized list of purchases for last years grant)  
**Action item: notify senior parents of Senior Showcase November 16-17, 2024**  
**Action item still pending: Label pipes, Filler panels, string nets**  
*Motion made to approve purchase of divider boards, pads and Mite/Squirt jerseys up to \$20,000 from Watertown community foundation grant by Nate Shuller. Second by Adam Sullivan. Motion Carried.*  
**Action Item: need to make an aluminum cart to put pads on for easy transport.**
- b. September Power skate Date/Vals Return- Date has been moved to October 21-25 Which will be included un association practice times. No Roby Glantz this year.
- c. Mite/Squirt jersey design and order- Designs discussed and voted on.  
*Motion Made to approve design number 2 (with a small stripe change) by Nate Schuller. Second by Jeremy Johnson. Motion Carried.*  
**Action item: Lucas will discuss with coaches and and get ordered.**
- d. Ipads/scoresheets- Supplies needed/training- **Action item: Travis Young and Jeremy Johnson volunteer to be leads and learn new system and bring back to the association. Need total of 4 I pads.**

- e. Collection and updating of binders- Will have both a hard copy and digital copy. Task force to update binders (Adam Sullivan, Todd Randall, Karen Groomis, Beth Schmeling, Amber Dahl). **Action Item: Karen will coordinate a meeting date and time.** Team parent needs to send pictures of games to Tori Simon to post on social media.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. DIBS- Rough Draft with addition of hours from Dusty for cleaning- Sabrina and Karen met. Tried to make a rough draft but still waiting on games, cleaning duties schedule etc. Discussed bringing back deposit check for DIBS. Lucas brought up increasing the number of DIBS points for equipment manager. Lucas will keep tabs on the number of hours worked and discuss what should be awarded.  
**Action item: Adam to discuss with Dusty what DIBS will be offered from the city jobs.**
- b. Youth leadership proposal- 1 boy 1 girl. Attend 2 board meetings. Eric Skott or Matt Engen will be the board member to supervise. Will discuss at next meeting. **Action Item: Adam will reach out to Paige Sullivan to head this and make a proposal with guidelines, structure and requirements.**
- c. PACH fundraiser- Varsity Boys will be heading this up (packing the bags). Will do a food drive for a season kick off fundraiser. **Action item: Todd will discuss a kick off party possibly with Shamrocks players to collect donations.**
- d. Thursday Night Live- This week. Team snap communication was sent out. To show support for United Way.
- e. Mites Registration- Registration for initiation hockey for first 6 weeks will come out with city activities book. August 20<sup>th</sup>. Will need to send out team snap communication on how this will work. All Mites must register for initiation hockey through the city. This is free with a private donation. They can sign up/register to continue on after with in house hockey or travel mites at any time. Will need to have a USA hockey number(register on USA hockey) as well to do this. Will continue to monitor as the registration numbers come in.
- f. Open House for PLIA- Sept 12<sup>th</sup>- Kelly Fritz would like the Lakers, WFSC and Shamrocks to participate in the Grand Opening. Want Lakers to have a booth with a sauce toss and shooting clinic. Open locker room with staging. Figure skaters will have ice time for learn to skate. – Want to split ice with figure skaters to have hockey on one side. Matt will bring sauce toss. Put tri folds out. Volunteer to give tours. Varsity coaches will have kids “set up” locker rooms. 4-6 pm on 9/12/24. Board members to be present. Try to get Squirts available to dress and play. Todd will confirm this is possible.
- g. Final Tournament Schedule. Most schedules have been set. Buffalo Wild Wings would like to sponsor a tournament. Will have a JV Jamboree in Watertown. Karen will be sending out a google doc with schedule when hotels are finalized. Team parents will then distribute to team.
- h. Try Hockey For Free August- Discussion had about moving date to September. Lucas will pick a date and communicate.
- i. Live Barn- Will not be installed at PLIA at current time. USA hockey TV and NAHL has a similar product as well as our own you tube feed that we will utilize. **Action item: Jeremy will continue discussions with Vince Foley.**
- j. Wee Wobbler Program- Discussion had for WHA take program back vs WFSC keeping program vs combing and work together. Option to have our varsity players go over to teach the hockey skills portion to help fill the volunteer options. Decision made to promote Try Laker Hockey through the city. Will promote hard on social media. Lucas will talk with Taylor about possibility of having Varsity kids help with skills.

**Action Item: Lucas to create skills. Tori to promote on social media.**

- k. Boys Varsity Tournament Committee- Talk with Kristina about having original core group to help. Will have 2 chairs to man team.
- l. Grade School Open Houses- Need to create flyer Jurgens will print. Lucas will discuss with wife and call schools to get permission and communicate need.

**4. OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS-** reports if any information

**Coaching Committee**, Adam Sullivan, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff- Met once since last meeting. Talked about culture/vision statement printed on bag tags for kids and wallet cards for adults. Have not met again to discuss further. Will continue to work on throughout August. Will be able to give city “rough schedule” with hours needed per day. Schedule will continue to be a work in progress until final schedule is out in November.

**Dibs/Volunteer Committee**, Sabrina Welder, Chair- Need to put together a basic format and add in the rest of the stuff after made available.

**Registrar**, Chelsey Jungemann, Chair- coaches are going to be starting to get their yearly requirements done. Coaches will be sending USA hockey numbers directly to Chelsey.

## 5. GENERAL COMMITTEES

**Marketing & Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, Chair- dasher boards- Would like to be able to print locally. Will send marketing committee out to start getting things going. Please bring any ideas forward in lieu of yearly raffle. Should have a link on website to buy apparel.

**Nominations Committee**, Kristina Suttan, Chair - Melissa Gilbert will be the new scheduler. Need to replace Wendy as the Risk Manager. Will look for somebody in the medical field.

**Grow the Game Committee/Tournament Committee**, Aaron Roberts, Chair- Has resigned from this position. Will need to find a replacement.

- New Families & Players Liaison, Travis Young – nothing new to report at this time.

**Equipment Committee**, Lindsey Stricherz, Chair

**IT Committee**, Jeremy Johnson, Chair- Will work with Shamrocks on broadcasting. They are in the process of obtaining all equipment and broadcast director. Jermev will attend an NAHL meeting tomorrow to finalize structure.

## 6. STAFF UPDATES

**Operations Manager**, Lucas Deutsch

**Business Manager**, Karen Gromis

## 7. FACILITIES

## 8. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION – Per by laws 3 missed meetings by a board member and position is forfeited. *Motion made by Nate Schuller to have notification letter sent to Adam Lalim to forfeit position. Second by Adam Sullivan. Motion Carried*

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday , September 10, 2024 7:00 pm, PLIA

*Motion made by Alison Matthews to adjourn meeting. Second by Travis Young. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM