



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES-MARCH 9TH, 2022

1. **INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M., Chris P., Kurt H., Chris S., Patti E., Tom G., & Bobby G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Tom N & Tim W.
4. **Membership Attendance:** Val Shurley, Lisa Lockett Neumuth, Laureen Hoeft, Sarah Nissen, Jason Herzog, Mike Cloherty, Jen Barker, Matt Staufenbeil, Jen Knuth, & Matt Magruder
5. **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Chad motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Chris S. Seconded**

FEBRUARY TREASURER REPORT: February Activity: Hair Team awards were handed out on March 2 at Nags; Winter Classic: Currently finalizing financials, but showing a decent profit resulting from the event; Playdown bills need to be processed; **Next items:** U6 & U8 tournament fees will be collected in March (pre-paid tournaments have been paid); Non-parent coach reimbursements are being worked on and will go out by end of March; Final team financials – DUE MARCH 21; Referee refunds – if your team has excess funds please send those back to organization; Budget discussions will begin shortly after the season concludes; Payment timeline for next year – this process will be laid out and analyzed to focus on a better method of recognizing skater credits (earned through such events as AmFam concession work) closer to the skater registration time frame. Anyone with a credit balance will receive an email in May with directions on how to proceed.; Currently working on final ice fees for February and March; Squirt C tournament has been reimbursed from WAHA; Still expecting girls hockey grant by early May. **Chad Motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved/ Chris S. Seconded**

6. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: Val Shurley provided an update:** Spring Bash currently has (24) participants registered and a final email will be sent out with the link to register for the event taking place on March 19th at Raised Grain Brewery; Lou Malnati's Warhawk Wednesday was a success, raising approximately \$136 for the organization; **Lisa Neumuth** – Addressed the board looking for a better process for team volunteer positions. Expressing the fact that many times roles such as manager, scheduler, etc. have already been selected by parents volunteering when they are contacted by the coach notifying team rosters after tryouts. It was suggested when coaches send out their season opening communication that the opportunities for volunteer roles be presented to all families and held open for a short time to allow any interested parties to respond. Chad mentioned that coaches will be provided guidance at the beginning of the season on how to proceed with team volunteer positions prior to the start of the season.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **U14 and U10 State Tournament Recap.**
 - a. U14 Bantam B placed 7th
 - b. U14 A Valkyries placed 7th
 - c. U14 B Valkyries placed 7th
 - d. U10 A LCW placed 3rd
 - e. Squirt A placed 5th (Consolation Champions)
 - f. Squirt B - State Champions
 - g. Squirt C Black placed 2nd
 - h. Squirt C Gold placed 3rd
 - i. Squirt C White – Placed 5th (Consolation Champions)
 - j. U14 and U10 State Tournament Recap.
 - i. U12 B LCW playing 3/12-3/13
 - ii. PEE WEE B Black playing 3/12-3/13

iii. PEE WEE C Gold playing 3/12-3/13

- B. **U8 Winter Classic Recap**—New Volunteer Requirement (Each U8 family to complete 2 hours): Eventful weekend and great showing. Waukesha Red & Blue teams won their championship, development player program was able to get a few games in during the tournament weekend; Tournament raised a solid profit for the organization and saw a 50/50 raffle raise over \$14K; There a lot of effort put into the tournament and resulted in a good success. In the future the organization will be looking to find more volunteer participation for tournaments, possibly entertaining additional volunteer requirements next season. Looking for ways to make these experiences enjoyable and successful. Open to suggestions from families in the organization.
- C. **Elections Candidates/Ballots (will be e-mailed out and returned by 4/1/22)**
- a. **NO ELECTIONS WILL BE NEEDED**
 - b. **Secretary:** Kurt Hietala
 - c. **VP On Ice** - Chris Schoeneck
 - d. **Level Directors**
 - i. **U8** -Tom Gibbons
 - ii. **U10** -Still have an opening
 - iii. **U12** - Bobby Grogan
 - iv. **U14** - Tim Welsch
- D. **End of the Year Survey/Coaches Survey:** Modifications to the final survey to be sent out Monday the 14th. There was discussion around creating a process that would allow for families that wished to remain anonymous to provide appropriate and constructive feedback. Laureen Hoeft (webmaster) will provide a process for completing an anonymous survey and instructions will be provided in the email send out on 3/14.
- E. **March Try Hockey for Free Recap.** – Last Sunday (3/6) the organization saw it largest turnout yet at 47 kids – Website is set up for registration of the learn to skate and play hockey sessions; Next year the organization is planning to bookend a PEE WEE game around the try hockey events and look to build engagement between the older skaters and new skaters at the event. Learn to play hockey will continue to be promoted through the off season and possibly looked for ways to tie volunteer opportunities to the sessions.

8. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** Started planning for next season – Numbers are looking very large, and ice sheets will be at a premium; leadership will explore possible changes to practice format to accommodate ice sheet availability; There are currently (4) high school teams that use our ice: (KMMO, Waukesha, Marquette, Muskego); Possibly looking to play more tournaments to off set the lack of available ices sheets as weekend ice sheets will be limited; Trying to avoid additional costs. Organization will need to think outside the box with potentially exploring different venues.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Chris wanted to recognize Justin Hall for the tremendous job he did organizing and running the State C2 Tournament. Justin asked for very little help and the organization received great feedback from WAHA and other participants on how well the tournament was run. THANK YOU, JUSTIN!!
- C. **VP OFF ICE: Girls Update:** Girls teams saw a very strong finish to the season; State Tournament was an awesome experience for the girls with great enthusiasm and team; Planning for next year has started and the upcoming Region 5 meeting will discuss philosophy of co-ops which will be shared, bi-laws coming out to address how teams are classified on the girls level to promote competitive balance; Also exploring the possibility of seeding tournaments; discussion around growth options at early levels 8U girls teams – have seen positive interest; opportunity to schedule more games – possibly region 5 scheduler for 8U girls; WAHA girls director is working with Admirals to get a U8 tournament at Panther arena; There is still a general desire to encourage co-ed teams; Chris P. will be meeting with arrowhead representation to discuss strategy for U14 team next year; the Girls survey was sent out to understand skater intentions for next season with currently (50% early responses); **VP Update:** Not aware of any off-ice concerns; score sheets for patches

need to be turned in by March 15, patches will be distributed at Warhawk day; Due to feedback, a google form has been established to provide feedback on lessons learned regarding Tournaments/hotel's to avoid future issues; Open Coordinator positions will be communicated to the families in the organization; Volunteer position requirements will be addressed in the policy procedure – submit any suggestions for change to Chris Parson; Organizational Directory has faced several challenges throughout the season, but finally a 1st draft has been created. This will be reviewed by leadership and when approved a communication will be sent out informing how interested families can pick up a copy. Moving forward we will explore creating a digital copy of the directory; Chris needs to get in contact with the representatives from PWEE C White and Squirt C.

D. TREASURER: NA

- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Bantam A wrapping up their season on Saturday (3/12); Bantam B placed 7th at their respective state tournament
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** PEE WEE A recently had a success Chicago tournament; Coach Nappier has done a good job leading the team this year; PWB is preparing for the state tournament; PWB Gold experienced an up and down season; PWC Black showed solid improvement through the year; PWC Gold is preparing for the state tournament; PWC White has shown good improvement through the year.
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Very good turnout at the state tournaments; The squirt level enjoyed a great year with good families, skaters, and solid development. Looking forward to next year.
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** 8U skaters still have 3 weeks left in the season with a few tournaments; Looking to create a fun jamboree where players will be mixing up team between the teams; overall the group has come a long way. Good coaching support at this level and there is an opportunity to make 8U girls hockey teams next season.

Adjourned at 7:32PM