

**WHITE BEAR LAKE AREA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
(OPEN TO ALL MEMBERSHIP)
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15TH, 2009**

1. The following members were present: Dave Mathies, Steve Snyder, Sherry Meier, Marty Wippler, Rick Donovan, and Pat Jackson.
2. Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Dave Mathies.

Pat Jackson motion to approve the agenda. Rick Donovan seconded.
Motion carried.

3. Meeting minutes for April 16, 2008 were presented. Motion by Pat Jackson to approve the meeting minutes. Sherry Meier seconded. Motion carried.
4. Gambling Report – Amy Peterson; we have two pull tab sites at this time White Bear Bar and Stadium. During the time period reflected in the gambling report 4-1-08 through 2-28-09, the Gambling account contributed \$50000.00. In March an additional \$37,300.00 was given. That makes a total of \$87,300.00 to the White Bear Lake Area Hockey Association. The New Car Raffle we sold 2836 tickets quailing \$85,090.00 with prizes totaling \$62,448.00 with a net profit of \$22,600.00 all prizes have been distributed.

Remember to support the White Bear Lake Hockey association by patronizing the White Bear Bar and the Stadium Sports Bar and Grill.

Secretary's Report – Sherry Meier; Nothing to report. I have just a few words to say. I would like to thank all the volunteers that have helped out. I would like to thank Jesse Fiddle, Rick Donovan and Marty Wippler for helping me out with my first year on the board. I would also like to mention that we are going to start posting minuets online that will say pending so more people will know what is going on.

5. Treasurer's Report – Rick Donovan; Rick presented the profit and loss financials for the past fiscal year ending March 31st, 2009. A full Financial accounting will be maid available after the annual audit performed by Tauges & Redpath. We had cash balances totaling \$190,000.00 against -0 liabilities. The funds are held in FDIC insured accounts at Lake Area Bank and Merrill Lynch. This represents a decrease of nearly \$20,000.00 from the prior period and is driven primarily from the following deviations from the break even 2008-09 budget.

Fall Camp and Dry Land Center was \$19000.00 with each team getting 14 hours. Below in plan were Concessions / Bear Wear store by \$16000.00. The Bear Wear store will be revisited on keeping it open. We have over \$10,000.00 in inventory that we will be trying to sell. At different events. We had \$6000.00 in Bad debit this is families that could not pay there team fees. In the Economic times we over budgeted in Coaches stipends, Jerseys were over a little bit with the replacements. \$20,000.00 payment to Rink came out of our facility budget we were short \$10,000.00 . \$56,000.00 payments came from Gambling fund checks were paid to White Bear Hockey. I would like to thank Jesse & Brenda Fiddle for fund raising we had 27 families this year apply for Rob Sund. Thank you Sue Arcand, Dave Mathies for the past year they have taken so many phone call , Emails . Allen Illgen has risen the bar in the Player Development he has done a fantastic Job. Marty Wippler, Sherry Meier, Pat Jackson thank you for all your work. I would also like to thank the coaches for there commitment its is really appreciated. Lastly I would like to thank my wife Deb Donovan for helping me out. Thanks for your support.

6. President's Report –Dave Mathies, We have learned a lot about management, commitment we have an understanding to what is needed we changed something's this year and we will take a more direct action with the level directors/ Board Members 50% of them did a great job . We will make sure we do better next year. A special thank you to the hockey board for all there time and effort Rick Donovan, Jesse Fiddle and Marty Wippler. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and Level coordinators. Thank you Brenda Fiddle, Heidi Newpower, Missy Wippler , John Anderson , Brian Halvorsen, Darlene Turner, Mike Basich, Amy Peterson, Scott Peterson, Ken Gjerde, Shawn Illgen, Kristi Schillinger, Deb Donovan and Chuck st. Martin, Dave Lusk and Holly Mulvaney. Mike Bigelbach Old site Co RD E & 35E in order for us to build there we were required to purchase pylons or platforms we could not absorb the cost of this. 2nd site 61 & Co RD E city of Vадnais wants to keep this in Vадnais Heights. City of White Bear Lake superintends called and wants to be more involved were are in negotiations they have land for the Dome at South Campus. We are looking to move the dome but still in negotiations. The Rink will stay at Hwy 61 & Cd Rd E. We are in the model state in the two locations the city of Vадnais Heights is looking at purchasing the land. We are waiting for the bond market tax exempt revenue bonds are at 9.5% it was at 13% 1st of the year we need this between 7-8% for this rink to work. Bonding company feeling good to start getting approvals so when this comes down we are ready. This type of financing we need 40% to make this work. We have 100% financing we are also checking other options. Scott Schafer asked how long once we start building we hope by October hopefully up by 2010 in spring. Time limit if we will lose site we are looking at 1-2 years. financing are we looking for Corporate Donations once. Once approved they will donate but not before.

7. Vice President – Jesse Fiddle; I would like to thank the following people for their help over the past two years. Karie Jones, Holly Mulvaney, Heidi Newpower and Missy Wippler for helping with the concessions. Dennis Eisinger, Carol Tanberg and Krista Johnson for helping with awards, medals and trophies. Molly Doran, Jamie Nadeua, Holly Mulvaney and Brenda Fiddle for helping with the Bear Wear store over the past two years. Shawn Illgen for helping in securing sponsors for our teams. Pat Jackson and Scott & Amy Peterson for their help in running our tournaments. Kristi Schillinger for taking on the role of Jersey Coordinator. Marty Wippler for helping when I was in a pinch. All the many volunteers who helped with the annual golf tournament and booster bash events. Finally I'd like to thank Brenda for doing everything over the past two years. If it weren't for her planning and organization things would not have gone nearly as smoothly as they have.

8. Directors Reports:

Allen Illgen – Director of Player Development Thank you to all coaches and volunteers. Clinic something's worked 1st time parent meeting for 4year olds we had 20 kids 2nd week no chairs were used. We reduced the size of clinic classes more kids in the white level. Reduced registration costs. We are aware of getting notices out for registration. Coaching clinic we made sure this was fun and we worked on fundamentals. If attendance goes down the kids were not having fun. Things we did this year were Skate with Santa. Skating at the Hipp. Would like to thank all Volunteers that helped out with clinic. Brian Wilke was the mite coordinator for the past 5 years; Derek Johnson embraced this position and did a great job. Each team received 1 more hour of ice time this year and knot skating after the 6pm time slot. We offered to the mites this year free acceleration we booked that solid in March But not on Sundays for the shooting areas. Chuck St Martin did a great job for the collecting all the goalie equipment and he shops hard for us.

Pat Jackson – Junior Gold/NESL Director

Jr. Gold A finished 4th in a field of 18 teams in the metro league. Thank you to Mallard Teal, Terry Greene, Terry Forliti, Charlie Brunton, Manager Karen Widorski. Thanks to all the parents.

Like the traveling program we have coaches that played in the association and returned to give back to come into the lives of others for a season a season or a life time.

Life time relationships teach you lifetime lessons.

Things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson.

Love the person & put what you have learned to use in all others relationships & areas of life it is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

I have made a motion to add a C level Director to the board. This is not something New I have been in this association long enough to see the board go through several additions and subtractions over the past 20 plus years. In 96 we has a 1st vice president in house director 2nd vice president traveling director and 3rd vice president Jr. Gold director in addition we had a treasurer, assistant treasurer/ Lead fund raiser, Recording secretary, Member at large, Tournament Director and corresponding secretary. Some where between George Butkovich & Ken Ronsberg leaving their positions & Don Bjorkman replacing George, Don inherited the C program. Prior to that they were separate positons. Yes in recent years I have been fortunate to have some dedicated coordinators. Yet having stewardships over the programs I have still needed to be involved. We start grading literally on the heels of tryouts ending. Sometimes waiting on dads to see where their kids end up deciding if they will be C Coaches. We have been in situations where the night before grading starts we are still looking for coaches. In addition to setting up grading compiling the numbers for grading we are trying to get teams into tournaments without know who the coaches are. In late November while still trying to resolve C Team issues I move into tryouts for the Jr. Gold teams once again on the heels of the high school cuts. In my role I work with the D2 and the Metro Hockey League I have been the go to person for the C peewee and bantam tournament as well as the Jr. Gold tournament. The reason I am making this motion is I strongly feel it would benefit not only the C program and the Jr. Gold program but the association as well. When the players reach the Jr. Gold level it becomes a melting pot of C players. B players, a player, as well as they guys cut from the high school team. I believe by adding this position the person who fills this role will have there hands full working with the player development director as well as coaches and coordinators to help strengthen the C level as well as the program as a whole. I hope that you will vote with the kids in mind and give them back their own representative.

In the 2008 season the C squirts fielded 4 teams Coordinator Mike Wakefield

Team 1 Finished with 111 Hep points

Team 2 Finished with 9 Hep Points

Team 3 Finished with 13 Hep points

Team 4 Finished at the Top with 15 HEP points

Peewees Fielded 3 teams Brian Cunningham was the Coordinator. There were 17 teams in D2 leagues our teams finished 4th, 9th, 12th, and 17th Jr. Gold teams

The 16U black team ... After 2 appearances at state they feel short of going to state this year.

Jr. Gold B Black finished second in the East Metro League Jr. Gold B

Jr. Gold Be Orange finished 1st in the East Metro League Jr. Gold B division won their way to state by winning both games at regions Finished 2nd at state in a barn burning game against Lakeville.

Dave Mathies – Girls Director

I would like to apologize for not being able to attend this evening due to a work commitment. A special Thanks to Steve Snyder for filling in for the annual meeting.

Thank you to all the head coaches, assistant coaches and managers for all your hard work and effort this season. Thank you to the board members and all those who have taken on jobs that make the association operate.

Thanks you Kristi Schillinger who was always ready to help organize and crunch data and help with anything else.

Thank you to Sean Scharron who ran girls clinic this season. Great Job! Thanks you to Greg Senarighi for all your help with Tryouts. Thank you to Steve Snyder, Girls Coordinator for jumping in and helping with anything including tonight.

Season Highlights

The girls focused on development of the basics and Coach Sharron says they are all ready for the U8s. U8 level hosted 2 teams focusing on the basics and had success in game play. U10 level hosted 3 teams. Congratulations to the U10A for winning the District 2 Championship and U10B for an undefeated seasons in league play and 2nd place in District 2. U12 B thanks to Gary Halonen , Don Amble, And Jay Rudie for stepping up to coach this team. U12A second in the Grand Rapids and New Hop tournaments. U14B 4th place in league play and 4th in 2 tournaments. U14A 3rd place Duluth and 2nd place in pool play for regions

Marty Wippler – Traveling Director

I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight and supporting the association as well. Thank you all coaches that were involved with me over the past 2 years. A lot of them became my friends and I appreciate all your hard work. Jon Anderson did a great job for his first year. Brenda and Jesse Fiddle have a thankless job. Tom Giller How much time he put into building the Dry land Center thank you. Everyone on the board has been great with the High/Low with very few members that show up at the meetings. Thank you Darlene for all the help. Retirements Keith Wakefield / Judd will be missed.

Coaches not everything goes the best but always smiling at the end of the year. Tryouts come to a meeting next month to discuss with the new Traveling Director. Online evaluations at all levels online.

8. Open Forum

4x4 Bear Paws frozen tournament will be Saturday Jan 2, 2010 High school fundraiser there will be link on website.

Mike Wakefield what is the plan to put in for arena were at about 100,000 we need 150,000 to make this work we are going to wait and see what happens with land the site will be a year to year lease. What size arena are

we building? We are building what we can afford. We will be putting a facilities committee in place to look at fundraising. Beca Fletcher –more about the raffle beside the raffle we spent a lot of time and we could have added \$5.00 to everyone’s registration and not have had the hassle.

10. Old Business –

11. New Business –

12. Discussion

ELECTION RESULTS;

Sean Padden had 96 votes.- Traveling Director

Jennifer Goudreau had 104 votes.-Treasurer

Larry Fitzpatrick had 113 votes – Vice President

Candidate ran unopposed. Pat Jackson

13. Dave Mathies motioned to adjourn the meeting. Marty Wippler seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Meier