

**WHA Board Meeting
January 19, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Vince Foley

Members Present: Vince F., Bob M., Scott R., Teri R., Jay S., Jolene S., Jodi P., Lori F., Jenni W., and Chris O.,

Guests: Wendel Falk and Shane Wirkus

Reports:

Treasurer – Teri R.:

- The May thru Dec - “Profit and Loss” financial report - and Balance Sheet as of 12-31-2010 were presented and a motion was made to pass and approve. Motion carried.
- Referee payments are made on site at the time of officiating. This helps foster good working relationships with visiting officials and helps retain good qualified officials who are eager to come back.

Registrar – Myra W.:

- (No Report)

Secretary – Jay S.:

- Dec. 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

President – Vince F.:

- Vince outlined and discussed initial developmental hockey plans.
- The National High School Hockey Tournament will be held at Chicago this year. SD will be represented by Huron.
- Reportedly, Nick Moon – Varsity Goalie would like to move forward with the WHA’s “Goalie Pad Program”
- Vince and the WHA Building Committee have a meeting next Tuesday with the Park and Rec to discuss building needs and future updates.

Vice President- Scott R.:

- (No Report)

Past President – Bob M.:

- (No Report)

Boys Varsity/JV – Jolene S.:

- Developmental games have been very hard to work into the schedule. The lack of ice time is the biggest issue. Secondly, it's been hard to get any other teams interested in coming to Watertown.
- Discussed use of funds for boy's varsity tourneys.

Girls – Jodie P.:

- Girls varsity participated in a Wahpeton, ND tourney and placed 4th.
- All postponed games have now been made up except for one (1) game.

Bantams- Lori F.:

- The Bantam-B team was able to schedule a pickup game at Aberdeen. This will help fill in their 3-week open spot on their schedule. There are only five (5) Bantam-B teams in the State.

PeeWee – Jenni W.:

- Jenni W. requested Vince F. to write a letter for the State PeeWee-A program. Request accepted by Vince.
- Jenni W. discussed fundraising/ads for the PeeWee A Jamboree and State PeeWee-A Tourney programs. The PeeWee-A Jamboree will be held Jan. 21 thru 23 in Watertown. PeeWee-A State Tourney will be in Watertown on Feb. 18 thru 20.
- Security and medical/EMT requirements for hosting the State PeeWee-A tourney were discussed as well as game programs.

Squirts – Chris O.:

- Chris O. asked for clarification of Squirt Practice times for February. Due to the PeeWee-A State Tourney on Feb 18-20, the Squirts will switch time slots and will have joint practices with the Mites.
- The WTN Squirt Tourney will be held Jan. 28th with 11 teams participating.
- Chris outlined potential fundraising opportunities. There is an opportunity on 4-2-2011 at the VFW vendor fair.
- Also, Chris O. worked out an agreement with a consignment type children's store in Watertown; whereas Laker Hockey families can donate gently used children's items and 50% of the proceeds from the sale of each item will be returned to WHA. ([Refer to the attached – Children's Store Flyer](#))

Mite/Mini-mites – Jeanne S.:

- (no report)

Old Business:

- Skate Rental Fees & Sharpening Fees increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00 as of 1-1-2011. A temporary sign is posted as to the prices of rental and sharpening. Prior to the raising of fees, Vince answered questions from Park & Rec to help clarify/justify the reasoning for the price increase.
- The details of handling the Skate-Room starting-cash-money-bag have now been implemented and are reportedly working well. Primarily, the Park and Rec staff will now bring the starting cash envelope (\$40) to each open skate session. At the end of open skate \$40 will be retained in the bag and left with the Park and Rec personnel. All remaining monies will be deposited in the grey security deposit box. Terri will collect the monies weekly and deposit the cash at the bank.

New Business:

- Discussed Player Fees - the issue of WHA fees for those players that have been petitioned up. WHA/USA Hockey mandates players to pay corresponding fees based on the level the player has been moved up to and are playing at.
- Discussed fundraising practices and program advertisements. As we move forward, the WHA board needs to first approve the solicitation event before businesses are contacted for donations, advertisements and fundraisers etc. Collectively, WHA needs to be cautious in their solicitation practices.
- Chris O. outlined a potential fundraising opportunity and reported that on 4-2-2011 the WHA can operate a free booth at the VFW vendor fair. The board will revisit this opportunity as we move forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.



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Give back program:

How it works:

- 1) Families of Laker Hockey donate their gently used and unwanted children's items to The Children's Store, year round during business hours with no appointment necessary.
- 2) Employees of The Children's Store will sort the items and price them with special tags.
- 3) Shop at the Children's store & buy items with the special tags.
- 4) Each month The Children's Store will donate 50% of the proceeds from the donated items to Laker Hockey.
- 5) The other 50% will go towards rent, utilities & other misc business expenses.
- 6) The Children's Store takes anything kid related & clothing & shoes that fit up to about a 14 year old!