



Willmar Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2011

YMCA Conference Room



Present: Nate Weber, Ben Werder, Jason Mayer, Karen Skaggs, Kirk Gerdes, Mike Kubesh, Kip Oveson, Priscilla Willander, Melanie Ackerman

Absent: Doyle Slagter, Dan Tollefson, Stacy Stein, John Deluna

1. The meeting was called to order by Nate at 6:45 following the prior board meeting with the outgoing board.
2. New board members were presented and introduced. Stacy Stein, Melanie Ackerman, Kip Oveson, and Priscilla Willander have been voted by the association at the March awards night. A motion was made to accept the new board members by Jason, 2nd by Kirk. Motion passed.
3. Nomination and election of officers. The following officers were elected:
 - a. President – Nate Weber (motion by Kirk, 2nd by Karen, motion passed)
 - b. Vice President – Kip Oveson (motion by Mike, 2nd by Kirk, motion passed)
 - c. Treasurer – Stacy Stein (motion by Mike, 2nd by Ben, motion passed)
 - d. Secretary – Jason Mayer (motion by Karen, 2nd by Priscilla, motion passed)
4. 2011-2012 Budget – Nate will prepare a budget for review by the board at the next meeting. Stacy will be working with Chris Woltjer to transfer duties to her as the Treasurer and Bookkeeper to assist in this process. A big thank you to Chris for her past help as the Treasurer and Bookkeeper.
5. Committee Chairs were voted on:
 - a. On-Ice Committee Chair – Mike Kubesh. Jason and Dan will also serve on this committee
 - b. Fundraising Chair – Priscilla Willander. Nate and Kip will also serve on this committee.
 - c. Public Relations Co-Chairs – Kirk Gerdes and Karen Skaggs. Doyle will also serve on this committee.
 - d. Tournament Chair – Ben Werder. Melanie will also serve on this committee.
 - e. District 5 Representative and Registration – Brenda Bredesen
6. On-Ice Committee
 - a. Jerseys were discussed. If jerseys are to be purchased, it was recommended to complete the Bantam and PeeWee sets with numbers 20-29 so that a set of 30 is available for both teams. Also, purchasing 30 jerseys to be used between the 10u and 12u if possible. This will reduce the purchase by 30 jerseys and save about \$2400.
 - b. Scheduling was discussed. A note was made that coaches would like a little more “full ice” time. For example, the squirts were combined nearly all practices, but the PeeWees had many full ice practices. Also, communication of changes to the schedule was discussed and how to best communicate these changes in a timely manner. These will be brought to Tom for ideas for next season’s schedule.
 - c. A proposal from West Suburban Officials Association was discussed. It was noted that Willmar is the only association not using WSOA in District 5. WSOA will be invited to present a proposal and answer board questions at the June or July WHA board meeting.
7. Fundraising Committee

- a. Smith Open. Priscilla will be getting a sub-committee together in May to begin the planning stages of the Smith Open. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 6th.
 - b. It was discussed to move the raffle from the summer to during the season.
8. Public Relations Committee:
 - a. The Willmar Fest parade entry is ready to go.
 - b. Discussion around other opportunities for getting the word out about our association included radio ads, billboard ads, yard signs, etc.
 - c. Registration is currently scheduled to begin in August.
9. Tournament Committee:
 - a. All tournament dates are set for next year and the committee has tournament directors assigned to each weekend.
10. Summer Ice. The preliminary budget and current registrations were reviewed. It was noted that registrations are once again coming in very slowly for summer ice. It was decided that we move ahead with plans and hope that registrations pick up over the next week. The board was asked to help get the word out and encourage our membership to support summer ice. The board has until May 7th to cancel summer ice at this point if interest does not pick up.
11. A motion was made to have WHA become a member of the Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce by Nate, with a 2nd by Mike. Motion passed.
12. Motion to adjourn meeting by Ben, 2nd by Kip. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Mayer
WHA Secretary