



Willmar Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2011

Willmar Civic Center



Present: Kip Oveson, Karen Skaggs, Jason Mayer, Priscilla Willander, Dan Tollefson, Melanie Ackerman, Doyle Slagter, Stacy Stein

Absent: Nate Weber, Ben Werder, John Deluna, Kirk Gerdes, Mike Kubesh

Guests: Tom Hanson, Kevin Sheehan

The meeting was called to order 7:00 by Kip Oveson

1. Secretary's report. March's minutes were reviewed. Dan motion for approval, Doyle second, motion passed.
2. Treasurer's report
 - a. Redwood has still not received the payment for the outstanding balance from the PW parents. Follow up will occur with that team.
 - b. Discussed summer ice from 2011. Stacy will look into a miscellaneous expense that appears incorrectly attributed to summer ice.
 - c. It was asked that we discuss 2012-2013 dues at the May meeting
 - d. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Kip, second by Doyle, motion passed.
3. On-Ice:
 - a. Summer Ice was discussed, registration numbers are slowly coming in. JTR Hockey will be running the day camp for WHA. JTR is run by former Gopher and Professional players Justin Bostrom, Tony Lucia, and Ryan Flynn. They will be running camps during weeks 1 and 2 of summer ice. A decision will need to be made in the next few weeks as to whether we will be able to have the ice this summer.
 - b. Mike K. is representing WHA at the Girls Coordinator's meeting and the D5 meeting this week. There is a need for a new Girls Coordinator in WHA and Mike will pursue some options.
4. District 5 questions. The following actions were taken:
 - a. On the District 5 officiating proposal that one group perform all officiating in District 5, Kip motion to not support, Priscilla second. Motion passed.
 - b. On the Mite Coordinator for District 5. Melanie motions to support, Doyle second, motion passed
 - c. On the Super Sunday proposal for all D5 championship games. Jason motion to support, Stacy second, motion passed
 - d. On game scheduling not taking place until after team declarations, Kip motion to not support, Melanie second, motion passed.
 - e. On the ability of associations to not have to declare an A team when fielding 2 teams, motion by Jason to support this, Karen second, motion passed.
 - f. On the Code of Conduct agreement to be signed by D5 board and executives. Without a draft of the code of conduct the board could not come to a consensus to take a position.
5. Recruitment
 - a. Dan T. reported on the work a group is performing on increasing numbers at the Mite and Squirt levels.
 - b. Working on a "branding" of the program and promotion as Willmar Hockey (all aspects, not just WHA).
 - c. The core group that will present the plan to the May WHA board meeting for approval.

6. Fundraising
 - a. Priscilla will be having a Smith Open meeting next week to get items for that fundraiser moving forward. She has already been working with Dave at the Oak's on the specifics.
 - b. Blue Line Club – Kevin Sheehan was present to update the board.
 - i. Their annual auction took place during the Home Show at the Civic Center on March 31st.
 - ii. Discussed the BLC and WHA Facebook page
 - iii. The BLC is planning another fundraiser for the fall.
7. Public Relations
 - a. End of the year Awards Night was discussed. It will be March 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Willmar Community Center. Dawn Sankey is putting together a photo collage, it was decided to have medals again for scholastic awards and pucks for player awards. The sponsor awards will continue to be a plaque with a team picture. Also, they will be trying a potluck for this year as well.
 - b. A call will be put out for members interested in being a part of the Board. WHA is looking for 5 new board members to replace outgoing members.
 - c. Melanie volunteered to work on activities for Hockey Day in MN next winter. Ideas include somehow using the outdoor rinks or even having activities on a local lake.
8. Tournaments
 - a. Next year's home tournament dates have been selected. They will be:
 - i. Bantam – November 30 – December 2
 - ii. Girls – January 18-20
 - iii. PeeWee – February 1-3
 - iv. Squirts – February 8-10
 - b. Sent in a letter of interest to MN Hockey about hosting a regional or state tournament in 2013.
 - c. They have updated the team responsibility sheet
 - d. Their meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at the Civic Center during the season and at the Legion in the off-season.
9. Handbook Review – Kip is in the process of reviewing the handbook. It was discussed that the board re-establish the regular holding of committee meetings. The May meeting with the new board members will have a review of who is on what committee and who the chair is.
10. New WHA board members that will be joining at the May meeting are Tony Amon, Matt Dawson, Kraig DeJong, Rolf Figenskau, and Lara Duinick. Kip will contact them to let them know of the next meeting and forward them these minutes.
11. Officers for WHA for the 2012-2013 fiscal year will be elected at the May meeting.
12. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7th at 6:00 at the YMCA meeting room.
13. Motion to adjourn by Doyle, second by Dan. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jason Mayer, WHA Secretary