

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Wednesday, September 17th, 2015

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Present: Meredith Gabler, Janie Ritter, Kari Brotzman, Earl Tollefson, Sarah McCabe, Kristin Simpson, Steve Mirwald, Justin Temple, Mark Jones, Bob Schaefer, Roxanne Brazeau, Mike O'Brien, Jason Matilla, Craig Nelson, Bill Monroe, Jamie Stebbeds, Steve Simpson

Call to order – Janie Ritter at 7:13pm

Approve Minutes from the August 2015 Meeting

Motion to approve by Roxanne Brazeau, 2nd by Scott Mirwald

Motion approved unanimously

Ice Inc. Report – TBA

Verona Fest – Mobile van with TV's which will be open for the kids with tap root beer, 3 bounce houses, 2 shooting games, Capitals will be there, soda donated by Pepsi, face painting, tractor bike races. Wristbands will be \$10 and include everything including open skate. Concession stand will be open during the event. Upstairs tailgate portion will include- beer (budweiser donated all the beer) and food. Overall it was the busiest summer yet at the rink and they offered a lot of good programs. Ice has been very good this year. They currently have 18 U6 and 27 U8 skaters participating in programs in September.

Treasurer's Report – Roxanne Brazeau

She is working on collecting money for registration fees.

President's Report – Janie Ritter

Board Members must complete Safe Sport training, it is good for 2 years. Janie will send an email and let you know if you need to complete the training. Region 4 Meeting: Team managers need to register with USA hockey so they can be added to rosters. Coaches can't be listed on rosters until they have completed Safe Sport training and background check. Rosters are due by Nov. 15 and you can make changes up until Dec. 31. Chuck Angor is the rep for Safe Sport. Co-op requests are due by Nov. 30 – skater can't transfer to an association with a co-op team. Protests fees were raised to \$500 from \$100 during the State tournament. No High School 2 division or State Tournament - they will all be registered to play in the U18 tournament. Nov. 15 deadlines – rosters, state tournament entries, background checks, Safe Sport, Tier 2 national playoff registrations and concussion training. ALD's are responsible for ensuring that concussion training has been taken care. ADM clinic is in McFarland on Oct. 2. This will be the last year for any full ice mite tournaments and WAHA is not allowing any full ice scrimmages. Only 2007 Mites can participate in full ice tournaments. After Feb. 26, mites can only participate in 6 full ice games. Play downs for Squirt and above will be held the 2nd weekend in February and the seeding meeting for this will take place on Jan. 6. Team managers need to report all games on the WAHA site. The scheduling meeting for Squirt and above will probably be held on Oct. 26. We must submit our number of teams for league placement by Oct. 15. Evaluation dates have been set. Jamie will be holding a mandatory Squirt parent

meeting on the last night of preseason to discuss process the evaluation process with them. We are requesting that all board members who are able be on hand to help out at Nest Fest.

Committee Reports and updates

Concessions – Angie Kamoske

POS system – We have purchased a new system and Sarah is working on getting inventory entered. We can accept credit cards using the new system. We are hoping to have it up and running in the next few weeks. DIBS is up and running for all preseason shifts.

Equipment – Tom Osting

Working on getting equipment ready for the season.

Coaches Committee – Steve Simpson

Evaluation process is ready to begin. Squirts and PeeWees will practice 3 times a week during the month of October. The coaches conducted some on ice training with Joel Marshall – had 32 coaches attend. The committee is ready for the season to begin. There were 27 squirts at the 1st preseason ice practice on 9/17.

Ice Scheduler – Earl Tollefson

Oct. schedule is set.

Website Update – Kari Brotzman

Working on getting the website ready for the season to begin.

Rebranding/Fundraising – Craig Nelson

Verona Fest – mobile hospitality lounge – dedicated to kids only, can get snacks and root beer, open until 4. Madison Capitals will be here. We will be serving beer in the mezzanine for \$3 a beer. VYHA will be hosting a brat stand during homecoming with Athletic Republic. The association is looking into to doing a food drive in Jan. – Feb.

Registrar's Report – Mike Bakalars

152 players registered as of Sept. 17.

Tournament Coordinator – Kari Brotzman

The Mite tournament is set for March 11, 12, 13. We will have to verify birthdates since we can only allow 2007 birth years to participate.

Recruitment – Kristin Simpson

Learn to Play Open House will be held on Oct. 10th 11:00-2:30pm. We are signed up for Try Hockey For Free – Nov. 7 and Feb. 20. We need volunteers on the ice, helping check-in and getting kids dressed during the Open House event. Homecoming is on Oct. 9th - we will be handing out flyers during the parade about the open house the following day, in school advertising, AJ's will be putting it on their pizza boxes. Ordered 100 yard signs to post.

Team photos – Tara Matilla

Working on scheduling the dates. Pictures will appear in the high school program as well.

Jersey Handouts – Justin Temple

Need to determine how to distribute numbers: years in club (this should trump 1st or 2nd year), 1st year vs. 2nd year. Just ordered 28 more jerseys. Beginning at the Squirt Level: If your name is on the jersey, that is your number moving forward unless you have outgrown it. If you have outgrown your jersey, you will get to choose a new jersey out of the numbers available based on 1st year vs. 2nd year skater. Tie breaker is how long the skater has been with the club. If the skaters have been here for the same amount of years, it will be a coin toss.

Bill Monroe makes a motion to approve the new jersey handout policy as stated by Meredith Gabler, 2nd by Kari Brotzman.

Motion approved unanimously

Update from ALD's

U6: Nothing to report

RWB: Nothing to report

Squirts: Nothing to report

PeeWee: Nothing to report

Bantam: On the ice twice, average about 18 kids per session. 23 kids registered, 1 kid is not coming back due to injury, finalized scrimmages – have 4 coming up on October. Jay Jurriens has taken the lead as head coach. All coaches are on board for evaluations.

High School: 1st practice is Oct. 13. Invited to Culvers Cup tournament over the holiday weekend again and Ashland is looking to co-op with them for the tournament. 3 kids have registered thus far.

Old Business

Nothing to report

New Business

Nothing to report

Motion to Adjourn at 9:24 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.