



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES-OCTOBER 13TH, 2021

1. **INTRODUCTIONS Meeting called to order at 6:00PM**
 - a. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M.; Chris P., Kurt H., Chris S., & Tom G., Patti E. Tim W., Tom N.
 - b. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Bobby G.
 - c. **Membership Attendance:** Valerie Shurley, Lisa Neumuth, Sean Luedke, Jason Herzog, Matt Magruder, Matt Staufenbeil, Jen Barker, Michelle Beard, Peter Mellor, Nate Nissen, Lisa Zabinski, Robin Thomas, Sean Allen, Katie Selsor
2. **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE:** Chad motioned to Approve: Chris S. Approved/ Chris P. Seconded
3. **SEPTEMBER TREASURER REPORTS:** September Financials- YTD looks really good; All revenue now invoiced & Cash payments for skater fees received, 40% of skaters took advantage of the discount this year; Tryout fees have been processed; Golf outing financials completed; Volunteer fees & credits have been processed; Tournament registrations need to be paid back to the organization from the respective teams; Manager, Scheduler & Parent Meeting took place; Jersey invoices – order #1 have gone out ; Warhawk Day was a success; Sponsorships were due on Sept 30th, but still expecting a few; Former skater credits have been paid or sent to KMMO/Wings; **Next Items:** Finalize Sponsorship credits & coordinate with Lauren on artwork – Patti will reach out to confirm designs; Wreath Sale – currently reconfiguring the program, but have challenges with the timing of the benefit of the credits and discounts, what solution can we come up with this year to help the families – possibly refund credits to CC this year – they will be credited to the account this year; Collect team funds for tournaments – due November 15; Ref fees – due Nov 1 – spreadsheet going out to the managers and need to be submitted back to the organization, first batch of checks will be delivered week of Nov 8 (if you run short let Patti know and a second amount can be issues in January); Jersey invoices due Oct 16; **Chad motioned to Approve: Chris P. Approved / Seconded Tim W.**
4. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENT: Sean Allen** – Spoke about the Metal Toughness Zoom calls he has been conducting with the U12& U14 kids. Sean has professional business coaching experience. The feedback has very positive, and the kid have done a great participating. Sean encouraged anyone in the two age groups to reach out to him if they are not already participating. The meetings are not mandatory, but a great experience for the kids and coaches.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Drawing for Warhawk Day Prizes: \$25 Spirit wear:** U8 - Gavin Gibbons, U10 - Dylan Schneider, U12 - Aidyn Brigowatz, U14 - Jack Grogan; **\$25 Pictures:** U8 - Will Deklotz, U10 - Lucy Ashley, U12 - Caden Staufenbeil, U14 - Luke Milazzo; **Grand Prize - Live Barn** - Nathan Varnes, Winners will receive an email with instructions on how to claim. Congratulations to all the winners!
 - B. **WAHA Region 5 Meeting Update:** New rules reviewed and based mainly on penalty minutes & checking rules, Chris P. recommended creating a laminated sheets in the box. Concern 75 min sheets will allow for full games to complete. Clock will run if games are running up on time. (3) min warmup and (1) min between periods to save ice time (squirt- bantam); Referee numbers are down, Bob Peschel is stepping down and being inducted into Hall a fame; new level 1,2,3 refs are needed; coaches need to complete their level clinics as their credential are due to renew. Not sure if there will be much opportunity for recertification; Try hockey for free grants are being explored; playdown ice – WAHA is looking for playdown ice and often looks to Waukesha, but the actual cost of ice and ref fees make it not financially feasible for the organization. 10U-14U will have seeding games that need to be recorded by team managers. No seeding games at the C level which is being handled differently across the state; Elmbrook

is now Division 1 and Waukesha teams will play them as league play which will also guarantee our region the wildcard, Jan 23rd is the date all games must be done before playdowns.

- C. **Tryout Recap:** All U10-U14 skaters have been rostered, HS hockey staff participated as volunteer evaluators and provide feedback that our organization has good hockey players in the program, Big thanks to all the volunteers at tryout process.
- D. **Grass Roots Grant Awarded:** WAHA give out \$1,000 grant – We got it and will use on intermediate nets (6 at each rink) allowing 3 cross ice games at one time. Nets are ordered and hope to have them by December
- E. **Scholarship Applications Due by November 4th—via email to VP Off-Ice** – \$250 credit toward fees, submit via email – all scholarships are listed on the website
- F. **CCM Alternative Yellow Jersey's** – Board will approve the use of the alternate jersey on a team-by-team basis, but the parents must reach a unanimous vote to proceed. – Approved by the board
- G. **Rink Bumpers and U8 Equipment Bags:** Chad has quotes out right now but waiting to receive quotes from a few other vendors. Figuring on (20) starter bags with appropriate hockey equipment bag approximately \$100/bag. Looking at True hockey bag with a breakdown of sizes. Helmet and sticks will be the skater's responsibility. Process would be first come first serve with deposit for return.
- H. **U10 C2 State Tournament Director for 2022 at Eble Ice Arena: Mar 4-6th.** We will need a director this year to run the Tournament based on process established from past tournament experiences. Reach out to Chris P. or Chad to discuss interest.
- I. **New U8/U6 Winter Classic Tournament and Volunteer Coordinators announced:** Emily Gibbons has taken on the U8/U6 Winter Classic Tournament director/coordinator role. Emily is entering her 4th year as a hockey mom, all within WCYHA. Emily is looking forward to building the tournament committee up and delivering a memorable experience for all the players and their families; Rebecca Juarez has taken on the American Family Coordinator role. Rebeca and her son Yamir have been with the Warhawks since he was a second year U6 skater. He is now a first year 12U! Rebecca will begin working with the Milwaukee Brewers and their food vendor to get the American Family Field Fundraiser to help offset skater fees ready for next year's baseball season.
- J. **Wreath Orders are Due by October 24th:** The 2021 Wreath Sale is underway. The website has been updated to include order details, order form for sales, link to Google order submission form, and an updated worksheet to aid you in calculating sales, fundraising potential, etc. Effective 9/3/2021, only registered skaters/families within the WCYHA program are allowed to participate in this wreath sale. Orders submitted by anyone who is not a current WCYHA skater/family will be rejected.
- K. **Volunteer hours for co-ops** –
 - a. The Ashley Family had requested reduction in volunteer hours since they are involved with both WCYHA and LCW. Board approved reducing their hours to 5 for the WCYHA Volunteer hours.
 - b. **Proposal:** The volunteer positions that fulfill the 10 hours commitment at a co-op partner will reduce the WCYHA commitment to 0 hours) **Chris P. approved/ Patti seconded the approval**

Post Meeting Addendum: Per Chris Parsons, after further research Lindsey Ashley is the team manager for the LCW 10UB team, so no vote was necessary to reduce the Ashley's hours. By passing the first motion (volunteer positions that fulfill the hours commitment at a co-op partner will reduce the WCYHA commitment to 0 hours), we approved the Ashley's to be reduced to 0 hours.

6. UPDATES

A. PRESIDENT

- B. **VP ON ICE:** Ice allocation – Organization evaluated the ice available- lost sheets due to holidays and state tourneys. Bantams (19) home sheets 38 total; Pee wee: (17) and squirts (13) home sheets. Still sheets available and over playdown weekends that will be held until playdown schedules are set; Admirals games: November 6th Pee Wee A, Pee Wee B gold will play in the afternoon and mites will playing in the evening, December 11th, Bantam A and Bantam B will play in the afternoon and mites will play in the evening, &

January 29th Pee Wee B Black and C Black will play in the afternoon and the mites will play in the evening, more ticket and event info to come out in the next week; Coaches meeting: 62 of 70 coaches attended – topics taught were how to be leaders as coaches. Continue the theme at the coaches' clinics through the year such as the mental strength coach for the badgers, more to follow; hockey director report: Tuesday and Thursday in October Bud will be out on the ice with teams and coaches. Practice plans are submitted and reviewed by Bud; meeting with cc reps to set up coaches meetings through the year (focused around the skills needed to progress at each level); sport testing – results will not be published till end of the year, testing to show improvement and where they fit with their age group; off ice treadmill continues in October – good effort and participation; Nov-Feb – Wednesday night will be skills night – Bud will work with coaches to conduct skills based practices – bud will be on the ice 2 times a month with every team.

- C. **VP OFF ICE: Girls:** U10 tryouts went well and resulted in (2) teams A&B; Valkyries also recently completed their tryouts and had enough skaters to also create (2) teams; IHHF girls hockey weekend is weekend of 10/16/21 and Waukesha will be co-hosting an even at mullet starting at 12PM with several fun activities for the kids; There are several jamborees throughout the region, and we are hosting one on February 5th 10:15 – 1PM. We will need someone to run the 8U session. **VP side-** Last season's Hattrick & Playmaker patches are being distributed to the skater's new respective teams; There are still a few age verifications that need to be completed for new skaters, Chris will work to create a night at a practice to complete – all new families need to complete; Warhawk day was successful – (35) of (42) spots reserved for blood donations and finished with (28) people that were able to donate, very good results. Manager and schedule meeting have taken place. Early season planning and info on the website – Managers and schedule binders are being updated, sports engine groups have been created for managers & schedulers along with a google sheet for schedulers to easy trade of unused ice; Team kick off meetings need to take place soon; Managers need to have roster numbers; Tournament behavior- We encourage responsible adult behaviors no matter where we travel this season. We recently discovered we have a bad reputation at a hotel in Hudson, we need to talk about respect of hotels, parent conduct at hotels, social media; USA hockey rosters will be completed and sent to managers for verification. Final rosters will be needed 12/31. Background check take 10 days, Safe sport certification needs to be provided to the team manager; picture days 10/23@NAG for U10-U14 & Oct 30 for U8 @ EBLE., anyone that can't make one of the dates can attend other; OPEN territory families need to complete the form; next Wednesday Warhawk day at Panera; checking a few others.
- D. **TREASURER: NA**
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good start to the season, created (1) A and (1) B team – parent feedback has been mixed; great effort at practice by both teams, two goalies on each team. Bantam A has beginning of the season dinner planned for 10/16/21.
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good start to the season, making a roster spot adjustment, so far great efforts on the ice and solid coaching
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good start to the season and doing well with creating practice plans- setting great examples for the organization
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good Start to the season – Great number at (94) kids, through October the kids are practicing in 3 diff group, (16) girls and (8-10) will move to the next level next year.; Tournament coordinator – will make some fun changes for the event. Continue to look for how we can continue to grow the 8U headcount to a goal of 150 kids at the 8U program by 2025. Organizational families are the best recruiters to promote the growth of the organization.

Adjourned at 7:28PM