



WHA Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 10th, 2023

Location: Second Street Station

Time: 7pm Board Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Lalim, Jason Kasuske, Debbie Melville, Amber Dahl, Nate Shuller, Juliane Lloyd, Travis Young, Lindsey Stricherz, Jeremy Johnson, Roger Schmaltz

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES: Lucas Deutsch, Molly Randall, Todd Randall, Trish Johnson, Jason Marko, Kris Dorneman, Jeremy Espland, Brenda Schmeling, Casey Shuller, Adam Sullivan

ABSENT: Steve Sheehan, Tonya Holien

Call to Order at 7:04pm

AGENDA for April 2023: Debbie Melville moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES for March 2023: Travis Young moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Nate Shuller. Motion carried.

1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Dueling Pianos Fundraiser:** Event went very well with tables sold out. Raised ~\$12,000 in 4 hours. A BIG thanks to 2nd Street Station, Jenny Kasuske and Tonya Holien for leading this event. These funds will go to support Laker Hockey equipment needs.
- b. **Liquid CD** has been moved into a CD.
- c. **Feedback from All Association Meeting (Awards/Elections)**
 - i. 72% of the association turned out to the All-Association Meeting! The board will be reviewing bylaws to determine needs for revisions. Board discussed considering for non-parent coaches having a vote. Other subjects discussed for review were: A) Voting by proxy (or early voting); B) In House voting (who currently receive a vote as they are paid members of WHA); C) Outgoing seniors (who are not given a vote currently). Additional suggestion is having a President Elect rather than Past President. Coaches are registered with USA Hockey. Reports of committees were not part of the All-Association Meetings along with financial review and bylaw review.
- d. **Status on WHA Hall of Fame** – Kay Suttin, Vince Foley and Steve Sheehan will be committee members leading the WHA Hall of Fame. Thank you to this group!
- e. **Player/Coach/Parent Surveys & Coaching Exit Interviews** – Exit Interviews for Coaches will finish Tuesday, April 11th. Feedback from Coaching Exit Interviews has been productive.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **New Board Member Orientation:** Thank you to our outgoing Board Members and Welcome to the new board members. New board members must complete three things: 1) USA Hockey Volunteer, 2) Background Screen and 3) SafeSport. Please have this completed by the next meeting.
- b. **Sled Hockey:** Jason Marko provided an update on the recent Sled Hockey event, which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who came to support Sled Hockey. Jason mentioned original thought was to host a jamboree in Watertown. Jamborees are set where there is a location each month. Many of the months (if not all) have been taken. Sled hockey promotes Heads Up Hockey. Jason mentioned there is a desire to grow Sled Hockey in Watertown, as there are many in the area that could be great contenders to compete. Suggestion was to better market the event to get more information out to all groups. Jason asked for WHA's consideration for donated ice time in the future to support Sled Hockey.

- c. **Golf Tournament:** July 22, 2023, is the date at Prairie Winds Golf Course. Need volunteers for the event. JV/V players will be expected to ask for 2-3 sponsors each. Suggesting \$500-\$750 per corporate sponsor. This is our 20th year! Would like everything back to Lucas by June 15th. We plan to make this an event where there is more than golf. More to come for this event.

3. **OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS-** reports if any information

Coaching Committee, Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff

Finance Committee, Debbie Melville, Treasurer

\$85k from the Old Boys Club was moved to a CD. In addition, \$100k of the checking account was moved to a separate CD. Motion from Nate Shuller, seconded by Jason Kasuske, to move \$50k back into the checking account from the Liquid CD. Discussion had on keeping a minimum balance of \$30k up to \$60k max into the checking account as a window. Monies in excess of \$60k would be moved to the Liquid CD. Nate amended the motion to move \$50k back in to the checking account, have no less than \$30k as a minimum balance in the checking account and move monies in excess of \$60k would be moved to the liquid CD. Motion was seconded by Jason Kasuske. Motion carried.

Dibs/Volunteer Committee, Tonya Holien and Amber Dahl - no update

Marketing & Fundraising Committee, Molly Randall, chair - no update

4. **GENERAL COMMITTEES**

Calendar & Growth and Retention Committee, Todd Randall, Chair - no update

5. **STAFF UPDATES**

Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch

a. **State Meeting**

- i. Playing Rule Proposals were discussed. The Board provided their suggestions to Lucas for voting. Subjects of discussion for voting are player transfers, medical response at games, jerseys, tryout rules, tournament resurfacing, U14 regulations, run-time for Squirts, freeze 10 ruling, video replays and large association team splitting.
- ii. GU14 raised \$1,133.75 at the U14 state tournament – would like that money to go to scholarships for Girls camps. Thanks to Mandy Murray and Emily Borkhuis for spearheading this cause.

Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim) –

- a. **United Way application is due Friday, April 14th** – Tonya would like another member to attend
- b. **TeamSnap** – decision was made to continue TeamSnap for communications and head back to NGIN for Volunteer points. Would like to have registration fees ironed out by July. Jenni Wirkus suggested we have registration open July 1 – Aug 15.

6. **FACILITIES** – no update

7. **ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION**

- a. June 15th – Thursday Night Live WHA

8. **ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

ADJOURN @ 9:34pm

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, May 8th, 2023, 7:00 pm @ 2nd Street Station