



Menomonie Youth Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

August 31, 2020

Mission: To provide youth in the greater Menomonie area with the opportunity to learn, play and compete in the game of hockey with an emphasis on growth in the areas of skill development, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Vision: Pursuit of the model USA hockey organization following the American development model.

Ground Rules: Mutual respect, be timely – start on time and end no later than 9:30 p.m. Come prepared. Allow enough time to make decisions and stand by your decisions. Communicate, conduct yourself and make decisions based on what's best for the entire association versus just your child.

Call to order: Stacy calls the meeting to session __1808_____

Roll Call/Quorum:

- Stacy Hintzman, President - Present
- Kris Wilkens – Concessions Co-Director - Present
- Gary Messerschmidt, Treasurer - Present
- Bob Weir, Hockey Operations Director - Present
- Dave Schwedler, Growth & Retention - Present
- Mike Jax, Tournaments & Scheduling Director - Present
- Brent Pember, General Operations Director – Present
- Troy Wilkens, Concessions Co-Director - Present
- Adam Wamboldt, Equipment Director - Present
- Kari Berthiaume, Fundraising Support – Present
- Kelley Gowling Fundraising Director – Present
- Heidi Dowd -Secretary – Present

All board members are here

Member Comments:

- Association hockey is important and we need to work to ensure that we have a season.
- Stacy puts in lots of hard work.
- Provided solutions for how we can have a season and provide the opportunities that we want. (See attachment).
- Recommendation to recuperate costs from the county if you follow county recommendations or do exactly what we want.
- People will go play hockey elsewhere if the season doesn't happen.
- Discussion surrounding the things that go into the cost of the building.
- Many members are concerned we are not going to have a season. There seems to be confusion around what is happening with the season. Many people view not having games as not having a season. Stacy assured them there will be a season. We are just waiting to see exactly what it will look like. We will have games but they might all be away.
- Plans are in place for getting the County to understand our situation.

Consent Agenda:

President: Stacy Hintzman

- WAHA Region 6 Meeting Updates:
 - Coaching Clinics all online and will be done via zoom. They are filling up fast so coaches should sign up ASAP.
 - Association can get 1x temp card if needed.
 - Reach out to Doug Dietz, Coach-in-Chief USA Hockey Central District with questions.
 - Grass Root Grant Reminder – Due Sept. 1 (Adam doing)
 - The WAHA 2021 State Playoffs are scheduled as follows:
 - February 5 – 7, 2021 (Regions 1, 3 & 4)
 - February 12-14 (Regions 2, 5 and 6)
 - The 2021 State Tournament dates are scheduled as follows:
 - Girls 10U, Girls 14U, Youth 10U and Youth 14U: March 6-7
 - 2021 Girls 12U and Youth 12U: March 13-14
 - • Youth 18U: March 12-14
 - Change in Annual Meeting/Election Process (August 2020)
 - Rules Changes – All of the changes you supported were also supported by the WAHA Board
 - Annual Meeting Reports are now located on the front page of the WAHA web site (wahahockey.com)
 - All rule changes are included in attachment to minutes and a few highlights will be reviewed in open session.
 - Dual Rostering Changes on website.
 - Nick Dowd is our referee scheduler. Needs to go on website to confirm this.
 - WAHA Waived the Association Dues for the 2020-2021 season.

General Operations Director: Brent Pember

- Registration Numbers to date:
 - LTS = 6
 - MM= 6
 - Mites= 9
 - Squirts = 13
 - PW= 3
 - Bantam = 1
 - Coop = 1
 - Total = 39
- 2014 Birth year Mini-mites that have two seasons and are eligible for Mite registration (per our policy): Kolton Hitzman.
- Scholarship Deadline (both John Dale Squirt and MYHA) due 9/15.
- Registration deadline = 9/27/2020

Equipment Director: Adam Wamboldt

- \$1300 Budget for MYHA COVID Gaitors for coaches and for retail sales for players and their families.

Secretary: Heidi Dowd

- Approval of minutes from 8/3/2020 Board meeting (See attachment)
- Approval of minutes from 8/20/2020 Board meeting (See attachment)

Motion made to approve. Second. Approved by all members.

REGULAR AGENDA

President's Report: Stacy Hintzman

- Ice Board Update
 - Lease
 - Facilities committee agreed to sign our lease at the last meeting. All terms were agreed upon.
 - Painting of building
- Facility Update
 - Return to Rink plan update.
 - Phase 1 approved; full plan not being reviewed until September County Facilities Committee
 - Anticipate phase 2 being approved at the County Facilities meeting.
 - Will likely need to go to the County Board Supervisors.
 - KT update
 - Stacy has a meeting with KT the 24th (Tuesday) before the facilities meeting.
- Season Update and Planning
 - Teams/Numbers/Coaches
 - Deferred to later in the meeting.
 - Survey results
 - Member complaints about board members not wearing masks when with others in their private time.
 - There is a small number of members are complaining about everything.
 - When asked if planning to register this year.
 - 15.9% undecided
 - 28% already registered
 - 53.7% planning to register
 - Additional information that came out of the survey
 - 75% of members are comfortable playing hockey
 - 76% of families want games and practices
 - 61% say they would participate in an away only schedule
 - 20% more said maybe
 - Consider some communication to address questions that came out of the survey.
 - Based on the survey results Stacy recommends scheduling all away games/tournaments with keeping some availability for home games
 - Mike wants to start scheduling now.
 - Some associations won't schedule games with us there if they can't get a game here.
 - This season won't look like any other no matter what we do. Every organization is travelling.

Motion to schedule 3 away tournaments for squirts and up. Second. All approved.

Motion to start scheduling away games for all levels starting Nov - March 1. Second. Approved by all.

- There is some concern we won't be able to complete tryouts by Nov 1 with non contact practices with scrimmage based try outs.
 - There was some discussion about renting ice.
 - Brain storming other ways to complete tryouts.

- Use weeknights for older kids and put LTS/Mini mites/mites on the weekends.
- LTS will not start until Nov 1.
- Recommendation to not have open skate this year.
- Consider open hockey to replace open skate.
- Cleaning Procedure/WAP Hours
 - Traffic flow is a major issue for all rinks.
 - Troy will work to get signs prior to October 1.
 - We need a cleaning process for the rink.
 - Brent will set something up.

Motion to convert concession hours to covid cleaning hours as needed and will be assigned based on team schedules. Second. All approved.

- Policies
 - Conduct Committee/Rules
 - Divide the Conduct issues up amongst voting members on the board.
 - Complaints will go to the board not the conduct committee.
 - Heidi to send out who owns what policies to everyone.
 - Everyone to update the policies they are responsible for.
- WAHA Region 6 Meeting
 - Season/Other Program Updates
 - Waiver/Liability Form
 - We didn't get that out for registration. Brent will talk with Keila about putting something together.
 - Releases
 - USA hockey recommending releases if we cannot play. It would be a one year release only.
 - At this time we are planning to have a season.
- Rule Changes
 - Referee Scheduler by Oct 31
- Safe Sport Update/Coaches
 - NCSI Screens
 - Due to Covid take 7-10 days but up to 20
 - Coaches MUST have complete to be on the ice.
- Director of Hockey
 - Purpose of the position is to improve communication and support efforts to grow the game and provide a quality experience for youth around the state.
 - To provide a number of sessions at the WAHA workshop specifically geared toward coaches and hockey directors
 - To offer ongoing coaching development via Zoom regularly during the 2020-21 season.
 - Videos/Meetings to attend (Skater and Goalie Talks on website).

Treasurer's Report: Gary Messerschmidt

- Checking: \$ 79,888.66
- Savings: \$ 15,096.07
- Scholarships: \$ 4,056.59

- Covid budget: Took profit and loss document from last year and adjusted it for this year. Based on those numbers we anticipate:
 - \$120,000 decrease in revenue
 - A decreased payment to the ice board
 - \$27,000 decrease in concession expenses
 - Fundraising will stay the same
 - A loss of \$7,180 overall for the season.
- Consider having someone “sell” ice. This would be a way to potentially make money.

Secretary: Heidi Dowd

- None

General Operations Director: Brent Pember

- None

Fundraising Director Support: Kari Berthiaume Kelley Gowling

- None

Growth & Retention Director: Dave Schwedler

- Contacted Elk Mound about sending out flyers for school.
- Will list times as Saturday morning and Sunday evening for LTS.

Hockey Operations Director: Bob Weir

- Updated Team Classifications and Evaluations Policy
 - Discussion regarding play time and when should it be equal and when should it not.

Motion made to approve policy with edits. Second. One opposed but all other approved.

- Potential Coaches List - parent coaches only included.
 - Will start looking at non parent coaches.
 - We only had 8 parent coaches apply so far.
 - Deadline for coaching applications is the middle of September.
 - We need to focus on getting strong coaches at the younger levels to ensure we are getting our kids good skills to start.
 - We feel like we are behind in getting coaches for this year.
 - It will be difficult for families to coach multiple levels if all games are on the road.
 - Most non parent coaches want Pee Wees and Bantams.
 - Four really strong non parent coaches are being looked at.
 - We need to figure out our needs and what we are willing to pay non parent coaches before approaching them again.
 - All levels seem to be light on coaching based on this list.
 - Need to select coaches to allow coaches enough time to complete their requirements.
- Pee Wee parents want to know what our plan is for the season.
 - We anticipate 18 kids at this level based on prior year numbers.
 - We could move squirts to Pee Wees.
 - We could potentially move players from elsewhere to come here for one year.
 - This would be done with another program that has small numbers.
 - We would like a recommendation from the player development committee regarding team size at the close of registration.
 - Previous recommendation to the board was for two teams based on numbers.

Concessions Director: Troy Wilkens

- *None*

Tournaments & Scheduling Director: Mike Jax

- *None*

Equipment Director: Adam Wamboldt

- Need to think about how to do equipment fitting for LTS.

Motion to close session at 2158. Second.

Meeting Adjourned 10:58 PM

Next Meeting: [September 28th 6 pm at the rink](#)