

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Adam Sodersten, Kris Canto, Aubrey Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Eric Helsing, Bill Snow, Mike Bakalars, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Kaiti Bohacek, Megan Seefeldt, Kendra Noll, Jason Mattila**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the July 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Erin, second by Adam. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O'Brien) – Ice sales have been great throughout the summer, planning to keep ice on both sheets all summer next year.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – Collections on registrations is going well so far. Several families have opted to pay upfront. Positive feedback about the payment plan options. Link to request a scholarship is on the website or can email Erin.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – No main updates.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
  - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – Currently at 179 registrations, all the ALDs have current numbers.
  - b. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – Getting started with the fantasy hockey cards. Chick-fil-a has also reached out to Mindy about having a food truck at any event of our choosing but can decide on that later.
  - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – Meeting the other night, talked about tryout changes. Annual coaches meeting on Tuesday, Josh will do the on-ice portion. Have some potential changes with the skills sessions and extra sheets of ice, will work with Earl to make those adjustments.
  - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Scheduling has started with Appleton and Eau Claire, all teams are going to Superior on October 26 to play 2 games each.
  - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Registration going well for players, coaches, LTP, etc. There is a current bug with the team registrations.
  - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Ordered U6, U8, and U18 jerseys, will be here in September. Socks will be in the pro shop in August. Karin will order size 28, 30, and 32 to buy in the program.
  - g. **Equipment** (Megan Seefeldt) – Updated the website to say that we are not providing neck guards. Created a new email address to use and created a rental agreement that parents will need to sign. Goalie gear is starting to come back. Will need additional gear to outfit some older girls, Megan will include that in her communication.
  - h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.

- i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Two questions from Brian about the 3v3 tournament. Will rink 1 concessions be open? and if so, all day? Will rink 2 concessions be open? If so, what hours? Rink 1 will be open from 8am-1pm, and then move to the upstairs of Rink 2.
- j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – No report.
- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – Coed try hockey on September 8, have about 10 kids registered. LTP event is October 12, need to do some more.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – 3<sup>rd</sup> week of girls try hockey free, currently averaging about 30 girls each week.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – No report.
- n. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – No report.
- o. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Ordered female coaches jackets, ALDs will get a link from Kaiti to figure out which male coaches need them and will get them ordered. Justin and Kaiti will talk to Todd about how we can work best with House of Hockey going forward.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (April Rabedeaux) – No report.
- q. **Tournament Director** (Kendra Noll) – See updates below.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
  - LTP (Kris Canto) – Currently have 6 registered, need to up recruitment. One potential idea is to go to upcoming Back to School nights, add flyers at daycare, will reach out to the local elementary school.
  - U6 (Aubrey Freeman) – 18 registered, includes 7 girls for the girls only team.
  - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – 27 registered, only 2 signed-up for all girls right now. Will depend on how they are assessed. Only have about 28 more potential, should end up around 55 total. They already have a Mite tournament director ready to go, will work with Earl.
  - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – 33 registered, 1 person awaiting a transfer, 15 waiting for renewals. Should end up around 50 total skaters.
  - Peewee (Eric Helsher) –
    - a. I am planning on 51 skaters if we get Lucas Alstad (12-13 per team)
    - b. If three girls play U12 girls, then we have 48 - 4 teams of 12, which is as small as we can reasonably go.
    - c. If six girls play U12, then we have 45 - 3 teams of 15, which is as large as we should go. (3 full lines of Forwards and Defense)
    - d. If four or five girls go, and/or we don't get Lucas, we are in a tough spot between too big or too small of rosters.
    - e. I have 3 tournaments booked for 4 teams, and a home tournament scheduled for each. If we went with 3 PW teams, we could give the tournaments to U12 girls.
  - Bantam (Bill Snow) – Currently have about half Bantams registered, Dodgeville will have 4 kids that want to come play. Working to get scrimmages scheduled with Polar Caps, Sun Prairie, and Waunakee.
  - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – 29 registered, + 5 that will register, and 8 that will probably register, so they will end up around 42 skaters. Might need to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> team. Start preseason next week, all set to preseason and evals, will mimic the Bantam eval process. Would like to potentially look at having Mavericks girls rotate through helping the U6 all girls team.
  - Midget (Mike Bakalars) – 1 registered, will be partnering with Middleton. Registered for 1 tournament so far.

## 7. Old Business

- a) **3v3 Tournament Update (Eric) –**

- 3v3 numbers are enough for a tournament, but about half our total capacity
- Bantam: 1 pool full, 1 has three of four slots filled
- PW: 1 pool full, 1 has three of four slots filled
- Sq: 1 pool full, 1 has two of four filled
- Mite: only 1 team, but they may play Squirt
- U14 Girls: only 1 team, but may play PW

Please please talk to people about registering and, even if you can't make the games, come by for an hour or two and participate in food and drinks.

Right now registrations have us netting over \$5000 and I have \$3,000 lined up in sponsors, plus free ice cream we can sell from Seven Acre, plus the food Kendra is working on. All help is appreciated! Reached out to Verona Chamber of Commerce to get a grant for rooms since we have so many tournaments.

**b) Regular Season Tournaments (Eric) –**

- Doing well so far! Chicago teams haven't even started planning tournaments yet.

	Registered	Remaining
Squirt A	6	2
Squirt B	4	4
Squirty C	11	1
PW B	2	6
PW C	4	4
PW C2	6	2
Ban A	6	2
Ban B	6	2
Ban C	7	1

- c) Parent Handbook (Lauren) –** Thanks to everyone for your suggestions, I'll go through and make remaining updates and send it out again for final review before publishing.

**8. New Business**

**a) Releases and Transfer Requests –**

- i. PeeWee transfer from Dodgeville: Motion to approve by Aubrey, second by Katie. Motion passed.
- ii. Verona U12 would like to keep playing with the Polar Caps: Motion to approve this by Mike, second by Adam. Motion passed.
- iii. Mavericks U14: Would like to skate elsewhere. Motion to approve by Erin, second by Adam. Motion passed.
- iv. Mavericks U14: Sun Prairie. Motion to approve by Katie, second by Erin. Motion passed.

- b) U12 Mavericks Team (Angela) –** Currently have 6 girls signed-up, 9-10 potential others. This includes 2 Verona girls, 1 goalie, and 1 brand new skater. Erin motions that we need a minimum of 11 confirmed skaters before committing to move forward, second by Katie. Motion passed.

- c) SafeSport and Background Check Reminder (Lauren) –** Goal is to have this completed by the September board meeting. Lauren will send out the details to everyone.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Aubrey, seconded by Adam, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.