

# WHA Board Meeting Minutes

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 P&R Fieldhouse

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** E. Skott, J. Lloyd, S. Sheehan, K. Evans, J. Sheehan, J. Espland, J. Wirkus, S. Kahnke and A. Redlin

**GUESTS PRESENT:** J. Spiering, D. Meyer, T. Young, L. Deutsch and L. Fox

E. Skott called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Agenda approved.

## REPORTS (Association Wide Information):

- Secretary: K. Evans
  - J. Sheehan motioned to approve last month's minutes; A. Redlin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.
  - Will send a reminder to everyone that no outside beverages/food are allowed in during LAKER games.
- Treasurer: T. Holien
  - J. Sheehan motioned to approve last month's financials; K. Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor.
  - Working on getting all program/wall ads/dasher boards billed out. Just a reminder that the wall ad \$\$ goes into a separate line item as we need to put some of this into the building fund that the building committee is in charge of.
- Past President: S. Sheehan – nothing to report
- Vice President: J. Lloyd
  - Continuing to deal with typical parent/player/coach issues as they come up.
  - Garrett Priest from the High School contacted us. The student council would like to do something at a boy's varsity game. This will happen at one of the February games.
  - Pierre radio guy was in Watertown to announce the Oahe/Wtn game. He offered to provide a live feed for Jim and Jeff to announce the game at Oahe. WHA will pay Jeff's travel expense to go out there.
- President: E. Skott
  - Still working with the Conventions & Visitors Bureau on economic impact of hockey to Watertown.
- SDAHA Update:
  - Lucas gave us the facts and discipline consequences on the locker-boxing incident in Mitchell. WHA will be tightening up our locker room and cell phone policies.
- Registrar/Webmaster: L. Fox
  - Sports Engine just went through a huge update so hopefully the issues with the website have been resolved.
- Risk Manager:
  - D. Woertink has resigned. For now, J. Wirkus and the Executive Board will take over the task until a replacement can be found. If you know of anyone interested, please contact E. Skott.
  - A follow up letter along with the no-concussion and concussion forms will be sent out to WHA members.
- Chief: L. Deutsch
  - The season is progressing and all teams are gaining skills.
  - Squirts have gotten some new goalie gear.
  - Mites need more water bottles – M. Randall will take care of getting these.
  - S squirt coaches have requested some shelving in 1A. E. Skott will get this done.

- Has some concerns with the officials not calling proper head contact calls. Will address this at the state meeting.
- Would like to challenge all board members to set a good example to be SUPPORTIVE of our coaches. Let them coach. E. Skott/K. Evans will send something out to our members to remind them of this as well.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- The bag tags were a big hit. We sold 65 and raised \$350 doing so.
- The rental skates have been repaired and are back in the rental room.
- Jim has been in contact with Bauer regarding the stick issue. He is waiting for a response and will keep us posted.
- WHA raised \$1514.73 for the sled hockey fundraiser. The bantam team led the pack with the most percentage collected per player. The pee wees collected the least and the coaches will have to do a dare. More on that later... K. Evans will email and post this information.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- J. Wirkus is in contact with USA hockey regarding how directors/officers are covered with the USA Hockey insurance.
- J. Lloyd and L. Deutsch will be coming up with a NEW locker room supervision plan and cell phones in the locker room plan/consequences. The coaches and the association will be made of aware of these new plans as soon as the logistics are worked out.

#### **DIVISION/COORDINATOR REPORTS:**

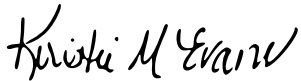
- Mites: M. Randall
  - Things are going well. February is jammed packed with the final jamborees. Players have been moved around a little – most families have been flexible with this.
  - Going forward, WHA should use COLORS for teams instead of A/B.
- Squirts: A. Redlin
  - Has some concerns with dividing the teams by age instead of ability for the league next season. This will be put on the agenda for March to discussed again once the season is over and before the state meeting.
- Pee Wees: S. Kahnke
  - Thank you to everyone who has been helping her out and giving guidance.
  - Had a game with no coach and was questioning how to properly proceed. USA Hockey has a rule on this -
- Bantams: J. Wirkus
  - Had an official question our team having 19 skaters and 1 goalie as the USA Hockey rule says a team can consist of no more than 18 skaters and 2 goalies. SDAHA does have a playing rule exception to the USA Hockey rule that a SDAHA team can have 19 skaters and 1 goalie. Note: when traveling to out of state games, the tournament director needs to be made aware of this and they can grant an exception.
- Girls U14/Varsity: J. Espland
  - Having some issues with a few girls not showing up for practice. Coach needs to address this.
  - The bus trip is scheduled for 1/25.
  - Reminder that the opposing team needs to be notified if there are any pregame happenings like parents night and senior night.

- Boys JV/Varsity: S. Sheehan
  - Big/Little Brother meal is set for 1/25, Parents night is 2/2 and Senior Night 2/23
  - We have a new JV/Varsity player moving here from Fargo. He will start when the semester starts as he is going to GPL.
  - Please note: The Dickinson tournament was ND hockey sanctioned NOT USA Hockey. Because WHA follows the high school rules, USA Hockey will still cover any incidents/accidents.
  - JV State Tournament 3/8-3/10
    - ✓ There will be a sled hockey demonstration and a SDAHA check presentation for the money collected from all the associations. Working on this along with a quick social.
    - ✓ NYL will be covering most of the admissions and concessions all weekend with volunteer hours. In return, NYL will donate funds to WHA.
    - ✓ There is a list of rink clean up/fixing concerns. J. Wirkus will talk to the city regarding this. Otherwise, WHA will take care of it before the tournament.

J. Sheehan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. J. Lloyd 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Kristie Evans  
WHA – Secretary

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> – Raffle Drawing**  
**JV State Tournament 3/8-3/10**

**WHA Mission Statement**

*To provide for growth of Watertown Hockey Association players.*

*We do this by emphasis placed on sportsmanship, teamwork, respect  
for the individual, integrity and love of the game.*

