

WAYHA Board Meeting Minutes

2/11/26 - Bud King Ice Arena

Those indicated in **bold** were present at the meeting.

Board members: **Marty Moran, Laura Slavey, Alex Tipton, Cassie Stratton, Drew Krings, Erika Vail, Lindsey Posey, Marcus Burnham, Amy Engel, Cassie Boddy, Susan Koo**

Others Present: J Reszka

Meeting called to order at: 7:01pm

Public Comments:

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Executive Committee Comments

- Membership WAYHA Open Hockey vs COW Open Hockey- refine the plan in the offseason. Groundwork has already started. Reached out to USA Hockey risk manager to confirm insurance regulations. WAYHA open hockey will be during program times based on the current standing contract. WAYHA open hockey requires all equipment and direct supervision by a registered safe sport certified volunteer (with background check). Same requirements as locker room monitor. COW open hockey would run under the city's insurance and would not need WAYHA supervision and pucks on ice + helmets required (basic rules).
- Motion to approve January 2026 Minutes
 - Motion: Erica Vail
 - 2nd: Drew Krings
 - Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain

Gambling report:

- Last month was a good month. Owners of market street are opening where Bub's was previously located. Will be added as a new site in the Spring.
- GCB review - additional notes to minutes under gambling report
- Billy presented the LG1004 Monthly Gambling Report to Board/Members
- Billy presented the monthly bank statement to Board/Members
- Motion to approve January 2026 Gambling Report
 - Motion: Drew Krings
 - 2nd: Susan koo
 - Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain:

- Motion to approve allowable expenses:
 - Accounting up to \$200
 - Cost of games up to \$12,000
 - Payroll taxes up to \$1,000
 - Rent up to \$40,000
 - Manager/payroll audit up to \$6,000
 - Combined receipts up to \$50,000
- Motion: Drew Krings
- 2nd: Erica Vail
- Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain:

Treasurer report:

- Final pledge payment from Morrie Miller came in.
- Bantams asking for reimbursement on captains patches. \$60. Requests need to come in prior to the action. Cannot approve out of the tournament budget. The association has not paid for letters in previous years (recent, previous years). Need to be approved
- Motion to approve January finance Reports
 - Motion: Marty Moran
 - 2nd: Marucs Burnham
 - Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain

Committees Chaired by Non-Board Members Reports:

Equipment Manager (Ben Gordon)

- May need some more helmets for the THF (use the DSG gift cards first)
- Look at bag tags for goalie gear
- Motion to approve up to \$500 for supplemental goalie gear
 - Motion: Marty Moran
 - 2nd: Cassie Straton
 - Motion **carried**/denied
 - Abstain

Tournament Committee (Susan Koo)

- Report: Reminder Ryan Wadewitz Director for PWC Feb 20-22; Amber Scott Director for Squirt B Feb 26-March 1
- Squirt B - approval from city for two games on Thursday. No athletic trainers available, but coverage Friday - Sunday. Dr. Koo was voluntold he will cover Thursday games. Danielle O'Laughlin is also an option.
- We have schedule formats for both tournaments approved and officially on schedule
- If any board members will be in town over tournament weekends, please stop by to support Ryan and Amber
- Marcus to give the Tournament Director email access to Sports Engine.
- Printers other than Fastenal? Marty and WinCraft will help with these.
- Need to look at getting a tournament committee put together for future years

Hockey Operations Committee (J Reszka)

- Report: Productive meeting in February with committee. Working on communications to parents for the annual meeting. Potentially looking at moving tryouts up for PW and Bantam level. Looking at East Grand Forks model potentially for squirts in the future. Had a good conversation with Annie C (came to board meeting last month). Big improvements in Bantams...lots of playing time, lots of experience. Will be very beneficial at the next level. PWA has also seen a lot of growth. Players seeing how to make plays at speed. May not see results on scoreboard but seeing huge improvement. Struggled to get the PWA's to want to work hard (example Duluth East game, one of top 30 teams in state; competed really well because they played fast and worked hard). Albert Lea is a good association for comparison. Decided 30 years ago to play at the highest level. There were ups and downs across those years but they are seeing more consistent results with competitive teams in this association. Albert Lea only had one rink when they started this model. Second rink wasn't added until 10-12 years ago. We are moving in the right direction, it just might not be as fast as we want it to be. Per the scheduler, we are getting our recommended/needed ice touches for the most part this year. Recently moved to the PSB model for coaches...take this model and add in more mandated passing, skating, stick handling drills. Gives more of an even development plan to continue to develop and be successful.
- How can we help the kids reflect and feel encouraged to talk about their development. Help them reflect on how they're improving. A check out meeting with coaches and players at the end of the year would go a long way to achieve that goal and have that communication.
- Work on off season programming/recommendations.
- Helping to set expectations for what the top level could look like. Goal is development. Record might be a secondary piece to the top level teams. Less focus on wins and more focus on development and adjusting to the speed of the top levels.
- Suggestion of added structure to the Hockey Operations Committee. Taking notes, working on bridging communication between committee and association and board. Example, adding a secretary (non coach parents). A lot of work on this committee and that could help lighten the responsibility load.

- Marcus brought up a possible 3v3 tournament in March (maybe over the course of a week). Not coached or referee. Put some notes together and passed to J. Possible conflicts with spring sports.

Board Member Chaired Committee Updates:

Long Term Planning / Facilities Committee (Drew)

- **Report:** Last committee meeting was 2/4/26 @ BKIA
 - Summarized meeting with CoW from January and outlined next steps
 - Began prioritized list of Pursuits for Capital Campaign and proceeding
 - Commitment from CoW to establish recurring meetings
 - Next meeting is being pursued for week of March 2nd
 - BK5K Grant
 - We will work on this if Board is in agreement
 - ODR LR setup and Dryland supplies

Marketing Committee (J.J. Pettit)

- Report: Putting link on website for the OneWinona video
- Mn Hockey Journal article - SIF pilot association

Fundraising Committee (Amy/Lindsey)

- Report: PMG sign being replaced with O'Laughlin

Volunteer Committee (Cassie Stratton)

- Report: Send out email to association with remaining volunteer hours families need to fulfill.
- We have paid out HS teams in the past for filling in the concession stand for high school games. Look at process for how that looks for next year.

New Family Mentor Committee (Erika Vail)

- Report: Good conversations with mite families asking what to expect for next year at the squirt level. Look at messaging to last year mite families. (travel, practices, proper equipment, working jobs at games that don't count toward volunteer hours, etc). Important to address it now as the end of the season is improving. Ideas of who we can transition the LTS connection over to. Look at potentially providing them a hand out. Talk to parents at playups or scrimmage this spring.

Safe Sport / Grievance Committee (Cassie B/Drew)

- Report: Some active conversations at the Squirt C level. Working through these together with the Head Coach, LR Monitor and our Committee.

- Grievances are transforming about how they come about. Drew is being approached in the lobby frequently with “grievances/issues”. No formal grievances have been filed this year but treating a lot of situations. They are coming to us to help solve issues. Have built trust with members. More so mediating and helping them navigate the issues without the formal grievance.

Actionable Items:

Old Business

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New Business

- Motion to approve up to \$250 per team for year end parties (Mini Mites and Mite level up to \$500)
 - Motion: Lindsey Posey
 - 2nd: Amy Engel
 - Motion **carried/denied**
 - Abstain
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Other Items:

Virtual Votes:

Virtual vote: Open Hockey Membership Fee

- Motion to approve up to \$1000 to cover the cost of BKIA City Memberships for Mini Mites-Bantams for Open Hockey. All who wish to participate must fill out registration form that will be shared with COW.
 - Motion: Drew Krings
 - 2nd: Erica Vail
 - Motion **carried/denied**:
 - Abstain:

Virtual vote: One Winona Billboard Campaign

- Motion to approve spending \$600 to run a billboard campaign promoting One Winona through Lamar Advertising's Lamar Cares Program. The Campaign will run for 4 weeks in 4 different high traffic locations (one week per location).
 - Motion: Lindsey Posey
 - 2nd: Drew Krings
 - Motion **carried/denied**:
 - Abstain:

Virtual vote: Titalwave Apparel

- Motion to approve spending \$1000 to bring in the balance of apparel items where we didn't hit the MOQ from family purchases. They will go up for sale in the concession stand. A sign will be created and hung listing what is for sale.
 - Motion: Lindsey Posey
 - 2nd: Cassie Body
 - Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain:

Meeting adjourned at: 9:56pm

- Motion to Adjourn at
 - Motion: Amy Engel
 - 2nd: Erica Vail
 - Motion **carried**/denied:
 - Abstain: