

Watertown Hockey Association

Board Meeting

August 21st, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Board of Directors:

Dan James	General Manager
Jon Rose	Assistant General Manager
Heidi Lyndaker	Treasurer
Tim Esposito	Ace Coordinator
Samantha Van Brocklin	Director of Publicity
Vega Nutting	Fundraising Director
Jordan Reber	Mite Director
Jessica Whitmore	Secretary (not present, excused)

Additional Positions:

Christina Petersen

WHA Registrar (excused)

Matt Bednarcyk

Snowbelt Representative and Equipment Manager

Agenda Items:

- 1) Public Participation- N/A
- 2) Approval of prior month's minutes: Motion made by Vega, Samantha seconded. Motion approved.
- 3) Golf Tournament and future date: Vega reported roughly \$5000 made for the tournament, but will double check the accounts. Vega discussed the idea of sending out a survey to poll the general WHA population for a golf tournament date, either the weekend following Labor Day or in August.
- 4) Open House packet and date: Vega described the chaotic nature of the open house last year and wanted to help organize the event in order to alleviate the questions new parents have about registration and expectations. Jordan offered the idea of having an 8U specific meeting at either PPS or at the arena. Board believed it was a great idea. Perhaps move the equipment swap outdoors and use the conference room for presentations by coaches. Save the last hour for 8U informational meeting.
- 5) YMCA: Dan met with Ambrose at the YMCA, as of now there is no one to run the program. There are four paid positions available. Currently, we have no one to run the program, but Dan has spoken to Paul Trimper and Anthony Netto about perhaps helping with the program. They are willing to help. Dave Cushman brought up the concern of where the equipment is stored and who is officially in ownership of the equipment. The YMCA has brought it up they would like it gone from their building. Jon Rose mentioned putting this year through a trial run of PPS handling the program. Overall, the board felt this was the only and best option.
- 6) Snowbelt: Dan and Matt B attended meeting last week and Dan is reporting updates. Jam issues were brought up (3), and a big change this year is referees are to teach parents audience and cheer section policy. The only people who should conference with tournament directors are coaches, managers, or Snowbelt reps. Coaches need to double check that penalties are properly notated. October 13th is the scheduler's meeting.
- 7) Score Sheets: There are updated policies for Snowbelt League on how to properly fill in a score sheet. See Snowbelt web page for new procedures. Information will be disseminated to managers at meeting.
- 8) Coaches: Dave makes motion to appoint Dan James head coach for Squirts and Dave Fleming as Midget head coach. Tim seconds. Motion passes.

- 9) Girls' team: Jon Rose attended meeting in ABay discussing putting a full season girls's team together by collaborating with Watertown. Matt Cullen attended and mentioned registration fees staying with home team. Players can play up or down a level. Girls would commit to their home (coed) team and play with girls team as available. Registration fee would be roughly \$50 per player.
- 10) Team Store: Jordan brought in many samples for board to review. Company will ship to families individually and store will be open year-round. Jon R asked about name brands. Victory Promotions put forth an offer, but the board agreed to move the association's business to another business. There are several new companies and options. We are looking into both options.
- 11) By-Laws: Dan brought the board's attention to the evaluation section and asked for feedback from the group. Dan had sent the group several updated versions of the by-laws and only minor changes were made.
- 12) Fall Fest: Vega updated the group on the chicken bbq. Vega would like to sublet the bbq and the association will still make a profit. She is proposing there would be no pre-sale tickets. She is also planning and organizing a 5k as well as a bounce house, fall festivities. Maybe add a can drive.
- 13) Orientation process: (was covered above in #4)
- 14) Sock Order: Vega brought forth options for socks. PPS offered to stock JOG and/or CCM socks. Vega and Dan will speak with PPS about stocking orders.
- 15) Screening/registration deadline for coaches: All head and assistant coaches must have SafeSport and background checks before they are allowed to be on the ice. The ACE Coordinator will be in charge of tracking these coaches. All assistant coaches must fill out an application. Coaches will need to have all of the checks in by October 15th
- 16) Board policy clarification around volunteer screening outside of coaching staff: Christina would like all coaches within the association to have been registered and cleared by October 15th. All managers and volunteers who enter the locker room must have SafeSport and background check. 8U has the exception to the rule.
- 17) PPS Skills Exhibition Dan was contacted by PPS to have a pre-season skills test and a postseason to measure improvement. Board agreed it would be a beneficial event. Dan is going to speak with them to choose a date.
- 18) Dan brings up bank account issues. Dan and Heidi will need to be added to all the bank accounts. Vega makes motion. Tim seconds. Motion passes.

19) Equipment update: Grants paid for the triangular things, give-n-go's.

20) Updates to overdue accounts: players need to be up-to-date on payments (including last season) in order to register. Heidi has created a new letter to be sent to people who are past due on payments in order to remind families to make payment.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Sam V makes motion to adjourn and Jordan seconded.