

WHA Board Meeting Minutes February 13th, 2018 P&R Fieldhouse

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Skott, S. Sheehan, J. Lloyd, T. Holien, K. Evans, J. Wirkus, J. Espland, D. Woertink and A. Redlin. M. Anderson was absent.

GUESTS PRESENT: J. McBride, T. Young, J. VanHeel, D. Meyer, L. Deutsch and L. Fox

E. Skott called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Agenda was approved.

REPORTS (Association Wide Information):

- Secretary: K. Evans
 - J. Espland motioned to approve the January meeting minutes; J. Lloyd 2nd the motion; all in favor.
- Treasurer: T. Holien
 - K. Evans motioned to approve the financials; A. Redlin 2nd the motion; all in favor.
 - Working on a budget for next year.
- Past President: S. Sheehan
 - Just finished the last night of Wee Wobblers. It was great. Would like it if next season we could extend it 2 weeks as they are just getting the hang of it. The varsity kids helping out went well.
- Vice President: J. Lloyd
 - Dealing with more parent/coach/kid issues as they arise.
 - Paige Sullivan will assist in applying for another \$1000 Optimist Club grant to provide sticks to all mite players at the beginning of next season.
 - A. Lalim picked up about 15 sticks and donated them to WHA.
- SDAHA Update:
 - Update on the referee equipment for each association: this was forgotten but is on the agenda for the fall.
- Registrar/Webmaster: L. Fox
 - J. Wirkus will get all of the patch info for the entire association to Lori once the Varsity season is over.

OLD BUSINESS:

- L. Fox will be working on the DIBS. Reminder – no check will be cashed without letting the families know first.
- D. Woertink will be putting together information for a new concussions protocol, which will include testing, follow-ups, and education materials for players, coaches and parents. We could possibly use United Way money for this. Darcy will be our new Risk Manager along with help from J. Lloyd. She will bring a budget and more info to the March meeting.
- League level directors – please get your names for the 5 awards that are to be given away at your banquet by the coaches to J. Wirkus one week before so names can be engraved.
- We may need to look at getting a new game computer for next season.
- McKeever's has been contacted about the vending machines that aren't working correctly. When in doubt, just unplug them.
- The new policy for "No outside food or drink, including any beverage containers during Laker games" was emailed to everyone in the association and signs were posted. This was done to

increase concessions sales and decrease alcohol getting into the building. The city will get their "No alcohol or tobacco during youth events" signs posted as well.

- The county needs to be contacted to add 2 handicap parking spots in the front of the building.
- At the request of the building committee, the trophy case has been put back to just holding trophies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A piece of glass broke during a varsity game. J. Lloyd ended up getting the new piece, cutting and installing it, as there was some confusion with the city employees as to who and when this needed to be done. Going forward, expectations should be made clear with the city when it comes to the building on who does and pays for what. A city building should be maintained by the city.
- Practice Schedule for the remainder of the city was handed out.
- WHA will not be responsible for any of the April utility bill, the Lions Club and/or WFSC will be taking it over.
- Much discussion was had over the out of state teams that our new to SDAHA and where WHA will stand on that.
- J. Lloyd motioned to adopt the following new policy: "All incoming freshman shall be invited to try out at the JV/Varsity level despite their age for the first 2 weeks of practice. It will be up to the coaches to put the player at a level the coach feels the player will learn the most and be an asset to the team. The parents can say no to their player having the opportunity for to try out and/or say no to the movement if the coach would like the player to move up." S. Sheehan 2nd the motion; all in favor.
- Discussion was had about the 2018-19 board. K. Evans will facilitate the ballot process for voting for the Squirt and Bantam director positions, as there are 2 people running at each. Votes will be sealed and counted at a later time when 2-3 board members are present.
- For now there will be one Girls director. Depending on what kind of teams we have next season, we may need to add a director position in the fall. The President will appoint this.
- We are on the hunt for new concessions managers. Ortmeirers' have a few people in mind to be contacted.
- New in-ice pegs for the nets need to be found. J. Wirkus will contact the place where the nets were ordered.

DIVISION REPORTS:

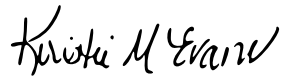
- Initiation Hockey/In-House/Wee Wobblers: P. Sullivan
 - A end of the season coaches meeting will be held soon.
- Mites: P. Sullivan
 - Jamboree went well.
- Squirts: A. Redlin
 - Would like to look at squirts just registering as WHA players and not Initiation Hockey.
 - Big Brother program has been well received again this year.
- Pee Wees: M. Anderson - absent
 - Season is done. Neither teams made the state tournament.
 - End of year banquet is set for Monday at 2nd Street Station

- Bantams: D. Woertink
 - Overall the season was great once it got started.
 - State tournament is coming up in Aberdeen
 - End of the year banquet is 2/27 at 2nd Street Station. L. Deutsch will be there to make the kids and parents aware of grade expectations at the high school level.
- Girls U14/Varsity: J. Espland
 - U14 State tournament is coming up in Sioux Center
 - Girls Varsity tournament will be in Huron the week after
 - All set to host the Girls JV tournament.
- Boys JV/Varsity: J. Wirkus
 - Season going well.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 10th, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Fieldhouse

K. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 pm. A. Redlin 2nd the motion; all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:



Kristie Evans
WHA – Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES:

- February 23rd-25th – WHA hosting Girls JV Tournament



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.