

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

Thursday, May 16th, 2024
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



Board members in attendance: **Justin Temple, Kyle Dziubla, Lauren Koehler, Adam Sodersten, Aubrey Freeman, Amanda Ferwerda, Eric Hershner, Bill Snow, Mike Bakalars, Katie Baus, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Desiree Bates, Lelsey Steffin, Kaiti Bohacek, Joel Marshall, Jason Mattila**

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the March 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Mike, second by Eric. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O'Brien) – Everything is going well. Putting a finish on the mezzanine. June 1 deadline to buy a sponsorship for pucks in the new bar.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – Justin and Erin are going to meet with the ALDs earlier than normal to discuss the budget for next year.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Justin Temple) – No report.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Registrar's Report** (Adam Sodersten) – Sent Kyle, Eric, and Wayne numbers. Will need to reach out to USA Hockey to get everything changed over to Adam.
 - b. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – No report.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Extremely busy, new semi-pro team playing in Verona on Friday and Saturday nights, part of the Great Lake Hockey League. All high school games for Verona will be Friday and Saturday night games, Edgewood will as well. There might be some changes to U6 and U8, LTP will stay the same.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – All ALDs should have permission for their pages. Karin is working on website clean-up over the next few months.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – Still has 1 set of jerseys that hasn't been returned. Going to start ordering socks for next season and will order replacement jerseys.
 - g. **Equipment** (Adam Sodersten) – Everything is organized and put away.
 - h. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
 - i. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Brian is looking to purchase a pizza warmer for rink 2, which will then be used by Ice Inc in the spring season. We own one but have always borrowed our second from Pizza Ranch and it would be nice to have our own. A new pizza warmer runs \$286.99 before tax. Also, he would like to purchase 6 stainless steel coffee carafes (more of want than a need), 3 for each concessions stand would run us about \$220.00. Motion to approve the additional purchase by Lesley, seconded by Adam. Motion passed.
As far as rink 2, due to no freezer space in that concessions area I'd advocate that we do not need to purchase a hot dog roller, or pretzel steamer because in order to refill both with new product we would have to make a trip to rink 1 to grab 4 or 5 each and run them to the second stand. Along those lines, I

would like for anyone with better knowledge of rink 2 than myself to suggest any area we may be able to at least have some dry storage for the concessions. A place to keep soda, chips, candy bars and such. At the very least it would be nice to have a place to keep soda, water and bubbler. Justin sent this to Joel and will find a spot.

- j. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – No report.
- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – Hometown Days parade is June 2, Desiree will help to wrangle the kids. Need to finalize a date for coed try hockey event, last year we did two different dates. Angela will email Earl to get that set-up. Karin will get registration set-up for this again.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Girls Try Hockey for free every Monday in August, will send an email out before school ends. Will send a survey out to all girls who played under Verona to get interest for playing on a girls only team.
- m. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – We need to update the parent handbook this summer. Planning to do stickers, CATS award again, will need to revisit the Mavs CATS gifts.
- n. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – No report.
- o. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – No report.
- p. **Photography Coordinator** (xxx) – No report.
- q. **Tournament Director** (xxx) – No report.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Kris Canto) – No report.
 - U6 (Aubrey Freeman) – No report.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – No report.
 - Squirt (Wayne Pfahler) – No report.
 - Peewee (Eric Helsher) – Projecting 51 skaters with 8 goalies, and 20 parents who have been coaches.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – Possibly 4 teams.
 - Mavericks (Katie Baus) – Getting up to speed on Region 4 and girl's hockey. Working on getting an email out to U12 and U14 girls.
 - U18 (Mike Bakalars) – Talking to Josh Biser early on and doing proactive outreach to rejuvenate the program.

7. Old Business

- a) **Revisiting the DIBS process** – Will create a subcommittee with Desiree, Brian, and Erin and come up with a proposal of when concessions needs to be open. Will add to the July board meeting.
- b) **Hosting November tournaments** – Planning to host 10 tournaments next season for Squirts, PeeWees, and Bantams. This would not count as one of the '3' tournaments for each team as part of the budget. Will still need parent volunteers for the penalty boxes. Ice Inc would handle all the registration and have been able to cover the clock and scoresheets for the tournaments they've hosted so far.
- c) **Outfitting goalies above the Mite level** – Adam will investigate having 2 emergency goalie sets available for coaches to check-out.

8. New Business

Board Appointed Positions

- **Newly Appointed Positions**
 - a. Recruitment (Non-voting, 2nd year of 2-year term): No leads, ALDs should include that in the emails they sent out.
 - b. Photography Coordinator (Non-voting, 2-year term): Motion to nominate Apryl by Adam second by Amanda. Motion passed.

- c. Rental Equipment Manager (Non-voting, 2-year term): Motion to nominate Megan by Lesley second by Adam. Motion passed.
- d. Tournament Chair (Non-voting, 1-year term): Motion to approve Kendra Noll by Eric, seconded by Katie. Motion passed.
- Re-appointment of Current Positions.
 - a. Ice Scheduler (Voting, 2-year term): Earl Tollefson
 - b. Webmaster (Voting, 2-year term): Karin Shippar
 - c. Girl's Hockey Committee Chair (Voting, 2-year term): Angela Hunt
 - d. Concessions Schedule Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Desiree Bates
 - e. Concessions Deposit Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Lesley Steffin
 - f. Concessions Inventory Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Brian Lindow
 - g. Communications Director (Non-voting, 1-year term): Kristen Manning
 - h. Jersey Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Karin Shippar
 - i. Apparel Coordinator (Non-voting, 1-year term): Kaiti Bohacek
 - j. Adam nominated all current members, seconded by Amanda. Motion passed.

- a) **Reminder for ALDs** – Need to finalize projected number of skaters in June so that we can finalize the budget in July. ALDs to come to the June board meeting with proposed numbers. Kyle will share with the Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantams out to the ALDs. Adam will send U6, U8, and LTP and girls to those ALDs. Will evaluate the registration process.
- b) **Mavs timeline for sign-up in the NIHL league** – Team declaration is due by mid-July. Should get a placeholder into them now to show we have an intention to join again. Will need team details later in July. Katie will submit the form.
- c) **Starting a U16 Mavs team** – Badger City announced that they are going to start a U16 team and already have over 78 girls that signed-up, for a team of only 15 skaters. Several girls are not interested in playing high school right now in the Madison area. Girls hockey teams are all co-ops, so there are no cuts. NIHL does have U16 and U19 divisions where this team would be able to play. There is a non-parent coach on the Mavericks that would be interested in coaching. There are no other U16 teams in the state. Justin asked for informal approval from the board to move forward with this idea, which everyone supported. Justin, PJ, Katie, and Angela will continue working on this and will bring an update to the June meeting.
- d) **Non-parent coaches gifts (also the rink attendants)** – Coaches: Randy Kent, Emilia Helms-Leslie, Brian Clark, Jordan Brown, Brendan Richie, Katy Werginz. Rink attendants: Nolan, Tony, Mike, Nick, and Joel.
- e) **Purchasing U18 jerseys** – Current jerseys are 25 years old. Thinking about keeping the Southwest Eagles jersey but switching to Black and Orange colors. Would be 4-6 weeks of lead time to order new jerseys. Change the colors to orange and black and order basic 'Southwest Eagles' jerseys for this year with black socks and work the cost into the ice fee and they can keep the jerseys. Mike will get a rough head count and then we will order the jerseys closer to August.
- f) **Extra bins for equipment** - Adam would like to order 3 new rolling bins for ~\$625. Motion to approve this purchase by Eric, second by Lesley. Motion approved.
- g) **Additional closet space** – Karin and Adam would like to expand to use the locked closet space, no concerns from the group.

9. **Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to readjourn by Mike, seconded by Adam, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.