

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine**



Board members in attendance: Jason Mattila, Justin Temple, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Mike Bakalars, Amanda Ferwerda, Kyle Dziubla, Todd Carlson, Janis Strutt, PJ Gregoire, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Angela Hunt, Joe Beyler, Mindy O'Brien, Mark Markham, Jill Scheibel, Desiree Bates, Lelsey Steffin, Brian Lindow, Kristen Manning, Kaiti Bohacek, Mike O'Brien, Eric Helsher, Adam Sodersten

1. **Call to order** – Justin Temple called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the November 2023 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Erin, second by PJ. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Mike O'Brien) – Final inspection on Thursday, hope to be reopen permanently at that point. Bar should open in a few weeks.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – Planning to pay a portion of our Rink 2 pledge early. Mindy did a great job with fundraising on the hockey tickets. Would like people to start thinking about how much time each board member's job takes so we can reevaluate ice credits for next year.
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Jason Mattila) – Region 4 meeting tomorrow night, no other updates.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
  - a. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – Wrapped up Fantasy Hockey cards, sold 1275 cards. Profit of ~\$14,000, which is higher than last year. Tomorrow is Culver's night! February 22 will be a buffet night at Seven Acres in Paoli, will earn 10% back from the club. Kyle inquired about doing a golf outing for the hockey association in the spring. PJ, Adam, and Wayne would be willing to help. Can easily just do something like Verona Little League.
  - b. **Equipment** (Adam) – Have enough goalie gear to outside 2 mites that want to start going to goalie dojo. Snack stand was out of ice packs, Todd has several in House of Hockey. There is a used set of goalie gear, you can work with Erin to make sure there is room in your budget.
  - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – Looking to give away sweatshirts for LTP coaches, would be roughly \$2,000-\$2,500. Should be enough left in the budget, so should be good to go.
  - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Been working hard over the last few weeks, should be good to go after this weekend. February practices will be TBD dependent on the playoff schedules. Erin needs number of sheets of ice through January and February.
  - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Should be up to date, Mite tournament is full, 6 PeeWee C2 teams are currently registered, will leave it open for another 2 weeks. No teams are currently registered for the Mavs tournament, just started recruitment. Midget registration can be closed, will leave LTP and Junior Lynx.
  - f. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Roughly ~\$1,300 ahead of where we were last year. Stocking inventory has been tough this year, especially with opening the 2<sup>nd</sup> sheet of ice.
  - g. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – Planning to shut down DIBS during the week at this point since we are struggling to fill shifts. Should send a communication out to the club saying that DIBS will be limited

to High School games and weekends until further notice. Desiree to make sure that all high school games, weekends, play downs, and tournaments are up before this gets sent out. Not planning to give DIBS credit for any other volunteering during tournaments. Kristen to work on the communication to the club, Desiree to share DIBS credits per age groups with the ALDs, and then ALDs to send out another email to each age group.

- h. **Registrar's Report** (Mike Bakalars) – Putting together final rosters, will follow-up with coaches with anything outstanding.
- i. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- j. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- k. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – Communicating a lot.
- l. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Hoping all the apparel items will be in by 5pm on Thursday.
- m. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – All nameplates are in, one Mavs jersey is outstanding.
- n. **Photography Coordinator** (Jill Scheibel) – Hunting down kids that are missing, extended the deadline to order. Will do make-up photos in the next few weeks. Eric asked about doing photography for State PeeWee C1 tournament, should be good with anyone (not just Empire). Group agrees that this would be a good idea, Eric will coordinate with Jill.
- o. **Tournament Director** (TBD) – No report.
- p. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – First practice is on Friday.
- q. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – CATS going well, Eric to start CC'ing Karin when he sends them to Kristen. Looking to try and do something for the winners during the High School games. Bathroom signs are up. Looking to start a yearly award.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
  - LTP (Danielle Pellitteri) – No report.
  - U6 (Wayne Pfahler) – No report.
  - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – Tournament planning going well. Asked about the best process of getting equipment from Rink 1 to Rink 2 for practice, should probably just plan to buy another set of needed equipment. Earl to look at the schedule tomorrow.
  - Squirt (Kyle Dzuibla) – Everything is really happy.
  - Peewee (Todd Carlson) – Everything is going well, combined record of 31-46-2.
  - Bantam (Bill Snow) – No report.
  - Mavericks (PJ Gregoire) – Things are going well. We have 1 player that broke her collarbone the 2<sup>nd</sup> week into practice, won't have clearance to come back until end of January. We can use the same formula for High School, Erin just needs to know weeks played and then she can figure it out. PJ will reach out to the coaches to get some CATS nominations for the Mavericks.
  - Midget (Janis Strutt) – Officially have a team! Janis had reached out to Signs by Caitlin about doing bag tags for the full association, could easily do 70 tags for \$100. Kaiti to reach out to Janis to coordinate this, would potentially be good to do this instead of the mini sticks.

## 7. Old Business – None.

## 8. New Business

- a) **Bantam C1 State Tournament Budget Proposal** – Justin motions to approve a budget up to \$3,500. Erin seconded. Motion passed.

## 9. Motion to Adjourn – Motion to readjourn by Mike, seconded by Erin, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.