

# Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Agenda

Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

7:00pm VIA Mezzanine



**Present:** Meredith Gabler, Kari Brotzman, Jamie Stebbeds, Earl Tollefson, Mike Bakalars, Jason Mattila, Craig Fey, Erin Ludmer, Todd Carlson, Kristen Manning, Mark Markham, Rob Vega, Brain Severson, Jim Martin, Steve Simpson, Mike O'Brien

**Call to order** – Jamie Stebbeds called to order at 7:02pm.

**Approve Minutes from the January 2020 Meeting**

Motion to approve by Mike Bakalars, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Earl Tollefson.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Ice Inc. Report** – Mike O'Brien

ALD's/team managers – please help collect Hometown Brewdown tickets.

Continuing to work on building and enclosing a second sheet of ice – Ice Inc will be meeting with the city to see if they will help support some of the funds. They need the financial support from the city in order to fund it otherwise they will be looking at possibly putting a pole shed over the outside rink.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jennifer den Daas

Cash on hand = \$307,870.77. Past due receivables \$5,930 which is down \$2,188 from last month. Need some collection efforts for Mavericks (\$2,428) and High School (\$2,140), otherwise most other levels/teams are in really good shape. Check out groundworks or reach out to Jennifer if you need assistance.

**President's Report** – Jamie Stebbeds

Received an email from students at Edgewood College and they are looking at partnering with our association to fulfill a course class project. TAP workouts have been a great addition to our program – we really appreciate Paul working with the association and adding sessions for those that wanted a bit more. Squirt B State is in great shape and they are ready to go. This will be Jamie's final season on the board – he will be done as of April.

**Committee Reports and updates**

a. **Fundraising** – Craig Nelson

PNO is coming quickly, tickets are selling online and 5Q is ready for us! Some awesome raffle prizes so far: Hawks vs Stars at Chicago (tickets are 10 rows from glass plus a suite at Palmer House), Rob Vega graciously donated private golf outing for 24 plus carts plus a drink and steak dinners after golfing, apple airpods from Mike Bakalars, ring doorbell/echo smart speaker and smart outlets from Jim Martin/Findorff, 5 different beer for a year certificates from WI Distributors, Hossa signed Blackhawks jersey from Temple Builders plus lots, lots more. Craig will be sending out emails

summarizing prizes to all families in upcoming days. Get your tickets soon, only selling a max of 125.

- b. **Equipment** – Matt Gabler  
Dates will be sent out for collection of gear.
- c. **Coaches Committee** – Steve Simpson  
All is good.
- d. **Ice Scheduler** – Earl Tollefson  
Schedule is set for all practices including TAP.
- e. **Website Update** – Kari Brotzman  
Summer opportunities are being added to the website.
- f. **Concessions** – Erin Ludmer/Mark Markham  
All available DIBS hours are posted for the remainder of the year.
- g. **Registrar's Report** – Mike Bakalars  
All is good
- h. **Tournament Coordinators (Mite and Squirt B State)**  
Both Mite and Squirt tournaments are ready to go. Angela Hunt has agreed to run the Mite tournament next year.
- i. **Apparel** – Kari Brotzman  
Nothing to report
- j. **Legal Counsel** – Brian Severson  
Discussed possible rule changes for the 2020-2021 season.
- k. **Recruitment** – Desiree Bates  
Next year Desiree would like to assist the association in recruiting referees.
- l. **Communications** – Kristen Manning  
Nothing to report
  
- m. **Region 4 Update** – TBD  
Major issues with refs – zero tolerance needs to be enforced by each association. Due to the increase in hearings this year they are asking for associations to discuss the kicking rule with players. 2022 State Tournament bids are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- n. **Update from ALD's**  
**LTP** – We had another fantastic year of introducing hockey to our youngest skaters. We finished with over 60 registered skaters in LTP and added 6 new coaches to the Verona coaching staff. LTP has one more practice this weekend and then a family skate on the 29<sup>th</sup> with pucks/awards to be handed out upstairs afterwards. My recommendation/suggestions for next year are to reissue DIBS responsibility back to LTP families. This will help break them into our process/system as well as help alleviate our DIBS problem/shortfall like we experienced this year. Other suggestion would be to raise fees to \$40 to cover the cost of the \$5 puck.

**U6** – Last practice for U6 is next week and end of the year party will be held at Ten Pin Alley where awards will be distributed.

**RWB** – All is well

**Squirt** – All is well

**Peewee** – All is well

**Bantam** – Motion made to allow the 2 double rostered Bantams to fully participate in practices and games with the Midget team once the Bantam season has concluded by Craig Fey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Bakalars. Motion approved unanimously.

**U14 Girls** – 2 weeks left in the season. Mavericks A team will be participating in state.

**Midget** – All is well

**Old Business**

Nothing to report

**New Business**

Nothing to report

**Motion to Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Meredith Gabler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Markham.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm