

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 14th, 2023

Board Members Present: Amy Knoll, Amy Schaefer, Charlotte Bushbaum, Katie Reicherts, Katy Harbaugh, Jenette Jebe, Nicole Christopher, Trent Duniven, Mike Wirtjes, Jason Verbraken, Brian Cook

Phone: Dan Bumblauskas, Shawn Monroe

Absent: Lisa Schwickerath

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Guests: Sarah Kutz

Guest discussion: Sarah is volunteer coordinator for the Warriors and has looped in to start including the Jr Hawks for fundraising opportunities. In order to incentivize the organization to help keep these opportunities staffed, we are looking to be able to present some target budget items to show how we are applying to save on dues rather than just “putting it to a fund”. We have secured one night a month at Cattle Congress to start putting on Bingo which should bring in approximately \$600-\$1k a session, with minimal volunteers. The organization did this in the past successfully & we are waiting to get our gambling license back as it was allowed to lapse last winter. Also going to look into Raise Right for scrip-style fundraising with giftcards and a kickback through apparel was discussed as well. Sarah to get a copy of the budgets and financials to see what looks like a goal to market to volunteers. 50/50 also discussed but need to discuss further with Black Hawks.

Financial Reports:

- Warriors/Warhawks: Lisa Schwickerath – N/A, Budget passed via online vote 8/9 prior to the Warrior parents meeting
- Jr Hawks: Amy Knoll – Presented budget which includes moving \$1,010.70 from Jr Hawks budget to Warriors for Prostart. Currently going to budget for 3 squirt teams due to numbers, Development committee to determine teams post tryout. Sending summer ice email reminder with payment options to start 8/15. Still need two shifts covered for taking funds. Motion to approved budget by Dunivan, 2nd Verbraken, motion carries

Approval of Minutes: July Meeting Minutes – motion to approve Knoll, 2nd Jebe, motion carries

Committee Reports:

- Development Committee: Cook – met a few times, including with Phil at Prostart, going to run summer ice a little differently, covered projections, players at summer ice not playing for WYHA this season, players moving up, skills nights, etc. to prep for the upcoming season. HS is still looking at 13 teams again this year, we are acquiring a goalie from Cedar Rapids that doesn't have to sit any of the season. Schedule has been posted, minimal games during the week at home this season.
- Disciplinary Committee: nothing to report.
- Fundraising/Special Events Committee: See guest discussion.

Affiliate Reports:

- High School (MHSHL): Nothing to report.
- Midwest League (MWAHA): Wirtjes – there is an initiative for girls hockey for both female coaches and players, Cedar Rapids is focusing on and we need to start to as well

- Alliance: (JR Gold): finalizing their schedules for the season

Other Reports:

- ACE Coordinator: Cook – Nothing to report
- Apparel: Styve – Samples for jerseys by end of the week. Correction to a sleeve from previous design. Pricing provided for travel jerseys, socks, practice jerseys. Will set up for 3 nights of sizing at summer ice as order time can be 6-8 weeks. Potential policy provision to add sizing upon registration next year so we don't continue to run into late orders with supply issues. Numbers run on an every 3 year basis. Will be sending out dates via email.
- House League: Christopher – Open up registration, have tentative schedules prepared for times. Looking to get a parents meeting going as well.
- Ice Scheduler: Humpal – Has tentative ice schedules for practices, approval for this general layout motioned by Christopher, 2nd by Verbraken, motion carries.
- Referee in Chief: Skip
- Registrar: Block- Skip
- Safesport / Compliance: Goes straight to registrar - Skipped
- Sponsorships – Harbaugh: Skip
- Webmaster – Harbaugh: Skip

Old Business:

- Policy Updates: Reicherts has started noting changes, no formal language adopted, need to verify against posted minutes and will send out to board via email
- Board Registration: Skip

New Business:

- Budgets: Approved Jr Hawks 8/14, Warriors 8/9 online
- Parent Meeting for Jr Hawks: Advertised for Thursday August 24 at the Sportsplex via the Newsletter. Scheafer working on
- Prostart Updates: Skipped, but finalizing contract details
- Ice Schedule: approved 8/14
- Goalies: Head Coach at Pee Wees has a plan for this year, but we need to be looking to next year where as of now we are going to be very short at Bantam level. Need to discuss goalie incentives that other organizations offer.
- Missing Meetings, Posting of meeting, Admissio/Passes: Skipped until next meeting
- Practice players: Agreed it will be up to coaches on the ice, but players who are registered with USA hockey and are playing with a different organization due to Tier offerings (AA, AAA) will be permitted to play summer ice at regular cost, and if open to skills nights would charge 1/3 of that levels dues along with Prostart separately (at Bantam would be approximately \$780) Motion to approve by Duniva, 2nd by Monrow, motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned 7:38