

Wadena Hockey Club Board Minutes  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:30pm  
Maslowski Wellness Center

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Amber McManigle, Joe Sworski, Michelle Allred, Mike Olson, Mac Nelson, Erik Olson, BJ Fink, Monica Merickel, Tate McManigle, Chrissy Krell, Dani Sworski, Jamie Hathaway, Kelly Zaic
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Erik asks to do concessions for Matt and to move it to under the treasurers report for this evening-everyone fine with it. Motion to approve agenda-Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tate-Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve-BJ Fink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chrissy-Approved.
4. **Public Forum:**
  - a. Refund Letter
    - i. Mother emailed asking for refund since her mite, mighty mite, and hockey tot would not be coming back. Tots and Mighty Mites never started seasons due to Governors pause.
      1. Discussed when mites first official practice was-November 16<sup>th</sup>. Due to our policy of full refund within the first 14 days after first official practice start date. Pause official start date was November 21<sup>st</sup>.
      2. Motion to approve a full refund-Erik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amber-Approved.
  - b. Respect Issue
    - i. Received letter from concerned person(s) about behaviors of some that may incite panic, division, bullying, etc. Asks that we, as a board, be reminded that if these issues can not be resolved we may need to step in.
    - ii. Remind that in our handbook it states that we hold parents and kids to a high standard of respect for others.
  - c. Mike Olson-Registered girlfriends 9 y/o, due to the registration it wanted her as a mite, but she would be a hockey tot. How do we not have to have the fees?
    - i. If it charged them a fee-then motion to approve a refund-Erik, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chrissy-approved.
      1. When it registers if she is a new player to Wadena Hockey there should be no fees. If issue continues contact Kelly.
5. **Treasurers Report:**
  - a. Not much in Dec due to pause.
  - b. Paid our insurance.
  - c. Someone asked if we could contact someone from the city to see how much water cost since we did the outdoor rink-it would be interesting to see if a liner would reduce that cost. A liner may only cost a few hundred dollars.
  - d. **Concessions**-Matt asked Erik to speak for him-he looked at the last few years for wages for concessions. 18/19-18%, 19/20-16%, he is asking for 18% of concessions total. Motion to approve-Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chrissy-Approved.
  - e. Matt has figured out that each family would need 5 hours for concessions.
    - i. Asked how we reinforce if people do not do their concession hours-Motion to approve asking \$30 per hour not worked-BJ Fink, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chrissy-Approved.
  - f. Matt is asking for approval of \$150 for a pizza oven-he wants to get Larry's Family pizza take and bake options for the concessions-motion to approve-Tate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Erik-Approved.
6. **Reports:**
  - a. Scheduler (BJ Meyer)
    - i. Text from BJ to Amber- schedules are 99% done, check schedules often, things can change quickly due to covid. Garment Bags are not here yet.
    - ii. Michelle asked how things are going in between practices-things seem to be going well. Sanitizing if everyone helps do their parts.

- b. Registrar (Kelly Zaic)
  - i. The numbers are just about the same as last year!
- c. Building Maintenance
  - i. Jamie asked Eric Ness to contact Graham about the dehumidifier kicking off.
  - ii. Also, potentially getting a light timer for the outside rink.
  - iii. Mac spoke with Eric about door onto ice by locker rooms 5 & 6 is hard to open-having eric look into it.
  - iv. Would need to get a keypad lock on the new referee locker room so their possessions are safe.
- d. Concessions (Matt Lunde)-See above
- e. Gambling (Matt Lunde)
  - i. Sent email-still working on getting a partnership with some local businesses-will keep working.
- f. Referee (Mac Nelson)-Not much-nothing scheduled through this weekend.
- g. Hockey Director (Jamie Hathaway)
  - i. Let parent directors know to check each arena their team is going to for each arenas covid rules. They may differ.
  - ii. We need a Goalie Coach-Allen is out. So far no one interested. Potentially Peter Lenz but not sure.
    - 1. Mac suggested someone who works at tri county that he knows may have a nephew interested. Will reach out.
  - iii. District gave OK to use locker rooms since we do not have sufficient space otherwise.
  - iv. Mac had concerns with lack of enforcement on the mask mandate on the kids. Says he saw a lot of kids without them on coming into the arena and while on the ice.
    - 1. Our Stance as an association is that we are doing the best we can. We do not expect our coaches to stop practice every minute to remind the kids to put them up. But to remind the kids as much as possible. Everyone should be wearing one into and out of the arena. That stance has never changed. Kids need to wear one while on the ice. Suggested the CCM mask that connects to the cage or face shields.
    - 2. Was mentioned that the referees were given directions for games. They are to not stop play to remind the kids. But when the game is stopped, to use gentle reminders. If they cannot fix it while on the ice they should go to the bench and fix masks. There are to be no penalty's or disciple actions as of now.
    - 3. Coaches will be reminded to do the best they can, remind the kids during practice and in between drills.
  - v. BJ Fink asked if we could get AAA info out on the website for summer opportunities.
- h. Mite Director (Nate Witthuhn)-Per Jamie, what should we do as a plan B if we can not have end of season banquets? Maybe a drive through or something covid safe.
- i. Fundraising (Dani Sworski)
  - i. BLB Committee
    - 1. Had a meeting after the December Board meeting. Most committee members do not feel comfortable planning a March event. Do not feel it is feasible.
      - a. We talked with health care members asking what they think the possibility of an indoor event would be? None that it was possible.
      - b. Bars are just re-opening and with restrictions-we could not put forth an event that was safe and comfortable for our club/community. Patrons are to sit at tables of no more than 6. Not up walking around like our event.

- c. Committee feels that an outdoor event the beginning of June is a safer option for all of us.
  - d. Committee is suggesting an outdoor event at the Whitetail Run Golf Course on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We would do a day of golf then start normal festivities around 4. Same silent auctions, food, live auction, and DJ.
  - e. The Golf adds extra funds and games that could help.
  - f. Lots of discussions, ultimately motion to approve moving to June 5<sup>th</sup> date at Wadena Golf Course-Amber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tate-Approved.
  - j. Marketing-Nothing Currently
  - k. Public Relations/Communications/Newsletter-Nothing Currently
- 7. Old Business**
- a. Covid Committee
    - i. Refs will be allowed to come in 30 mins prior to a game.
    - ii. For parent volunteers what times are appropriate-15 mins prior to game time.
    - iii. All same measures are being taken as before.
  - b. Live Streaming
    - i. Using the SeasonCast link and app. It is working well. Wade Miller came and increased our streaming capabilities.
- 8. New Business**
- a. Possible Skate Sharpening schedule
    - i. Put a basket out and have anyone that needs it done put skates in there for sharpening, those who know how to sharpen will make sure it gets done.
    - ii. Usually 2 people per team that know how to sharpen.
    - iii. Anyone that wants to know how to sharpen can reach out to Eric Ness and he can get someone in touch to teach.
  - b. BJ Fink asked Eric for a key fab especially after doing the outdoor rink. He has not gotten it yet. Joe will reach out to Eric.
- 9. Adjourn-Motion Michelle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tate-Approved.**