



WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES -MARCH 13th, 2024

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** Meeting called to order at 6:03PM
2. **Board Member Attendance:** Tom G., Chris K., Kurt H., Mike C., Emily H., Patrick K., Jaime R., Jason M. & TJ G.
3. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Patti E.
4. **Membership in attendance:** Dave Welsch, Jon Keller, Kristin Darwin, Josh Wichrowski, Tyler Breckenridge, Rick Callies, Nicholas Danko, Derek Theisen, Eric Shelley, Missy Sparber, Laureen Hoeft, Levi Boehrig, Zach Krueger, Tony Dominguez, Vinny Smith, Hockey Directors (Kurt and Mike)
5. **FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE: Motioned to Approve: TJ Approved, Chris K. Seconded**
6. **FEBRUARY TREASURER REPORT:** Billed playdown fees to other organizations; Paid playdown invoices received; Draft budget for 2024-25 sent to Board for review; Waiting on final manager reports and excess ref fee checks; Scheduled transition meetings with new Treasurer; P&L and Balance sheet are pretty quiet this time of year and the organization is in a solid financial state; **REVIEW/APPROVE: Motioned to Approve: Mike C. Approved, Patrick K. Seconded**
7. **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: NA**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **End of the season tournaments:** There was great energy between all the end of season tournaments hosted by the organization: U10B State tournament finished profits approximately \$2K, Winter Classic: finished with approximately \$6,600 in profit, and while still compiling the PDP financials there is a projected revenue of \$3,900. We are still waiting on a vendor for final numbers, but overall things went well.; Girls Jamboree was a success as well and very well organized. Finding enough volunteers is the main challenge. The organization needs to explore alternative ways to gain additional volunteers for our tournaments. Feedback from other organizations was that they felt the tournaments were well organized with no concerns.
 - B. **Approve Elections Candidates/Ballots:**
 - a. VP On Ice:
 - i. Chris Kraft – Attended (5) Meetings – **Winner.**
 - b. Secretary: **Vote will be needed – All candidates have been approved by the board**
 - i. Levi Boehrig - Attended (2) meetings.
 - ii. Missy Sparber – Attended (1) meeting.
 - iii. Zach Krueger – Attended (0) meetings.
 - c. Girls Director:
 - i. Jaime Rohr – Attended (9) meetings- **Winner.**
 - d. 14U LD:
 - i. TJ Gannon – Attended (8) meetings – **Winner.**
 - e. 12U LD: **Vote will be needed – All candidates have been approved by the board.**
 - i. David Welsch - Attended (3) meetings.
 - ii. Patrick Kuras - Attended (10) meetings.
 - f. 10U LD:
 - i. Tony Donovan – Attended (1) Meeting – **Approved by board - Winner.**
 - g. 6U/8U LD:
 - i. Derek Theisen – Attended (1) meeting. – **Approved by the board – Winner.**

- C. **End of the Year Survey/Coaches Survey:** To help understand your thoughts on the season and for planning of the 2024-2025 season, we invite you to take our annual end of the season and coaches feedback surveys. The information we gather from these surveys will help WCYHA better serve you in the future to improve both the Association and the development of our players. The surveys should each take 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Be assured that all answers you provide will be kept in the strictest confidentiality. If you desire, you can submit your responses anonymously, if you log out of Sports Engine before completing the survey (the system requires you to include an email address to continue with the survey; however, that email can be fictitious). Please repeat these surveys for each player you have participating. Please provide constructive feedback. If there are specific issues to bring to the attention of the board, please contact an Executive Board Member (President, VP On-Ice, VP Off-Ice, Treasurer, Secretary).
- D. **February Try Hockey for Free Recap:** The event was well attended with approximately forty skaters to include nineteen girl skaters. The organization is working on obtaining additional skating aides for future sessions.
- E. **50th Anniversary Update:** Planning continues with the next meet planning meeting taking place tonight after the board meeting. The event will take place on October 19th from 5-10pm at the Wisconsin Brewing Company. More information to follow.
- F. **Open Coordinator Positions:** There will be coordinator roles that will be opening as we close out the season. The organization will be sending out communication in the future with the open positions available.

9. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** Season overall was a great success with solid develop across the organization. Looking to expand events in the future and continue to make things better. Appreciate everyone's support on the board as well as other contributors; Hockey night at brewer game – organization was that they are out of small and medium jerseys, but the link is active to purchase tickets. Waukesha should have a good section of supporters to enjoy the game; Sunday skates start this weekend. Register on counties website, as this is a terrific way to get ice time at a very affordable cost.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** State tournaments: The organization had a solid showing across the all teams that participated in their respective tournaments as well as great support at the Squirt B state games; We have an opportunity to take part in a great conversation about scanning and reading plays lead by Dan Jablonic from USA Hockey, it is going to be next week Thursday 3/21 at 7pm at Didi's (restaurant in Ingleside); the last goalie session had (15-16) goalies participate, we had a solid turn out to finish the season;
- C. **VP OFF ICE:** Reviewed the Election results; volunteer hours will be updated by 3/15; Player performance patches have been distributed to the bantam level players that are leaving the organization, but the remainder of the patches will be distributed at Warhawk day next season; Season surveys are due 4/7/24 and the coaches surveys are due 4/12/24; Directory will be posted digitally by end of the week.
- D. **SECRETARY:** It has been a pleasure working with everyone on the board.
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Bantam C finished fourth, bantam A lost the consultation championship; (2) skaters were selected to play Team Wisconsin and are and playing this weekend. Solid season from the parent's perspective with good development physically and mentally. Every year we are challenged by kids going to high school early creating a situation where our younger bantams need to step up and they did quite well. No disciplinary meetings this year!!

- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** PeeWee A won their respective consolation championship; B1 took third at the state tournament; B2 and C teams did not qualify for state but finished the season strong; several players from Waukesha were selected for their respective age groups, which is a great showing for the organization. The Kohlman Cup Selections from our organization are the following:
- a. 2012 - Girls: Camryn Bacik
 - b. 2011 - Girls: Leyla Dosti, Ellie Kaptur, Alayna McMillen, Madison Maphis (alternate)
 - c. 2012 - Boys: Willis Kaszubowski, Crosby Kraft, Michael Cloherty (alternate), Asher Welsch (alternate)
 - d. 2011 - Boys: Calvin Gerds, Jack Luedke, Harrison McGaver
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Good season of growth, Squirt B hosted state and played well. No issues and had great attendance. The tournament made approximately \$2K profit. Knockout board was a hit again.
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Jason thanked the board for the support while serving in his current role, commented that Derek will do an excellent job next season. This year we saw head count increased and strong development. No big issues from parents and the season had a positive impact on the families. Several outside organizations have reached out asking about our PDP program.
- I. **GIRLS HOCKEY DIRECTOR:** 14A Girls took 4th in their state tournament and 14B's placed sixth out of six teams; very solid girl develop this season; All girls try hockey April 13th from 9:30 to 10:30am at Nags; Jaime will start meeting with other organizations to discuss next years plans; surveys went out for the girl's families.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:51PM