

## WHA Board Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2020 @ 2<sup>nd</sup> St Station

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** E. Skott, B. Rieffenberger, F. Espland, T. Holien, T. Randall, J. Kasuske, T. Barton, M. Anderson, K. Hendricks, and L. Stricherz

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Knopf, T. Bramer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** L. Deutsch, S. Schlapkohl, E. Witt, W. Solheim

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by M Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> E. Scott. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes made by M. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Scott. All in favor.

Motion to approve September's financials made by E. Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Randall. All in favor.

T. Bramer discussed rubber mats for locker rooms which will be here 10/19 and plexi glass. Get 2 extra pieces of plexi glass.

S. Schlapkohl discussed process of RFAs. RFAs are formal proposals that need to be approved by the board and signed to become protocols. WHA will have a policy manual that will be updated as needed. S. Schlapkohl would like to start a monthly spreadsheet with timelines and update it to google docs as needed.

L. Deutsch reports increase in Brookings hockey attendance. Practice schedule is out, and coaches have authority to decide which practices are mandatory versus optional. Coaches will inform association if they will not be using their allotted ice time so it can be used by someone else.

SDAHA business:

- State is switching from 1099 to W-2 forms for taxes which will need to be added to the budget.

- The referee seminar will be in person on 11/7 with online option available 10/24.

- Abuse of in-house official policy needs to be made and enforced. The WHA incident report can be used for this and this is addressed in the Parent Code of Conduct. Make incident reports available online.

- 40% decrease in mites to squirts in the state. To help this in Watertown, get the varsity involved with the younger kids more often.

- Girl hockey weekend will be November 14-15 and they are asking for baskets for a fundraiser. T. Barton and F. Espland to work on this.

Concussion testing to be conducted at HomeTown building on 10/21.

Proposed Covid plan practice times, game times, and locker room times is reviewed. PeeWee level and above to leave equipment in the locker rooms. E. Witt proposes to add 15 minutes for coaching before practice time to save ice time. Players wear masks at all times until helmet is on. Coaches will wear a mask at all times except for bench time. Coaches will designate someone to clean locker rooms after each practice or game (including guest locker room). Re-evaluate these guidelines monthly at meetings.

Motion to approve practice and game arrival times by F. Espland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Randall. All in favor. Yard signs can be ordered online.

Dine with the Lakers still planned for 11/8. Volunteering to help are J. Kasuske, K. Hendricks, F. Espland, T. Randall, E. Witt, and T. Bramer

4 on 4 frenzy is scheduled for 11/8 at 1:45-3:45 for mites and squirts. Must be USA hockey registered.

Parent training day for DIBs will be conducted as online videos vs in person training if it is deemed necessary.

New secretary is approved (K. Hendricks).

Winter Raffle RFA is proposed for details regarding raffle. Motion to pass made by E. Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Espland. All in favor.

RFA proposed for the WHA to purchase a personalized mask for all players and coaches. These will be ordered from Technicolor. Disposable masks for concessions, admissions, and booth volunteers. Motion by F. Espland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Hendricks. All in favor.

RFA proposed for policy regarding players moving up a level. Freshman will not be automatically allowed to try out for JV/varsity but rather will need to be invited to try out. Motion by E. Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Holien. All in favor.

RFA proposed to make a forms policy to assure all families sign required forms prior to taking the ice. Directors will present papers and president will enforce policy if there is an issue. Motion by M. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Scott. All in favor.

RFA proposed to ask for approval for concessions update including new stainless-steel tables, wrapping for the front counter with advertisement, stripping and waxing of floor, pain, and totes. Prices given. Motion to approve by E. Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by F. Espland. All in favor.

Proposed policy for players to keep jersey number while in grades 9-12. If they want to change the number, pay for the remainder of the balance on the old jersey and the full price of the new jersey. Motion by T. Randall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Scott. All in favor.

If giving out DIBS points, email T. Holien, S. Schlapkohl, or M. Anderson.

Pucks and Ponytails will be held Tues, Thurs, and Sat 10/27-11/7. T. Barton and F. Espland will advertise and oversee this program.

Proposal to advertise on Facebook for \$100 to increase WHA numbers. Motion by E. Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Randall. All in favor.

After games, the penalty box volunteer should wipe surfaces. Last penalty box volunteer of the night needs to disinfect and spray. Squirt and mite levels need to spray touchable services after every practice.

L. Deutsch proposes to get Veteran parking signs for front row parking at Mass Ice Arena. Lucas will talk to city and get 2 signs made if OK with city. Motion by F. Espland, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Barton. All in favor.

J. Kasuske will contact photographer to schedule team pictures as soon as possible. Looking at last week in October or first week in November.

T. Randall, M. Anderson, F. Espland to coordinate Big Brother/Big Sister program.

Player stats for awards will be recorded by coaches and directors.

**DIVISION REPORTS:**

Mites – equipment has been handed out to 29 kids

Squirts – nothing

Pee Wees – 2 kids unregistered. 27 kids playing

U14 Girls - nothing

Bantams – nothing

Girls JV/V – nothing

Boys JV/V – nothing

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Next meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street station.

Kasie Hendricks

WHA Secretary