

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 11th, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Amy Knoll, Amy Schaefer, Charlotte Bushbaum, Katie Reicherts, Jenette Jebe, Nicole Christopher, Trent Duniven, Mike Wirtjes, Jason Verbraken, Brian Cook, Shawn Monroe, Lisa Schwickerath

**Phone:** Dan Bumblauskas, Shawn Monroe

**Absent:** Katy Harbaugh

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:00pm

**Guests:** none

**Financial Reports:**

- Warriors/Warhawks: Lisa Schwickerath – nothing to report, motion to approve Bushbaum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe, carries
- Warhawks – looking into jersey line item
- Jr Hawks: Amy Knoll –nothing to report, Motion to approved Reicherts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dunivan, motion carries

**Approval of Minutes:** August Meeting Minutes – motion to approve Knoll, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monroe, motion carries

**Committee Reports:**

- Development Committee: Cook – Warrior tryout this week, may do one more late session next week to make sure no crossover with fall sports. Jr Hawks tryout next week
- Disciplinary Committee: nothing to report.
- Fundraising/Special Events Committee: Kutz – approved for a 50/50 raffle twice a month at Blackhawks games, no tickets complimentary but potentially discounted. Will set dates after all schedules decided, coordinate with managers. Presented basket fundraising opportunity, buy in bulk for Jr Hawks and Warriors to start, Monroe to see if any Warhawk interest, will sell when receive. Board agreed on size, style & price point, motion to approve Monroe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wirtjes, motion carries for purchase. Discussed a separate fundraising account, decided against. Also still in process of securing 1 year Bingo license for once a month at NCC, will attend after Cattle Congress to firm up details. Discussed each level taking a couple months.

**Affiliate Reports:**

- High School (MHSHL): Exhibition games scheduled in October. Need to find a trainer, several board members to make inquiries, required at HS level and have a budget item for. First home game 11/3.
- Midwest League (MWAHA): Wirtjes – Dan Jablonic, Manager of Player Development for USA Hockey reached out regarding attending some practices, Wirtjes putting in touch with Cook
- Alliance: (JR Gold): finalizing their schedules for the season still, practice starts 10/7, good numbers this years

**Other Reports:**

- ACE Coordinator: Cook – Nick Niedert reached out, offered to help out while around, coaches in FL so would need to check certs
- Apparel: Styve – Most kids sized, provided a written policy regarding jersey socks and numbering, motion by Knoll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reicherts, approved policy as is 7 to 5 with the understanding that we could revise if needed for years for numbering. Also voted to approve requiring new sock style motioned by Verbraken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christopher, motion carries

- House League: Christopher – We have try hockey free ready to go Sept 23, will get flyer out ASAP. House numbers are a low enough to be critical to the viability of the rec program. Brainstormed ideas round table, several people to reach out to various school districts, leisure services, and keep a table going at Blackhawks games with registration information and chuck a pucks. We will for go a previous learn to skate vote as numbers are the most important issue at the moment. Also suggested physical flyers, Halloween trick or treat flyers, emailing season ticket holders, getting back to skating in between periods at the BH games. Also ok'd Sports Engine fee refund for some accidental dual registrations. Dunivan 1<sup>st</sup>, Reicherts 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carries
- Ice Scheduler: Humpal – Has tentative ice schedules for practices, approval for this general layout motioned by Christopher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verbraken, motion carries.
- Referee in Chief: N/A
- Registrar: Block- N/A
- Safesport / Compliance: N/A
- Sponsorships – Harbaugh: N/A
- Webmaster – Harbaugh: N/A

#### **Old Business:**

- Policy Updates: Reicherts has initial notes made, need to meet at a committee, discussed piecing out

#### **New Business:**

- Budgets: all previously approved
- Prostart – Contracts agreed to and signed, Development committee to reach out . Until final numbers are issued Jr Hawks and Warriors will split monthly installments based on projected numbers, with 1099 to be settled via Bergan at EOY.
- Goalies: Some Pee Wees got in net at summer ice, looks like some will be rotating at that level, ok for 23-24 but looking at Bantams next year we don't have any at this time
- Admission/Passes – HS ice will be going up significantly over next few years. Looking at admission passes for students, punch card, \$20- TBD

Meeting Adjourned 8:41

Online Votes

Jersey Approval 10-1-3

Socks (since withdrawn) 11-0-3