

## West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Conference Call Meeting 206-331-4836 pin 4023255

### Board Members:

*Present:* Josh Benson, Shana Wilson, Eric Nelson, Brad Saville, Jessi Kuhn, Anthony Houkom, Rob Otterson, Ryan Endres, Joel Honeyman, Corey Moos

*Absent:* Brent Kuehne, Desirae Holum, Jareb Raan

### Others Present:

*Gaming Manager:* Jason Campbell

*Hockey Director:* Jason Gregoire

*Hockey Assistant:* Angie Kraft

## PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Joel Honeyman.

### Welcome

Gregoire welcomed Angie Kraft to the WFHA in the Hockey Assistant position.

### Minutes Approval

Benson motioned to approve the April 2020 minutes as provided to the board of directors. Seconded by Houkom. Motion passed without dissent.

### April 2020 Financial Report

Anthony Houkom

Financial report had been sent to Business Operations but not yet submitted to Board of Directors for review. Honeyman reported that WFHA was approved for PPP loan and will keep fund separate from other funds to ensure appropriate tracking, allocation, etc. Houkom reported Gaming trending at a net loss of \$59k but still up over last year.

Campbell reported that 26 of the 35 eTab machines are running with the adjustments made for COVID-19 requirements. Blackjack is shut down with no timeframe on when it would be restarted. M&J is operating a short 5-hour bingo and operating with paper pull tabs as well. In comparison to a normal situation, Campbell reported gaming to be up 30% of what we normally see but don't have any other gaming types operating at this time. In summary, gaming is coming back.

Fiscal 2020 Budget Approval tabled for June meeting.

### 2020-2021 Background Checks

Brad Saville

NDAHA has transitioned background checks to USA Hockey which will require an additional \$30 for those coaches, team managers and board members in direct supervision of players. Upon review of roles and responsibilities within WFHA, along with a pulse check on other associations in our area, improvements

and streamlining of roles would no longer require team management to directly supervise players therefore this would not be required. The term “team manager” may be used but the roles will change to support this direction. In addition, these individuals will not be rostered as a part of the team with WFHA or USA Hockey but will still perform crucial off-ice support.

Saville made a motion for WFHA to reimburse all coaches, coordinators, board of directors and any other volunteers who need a USA Hockey Background check. Seconded by Moos. Motion passed without dissent.

<b>2019-2020 Annual Membership Meeting</b>
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<b>Joel Honeyman</b>
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Annual membership meeting is planned for June 8. Location is still TBD as our preference is Veterans Memorial Arena but have an alternative location available in South West Fargo. Honeyman, Otterson, and Kuehne will pull the details together of the event and manage details.

<b>Whitetail Raffle Registration Buy-Down</b>
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<b>Eric Nelson</b>
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Nelson reported that WFHA won the non-profit ND Whitetail tag. Tickets have been received and are available for sale from the members with 15% off of a book (\$15 off of each complete \$100 book sold) towards their registration with no minimum of books sold. This is not required for members but does allow for them to buy-down the cost of the 2020 season registration. Drawing will occur August 4 at Pub West in West Fargo.

<b>NDAHA Spring Meeting Update</b>
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<b>Jason Gregoire</b>
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Gregoire, Benson and Honeyman attended the NDAHA spring meeting virtually. Gregoire will provide the membership a written summary, but key items were:

- Date of birth cut-off from June 1 to July 1
- New NDAHA President, Matt Stockert
- Super-Tournaments passed but associations are not required if they are designated.
- WFHA has ability to host Bantam AA and A Tournament for 2020-2021
- Girls state tournament were confirmed at Mandan for 12U and Langdon for 15U the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in March 2021
- Angels Affiliate was approved. Details of how this will occur are to be managed by the Angels and WFHA will do what we can to support our members under the agreement.

<b>Bantam AA/A State Tournament</b>
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<b>Jason Gregoire</b>
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Motion made by Benson to host Bantam AA and A State Tournaments. Seconded by Otterson. Motion passed without dissent.

Corey Moos agreed and on-board for this tournament. Gregoire reported much praise received at NDAHA meeting in the leadership and membership of WFHA being able to pull off state tournament the way it went down. Kudos to Moos, his committee and volunteers.

**2020-2021 Regular Season Registration****Shana Wilson**

Wilson and Gregoire presented recommended changes for the 2020-2021 Registration with key changes:

- TWO REGISTRATIONS: Travel teams (Squirt/10U and Up) and In-House Teams (Termite, Mite/8U, In-house and rec league) to allow different open and close dates.
- IN-HOUSE ONLY OPTION: Squirt/10U would be allowed to participate in an in-house only option.
- NEW TO USA HOCKEY FEE CHANGE: Apply to Termite, Mite and 8U teams only starting this season.
- INCREASED PAYMENT INSTALLMENTS: Will increase installments in which registration would be paid. This will vary based on registration and final dates.
- PREAUTHORIZED CONSENT: Ability to automatically charge members at the end of the season after due diligence when dibs not complete, jerseys not returned, fundraising not performed.
- ANGELS AFFILIATE: Alert members attempting to register from the parochial system of their requirements to the Angels affiliate prior to registration.
- DATE OF BIRTH CHANGES: NDAHA birth date cutoff from June 1 to July 1 will be implemented.
- OPEN/FEE/CLOSE DATES: Shorter windows to register for Travel Teams will be used this year to prevent historical issues with hiring coaches, ice-time, games, tournaments, etc. In-House teams will have longer windows as needed for the newer members to hockey.

Gregoire also reported that the process for parochial students to obtain a waiver from the Angels in order to continue playing for WFHA will be defined and handled by NDAHA. WFHA will need to be understanding with the players affected by this change regarding feeds, cut-offs, etc. and will work with those families to minimize negative impact.

Motion made by Wilson to approve the program offerings to the 2020 season as presented. Seconded by Benson. Motion passed without dissent.

**2020-2021 Scholarships****Shana Wilson**

Wilson presented on behalf of Raan as he was unable to attend.

Scholarship committee recommends that the budget for Scholarships remains the same as last year although there may be an increase in scholarships with the financial environment. Scholarship Committee and Hockey Assistant will monitor the incoming scholarships to understand needs for adjustment. As previously stated, members will be able to make payments over more installments that prior years which may help with the overall needs.

Wilson also recommended the policy correctly reflect that the Scholarship Committee is made up of the Treasurer, VP of Hockey Operations and the Director of Membership. Current Scholarship policy will update with appropriate dates for the Travel and In-House once finalized.

Motion made by Wilson to approve the changes as presented. Seconded by Moos. Motion passed without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm by Honeyman.

**Board of Directors**

*Joel Honeyman, President*

*Jessi Kuhn, Past President*

*Josh Benson, Executive Vice President*

*Jareb Raan, Treasurer*

*Shana Wilson, Secretary*

*Ryan Endres, Director of Hockey Operations*

*Corey Moos, Director of Tournaments*

*Brad Saville, Director of Compliance & Safe Sport*

*Desirae Holum, Director of Membership & Recruitment*

*Anthony Houkom, Director of Business Operations*

*Brent Kuehne, Director of Facilities & Equipment*

*Rob Otterson, Director of Communications & Marketing*

*Eric Nelson, Director of Fund Raising & Gaming*

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6 p.m.