

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 9th, 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, Katy Harbaugh

Phone: Dan Bumblauskas

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Guests: Karla Reidy

Financial Reports:

- Warriors/Warhawks: Lisa Schwickerath – nothing to report, motion to approve Dunivan, 2nd Monroe, carries
- Jr Hawks: Amy Knoll – Split atty bill accordingly with Warriors regarding Prostart, Motion to approved Dunivan, 2nd Monroe, motion carries

Approval of Minutes: September Meeting Minutes – motion to approve Knoll, 2nd Monroe, motion carries

Committee Reports:

- Development Committee: Cook – Wrapping up tryouts, Cook has been to house league practices and made contact with those coaches
- Disciplinary Committee: Jebe - 1 issue, resolved
- Fundraising/Special Events Committee: Kutz – Received first 6 dates from Blackhawks, managers to arrange their nights at rink for 0/50 raffle twice a month at Blackhawks games. Now that NCC is over, will be going to scout out Bingo license soon on a Monday or Thursday

Affiliate Reports:

- High School (MHSHL): Cook - Practices up and running, exhibition games this weekend
- Midwest League (MWAHA): Wirtjes/Schaefer – Received documentation from this summer’s meeting, due to numbers we are down to one representative going forward. Items to add to policy or review for action:
 - Process of selecting our representatives for MWAHA
 - Social Media
 - Locker room
 - Travel player
 - Dual Rosterints
 - Add a link to website for direct Safesport complaints
 - No coaches on bench until rosters are completed w/ Safesport and background checks
 - Next year online registration for concussion policy
 - All coaches complete concussion screening training
- Alliance: (JR Gold): Practice starts 10/17, Melinda Kelling getting information on fundraising opportunity for yard signs, decals, etc.

Other Reports:

- ACE Coordinator: Cook – N/A
- Apparel: Styve –N/A, Kutz looking into Warriors apparel store, Jr Hawks has two sites up

- House League: Christopher – 3 Atoms trying up for Mites tonight at tryouts. Have two U14 players to discuss with Dobes and Luck on being practice players and few other questions on house players needing help with registrations and a few players evaluated for placement by coaches.
- Ice Scheduler: Humpal – Ice draft is completed; team reach has been established with managers.
- Referee in Chief: N/A
- Registrar: Block- Waiting on two background checks and then will be submitting all rosters ASAP
- Safesport / Compliance: N/A
- Sponsorships – Harbaugh: N/A
- Webmaster – Harbaugh: N/A

Old Business:

- Policy Updates: Will be focus of November's board meeting along with By-laws.

New Business:

- Board Restructure: Goes along with policy updates, getting newly voted board put in place ASAP, communications director suggested, voting of executive board members.
- Prostart Updates: All Jr Hawk levels have practices scheduled.
- Goalies: We will still have a lack of goalies at the Bantam level for 24-25, keep thinking of ways to fill that
- Missing meetings: By-laws state missing 3 meetings constitutes a vacancy, need to determine if attending by phone or virtually will be an option.
- Mites tryouts: Mite tryouts were moved from original times into a couple of practices. As the tryout fee was paid, ice scheduler will be offering 2 alternative times for the mites to practice filling their allotment. Dunivan to communicate with appropriate parties.
- Flag bearers for BH games: will be sending out an email to members seeking help assigning players to the home games, do not need to be present just schedule.
- Bringing back Coach's spotlight for social media, newsletter
- Practice players – going forward any player who does not participate in travel but would like to practice with appropriate travel age level will be allowed to pay the amount of the current season house league dues with the option of participating in Prostart for the going season rate on that as well. This will be non-refundable payment, require registration to be completed, and coach's discretion. These circumstances will be allowed for levels of play not offered in Waterloo such as a higher level with a different association or no available house league levels due to numbers, etc. Motion Knoll, 2nd Dunivan, motion carries.
- Scholarship applications reviewed and decisioned, results to be communicated to applicants.
- Discussion of Bantam funds due to scheduling, tournament price increases and 1 team. The team will fundraise for funds shortage.

Meeting Adjourned 8:41

Online Votes

Jersey Approval 10-1-3

Socks (since withdrawn) 11-0-3