

## Ice Wolves Meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 8, 2025

6:00 PM @178 N Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI 53533

**Call to Order – 18:09**

**Roll Call/Secretary Report – Rachel Lee**

- Board Members in Attendance: Kyle, Jon, Rachel, Tricia, Amanda, Abbi, Ryan, Laura, Shannon, Chris, AmyBeth, Mitch. Via Zoom: Stephanie. Absent: Kathryn, Tonia, Kaelyn
- Motion to approve May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Motioned by Ryan, seconded by Mitch. All in favor, approved.
- Motion to approve agenda by Ryan, seconded by Mitch. All in favor, approved.
- Kyle presented the following information relative to his position on the board: Earl signed with Madison Capitols; Kyle to fulfill duties, will continue to coach. AmyBeth stated she will continue to fulfill her duties.

Motion to suspend agenda by Tricia, seconded by Mitch. All in favor, approved.

- Player Release Request – Landon and Violet Dill
  - Dustin Dill, parent, present
  - Dustin shared the main reason is location/proximity given the rink is closer to their home south of Mt. Vernon; they were released by the board for the past three years.
  - Requested release to Verona
  - Discussions considered the following: WAHA assigns association based generally on residency, not based on location/proximity to a rink/league
  - Motion to release: All in favor, approved.
  - Kyle to sign release form and send to Dustin.
- Player Release request – Brayden Lydic
  - Not present
  - Requested release to Verona
  - Kyle stated preference to discuss with Bill before the Board before making a decision to understand reasons for not requesting release of both skaters in the family; stated WAHA reviews release requests after July 1 and thus the impact of delayed board vote should be low.

Back to Approved Agenda

- Work Hours: 12 families left to pay, 45% complete. Treasurer (Tricia) will be personally contacting them and reminding them they cannot register for next year without paying this invoice prior.
- Annual banquet: need to identify location to host
  - current options being considered: Deer Valley Lodge or Hi Point Steakhouse
  - Rachel to contact and obtain pricing and availability

**Non-Board/Association member Comments** (please limit comments to no longer than 2 minutes).

None present.

**President's Report – Kyle Levetzow**

- Player Release request – Landon and Violet Dill (see above)
- Player Release request – Brayden Lydic (see above)

- Update on City discussions on improvements
  - Kyle attended Parks and Rec meeting 28May2025 to discuss upcoming season
  - Move in date scheduled for 20Sep2025, move out date 13Apr2026
  - Discussed extending volunteer opportunities with the public; determined volunteers at the rink are volunteering through the city. At this time the Ice Wolves will manage and provide all volunteers for rink use, games and public skate.
  - New Parks Director, will meet with them once a month; most recently discussed the following:
    - moving to a multi-year contract, which is necessary for us if we add permanent fixtures to the facility (concrete floor, chiller, etc)
    - Parks Director agreed Ley Pavilion is high on their priority list for updates
    - other desires for the facility: sound system, overhead heat, improve visiting locker room, permanent bleachers to create more seating
- Future meetings, note to the Board: must provide Agenda topics prior to the meeting to ensure time is granted for discussion of your needs; not time will be granted if no agenda items are presented prior to meeting
  - if no topics, not required to be present; however must attend if an elected member
  - by-laws indicate a quorum is needed, thus we must keep this in mind regarding attendance
- 2025-26 Rental Contract – ready, not yet signed; Kyle to sign. Rent due at time of signing, \$3000.

#### **Vice President's Report – Jonathan Olday**

- No topics

#### **Financial Report – Tricia Ley**

- Motion to approve May 2025 financials, includes work hours payments. Motioned by Abbi, seconded by Mitch. All in favor, approved.
- Drafted budget for 2025-2026 season and made changes with consideration to past three years of data; presented changes to income and expenses, as well as all budget lines
- Taxes are not yet completed
  - Looking at switching accountants, possibly Zander or Johnson & Block co
- Rink Insurance renews in September
- Tricia plans to move Association to using QuickBooks fully by the end of the summer
  - Target completion: Sep
- Going forward Sponsorships will be invoiced, which improves tracking and provides 501(c)(3) donation form
- Lakeridge loan maturing and will evaluate if/where it should be moved
- Tricia to consolidate small savings account (less than \$1000 in account) into money market account at Farmers Savings. Motion to approve account consolidation made by Mitch, seconded by Ryan. All in favor, approved.

#### **Marketing – Kathryn Schaaf**

Updates shared by AmyBeth with Kathryn absent

- Parades
  - Business cards and chip clips were purchased to give away at parades
  - Mt. Horeb parade participation will be led by Alex Morrey and Melissa Harrigan
    - hours sign ups in Dibs went out by email last week
- Sponsorships: Golf outing and Season
  - Combining season and golf outing sponsorship into a single outreach for both

- Stanley Cup sponsorship exists and is offered to Marklein, as last season they indicated they want to be a bigger partner
- Golfing Outing - 16Aug2025
  - Change to this year: sending food out with golfers rather than offering inside during/after golf
  - Jacob Wetter to provide the meat
- Season Sponsorship
  - New this year: 4'x3' banners to be hung behind the player benches on the wall
  - Update: dasher boards offered as two signs

### **Equipment Manager – Tonia Smith/Amanda Aide**

- Timeline/process for holding goalie checks
  - No existing process to follow
  - Consider whether checks expire at the time of receipt
  - Goalie deposits were obtained for summer gear rental; Amanda to keep deposit checks, return to payee upon gear return
- Inventory needs: Amanda and Tonia to provide estimated inventory cost to Tricia before next meeting to be included in next year's budget
  - Evaluated equipment needs
    - 22 pairs of skates
    - 34 helmets - some expired
    - 2 goalie leg pads
    - 10 player bags
    - 2 (left and right) blocker/catcher gloves
- Created new gear rental agreement forms, passed around the room for review and no concerns noted
- Grants for equipment - evaluated options during the meeting
  - Can we use Grassroots Grant for equipment? Purpose of grant money changes each year.
    - Abbi identified the following options are available this year:
      - \$30K - goalie, dryland training, intermediate next, helmet, neck guard, Mite equipment for U8 program, iPads
      - provided at Annual Meeting
- Ryan is building equipment tote racks
  - Volunteering his time to build; will expense for materials and supplies

### **Registrar – Abbi Trainor**

- Abbi to work on submitting Grassroots Grant and Mite Equipment application
- Coaches Registration is open on website
  - Ryan to send email out to coaches
- Abbi to open Registration mid Jun
  - Prompt registration is desired so the Association can identify coaches and staff appropriately
  - Abbi determined we will not proceed with pre-registering
  - Perk to opening registration mid Jun: parade handouts that include registration info will be accurate and interested parties can register now
  - Suggestion shared: offer gift card to people that sign up early; determined we will continue as discussed previously

### **Director of Hockey – Ryan Currie**

- See note and action above regarding sending note to Coaches to register
- Ryan has been in discussion with Kaelyn to create a plan for next season on what parents and coaches can expect
  - Taking into consideration 2024-2025 season survey results
- Verona will not co-op with us this year because they have adequate number of players within their immediate organization
- Ryan is evaluating Power Skating offering - will provide an update at Jul meeting
  - Laura suggested contacting Shane for network opportunity

#### **Ice Scheduler** – Laura Anderson

- No topics

#### **Tournament Director** – Shannon Jones

- Submitted tournament dates to WAHA

#### **Rink Manager** – Chris Rusch

- 3-phase power, ongoing need and discussion
- Zam blades will go in for sharpening, estimated in Aug
- Looking into purchasing a different Zam
  - at present, parts are not an issue, though considerable time is required to maintain the zam
- Chris/Kyle will evaluate Scoreboard for ad panel
- Regarding rink move in dates: the extra time will benefit us in being able to move in and startup chiller sooner, thus ice making to begin sooner

#### **Team Rep** – Laura Anderson

- No topics

#### **Referee Manager** – Stephanie Pasker

- No topics

#### **Concessions Manager** – AmyBeth Levetzow

- Working on obtaining liquor license
  - Tricia has license
- Work Hours - need to finalize what we will use, AmyBeth to present information in Jul
  - Floater Hours - presented idea to consider Floater to be the lead of Open Skate for the night

#### **Webmaster** – Mitch Morey

- Exploring WIAA high school team possibility – i.e. in Mount Horeb
  - Mt. Horeb is open to options outside of co-op with Stoughton and may be interested in aligning with an Ice Wolves co-op
  - Likely need Ice Wolves representative to attend school board meetings to suggest a co-op
  - Each school would need to contribute monetarily for coaches, bussing, etc
  - Could send letter of interest to respective schools
  - Earliest a team could be implemented could be 2027, at minimum, given scheduling needs
  - Obstacles

- combining multiple schools (likely 4 main schools to participate based on current players' school districts; may need to add others pending players) which may make us a Division I team
  - WIAA would be boys team; determine how to proceed for girls team
  - Financial impact
- Mitch to continue discussion in Mt. Horeb, Kyle in Dodgeville, Kaelyn for Mineral Point - provide update in Jul

### **Girls Hockey Director**

- Nikki stepping down from position
- Girls Hockey Director to move under DOH responsibility
  - Motion to approve by Abbi, seconded by Mitch. All in favor, approved.

### **Cultural Liaison – Kaelyn Martin**

\*Kaelyn absent. Per Klye the below agenda items were not discussed as he'd like Kaelyn to be present to lead the discussion; no major concerns from the Board.

- Vote on Ice Wolves Core Values: Initial suggestion:
  - "The Ice Wolves Way": Hard work, Perseverance, Sportsmanship, and Positive Attitude
    - Respect would fall under Sportsmanship, and fun would fall under positive attitude.
  - Does anyone have a clever way to put all that into a statement or just leave it at that?
- Discuss action items for the beginning of the season based on feedback from the survey.

### **Committee Updates**

**Rink Committee:** Updates

**Marketing Committee:** Updates

**Policy & Procedure Committee:** Updates

### **Future Action Items for 2025/2026 Season**

- Additional locker rooms
- Trophy Case
- Referee Class & Rates
- In ground coils

**Next Meeting – July 9th, 2025 at 6:00 PM @ (location TBD for 178 N Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI 53533)**

### **Adjourn**

- Motion to end meeting made by Tricia, seconded by Shannon. All in favor, approved.

**Meeting Adjourn – 20:15**