

West Fargo Hockey Association Board Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes: Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

West Fargo Hockey Association Office 1122 Prairie Parkway Suite #103 West Fargo, ND 58078

Board Members:

Present: Josh Benson, Bryan Erstad, Jenni Peters, Alex Aughinbaugh, Adam Guy

Remote: none

Absent: Brett Anderson, Alex Christiansen, Dusty Richter, Dr. Jordan Lill

Others Present:

Executive Director: Jeremy Jorgenson (logged the meeting minutes in the absence of Lill)

Hockey Director: Mike Parnell

Director of Gaming Operations: Jason Campbell

Assistant Hockey Director: Zach Feltman

Members Present: none.

PROCEEDINGS:

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by **President Josh Benson**.

Benson recalls to the Board that Bryan Erstad, Jenni Peters, Alex Aughinbaugh and Dusty Richter are starting their new board terms. **Benson** went through an overview of the Association for the new members.

Minutes Approval: March 18, 2024

Benson

Minutes from March 2024 Board Meeting reviewed. **Benson** made a motion to approve minutes, second by **Adam Guy**. Approved without dissent from Board.

February 2024 Financials

Guy

Guy reviewed the February 2024 financial statement. Line items appear to be on budget. **Jorgenson** mentioned that dasher board clients are still filtering in with payment but noted they have until June 30 to pay.

Executive Director Updates

Jorgenson

Jorgenson reported the SE District Director position within the NDAHA had come open with a seat holder resignation. NDAHA was going to name a replacement and allowed Associations to put a name in. **Jorgenson** put his name in to make sure WFHA was under consideration. In the last month it became known who other Associations had nominated and it was hockey slanted from other Associations who had ties to Team ND, so **Jorgenson** made the decision to change the nomination to **Parnell** to make WFHA nomination more hockey slanted and last weekend **Parnell** was appointed the new SE District Director giving WFHA a strong voice in important decisions that are coming for NDAHA.

Jorgenson recently toured the Fargo Park District facility to determine if there is a way WFHA could benefit from this new facility, and he reported there are a few ideas that can be discussed later.

Jorgenson continues to be working with WFPS on the Vets 3 project. **Jorgenson** attended all three of the open houses on 3/19 Heritage, 3/27 Cheney, 4/10 Liberty, in support of the Vets expansion and he reported positive feedback.

Jorgenson shared PACE Fundraising is going to continue with the Association under no fee structure to help the fundraising campaign get to the finish line. He also reported another large gift was soon to be announced.

Hockey Operations

Parnell

Parnell reported he and his staff are finalizing the coaching roster for the upcoming Stampede Summer Academy. He also noted that Zach **Feltman** and he have been busy with Team ND activities in Grand Forks. **Parnell** also reported that he and **Feltman** are preparing to meet with **Jorgenson** for an initial 2024-25 budget meeting. **Benson** asked **Parnell** about his strategic vision document and **Parnell** recommended sharing an abbreviated version later.

Gaming Operations**Campbell**

Campbell shared the April 12th gun raffle was a huge success. He also reported the quarter switch over is complete and that 3 Electronic Pull Tab machines have been added to Fort Nox in downtown Fargo.

Old Business**Jorgenson-Benson**

Benson and **Jorgenson** discussed a meeting they had with counsel at Vogel Law Firm regarding construction of a new LOI for the Veterans project that is planned to be delivered to the Fargo Park District upon further review. **Benson** acknowledged that the change in leadership with the Park District Executive Director retiring needed to be monitored.

New Business**Benson**

Benson brought forth the result of the financial RFP that **Jorgenson** had completed on behalf of the WFHA. First International Bank and Trust won the RFP. **Jorgenson** thanked the staff at Western State Bank for their long relationship. **Benson** made a motion to officially accept the recommendation of the investment committee (**Committee: Benson, Jorgenson, Anderson, Richter, Haider**) that analyzed the proposals. **Peters** mentioned she would abstain as an employee of FIBT. Vote passed 4-0 and was seconded by **Erstad** and **Guy**. **Jorgenson** will begin the transfer of accounts to FIBT. **Benson** also proposed a vote on who would have signing authority for all accounts and it was agreed that the **Board President, Board Treasurer, Jorgenson, Parnell and Campbell** would have signing authority. Adam Guy made the motion to approve these 5 signers and with **Peters** abstaining the vote passed 4-0 and was seconded by **Aughinbaugh** and **Erstad**

Meeting Adjournment**Benson**

Jorgenson mentioned the idea of possibly moving the May board meeting to a different night of the week to maximize meeting participation, and it was agreed that he would engage the board in an email the next day to get other thoughts from those absent. If the feedback was positive membership would be notified well in advance to a different date. **Benson** made a motion to close the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion was seconded by **Aughinbaugh**. Approved by all; motion was passed without dissent.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by President Benson.

Board of Directors*Josh Benson, President**Brett Anderson, Past President**Dusty Richter, Executive Vice President**Adam Guy, Treasurer**Dr. Jordan Lill, Secretary**Alex Christiansen, Vice-President of Hockey Operations**Jenni Peters, Director of Tournaments**Bryan Erstad, VP of Business Operations**Alex Aughinbaugh, Director of Fundraising & Gaming*