

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association Board Meeting

**Thursday, March 21st, 2024
7:00pm VIA Mezzanine**



Board members in attendance: **Jason Mattila, Lauren Koehler, Erin Ludmer, Danielle Pellitteri, Wayne Pfahler, Amanda Ferwerda, Kyle Dziubla, PJ Gregoire, Earl Tollefson, Karin Shippar, Joe Beyler, Brian Severson, Jill Scheibel, Brian Lindow, Kristen Manning, Kaiti Bohacek, Adam Sodersten**

1. **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. **Approve Minutes from the February 2024 Meeting** – Motion to approve minutes by Erin, second by Wayne. Motion passed.
3. **Ice Inc. Report** (Justin Temple/Mike O'Brien) – Everything is going well, should be a big weekend with the tournament this weekend.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Erin Ludmer) – All outstanding ice fees have been paid. Bills for DIBS buyouts will be going out in the next 1-2 weeks. Net income for tournaments so far is roughly \$28,500, we budgeted for \$28,000. Great job to everyone involved!
5. **President's Report/Region 4** (Jason Mattila) – Period to submit potential WAHA or bylaw changes in now, last year we submitted a rule about the number of teams that can be in a co-op. Suggested feedback from WAHA is to resubmit that rule, Brian will take care of that.
6. **Committee Reports and Updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** (Mindy O'Brien) – One week to go for Hockey sweepstakes. Parents Night Out went wonderful. 136 people attended. The new area sidelines was great. Plenty of good food and drinks. Thanks again to 5th Quarter for letting us host. We raised \$1,028 after everything was paid for. Thanks to House of Hockey for a generous donation for raffle baskets. Brewer tickets have been ordered and almost all tickets handed out. Can't wait to see cool hockey jerseys.
 - b. **Equipment** (Adam Sodersten) – Collected almost everything he handed out for skaters. Outfitted 3 Squirt and PeeWee goalies for the summer.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** (Joe Beyler) – No report.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** (Earl Tollefson) – Earl is planning to stick around 1 more year but would like to be able to train someone. It will be the first full year with 2 rinks. Needs to work with Joel on a few logistics for Open Skate, etc.
 - e. **Website Update** (Karin Shippar) – Everything is up to date.
 - f. **Jersey Coordinator** (Karin Shippar) – All teams are collected, there are a few outstanding families with jerseys. Will table discussion about new jerseys for the U18 team for the board meeting in May.
 - g. **Concessions** (Brian Lindow/Lesley Steffin) – Ice Inc is taking over starting this weekend. Gross income will be higher, but net should be about the same. 60% of sales were cash, which doesn't really support switching to cashless. Purchased enough equipment for Rink #2 for now, need to consider if we need a Pretzel warmer or a hot dog roller. Right now, there is no dry storage near the concessions in Rink 2, but need to see if there is any available space.

- h. **DIBS** (Desiree Bates) – Need to revisit the DIBS process once the new board is elected. It wasn't feasible for Brian and Desiree to cover all the open shifts, so for next year need to either close shifts or get help from other board members.
- i. **Registrar's Report** (Mike Bakalars) – No report.
- j. **Legal Counsel** (Brian Severson) – No report.
- k. **Recruitment** (Angela Hunt) – No report.
- l. **Girl's Hockey Committee** (Angela Hunt) – Very positive results from the Jr. Lynx program, which had 50 skaters. Took U10 girls from Verona to an end-of-year tournament, they took 2nd place. Could be another possible tournament idea in Verona to hold a U12 all girls tournament.
- m. **Communications** (Kristen Manning) – One more email next week, will also plan to send an email out with details about the open positions.
- n. **Apparel** (Kaiti Bohacek) – Need to talk about how the apparel coordinator works with House of Hockey going forward since he is also selling apparel. Will table until the board meeting in May.
- o. **Photography Coordinator** (Jill Scheibel) – Working with Empire to get the all-team poster reprinted because it is way too small.
- p. **Tournament Directors** (Kristen Manning) – High profit from the bar over the Bantam state tournament, but otherwise everything went well. Should consider having this be an official board position again given the increased volume of tournaments, this person would work with Andrea from MIA. We will be hosting PeeWee A State next year.
- q. **Culture Liaison/CATS Subcommittee** (Eric Helsher) – 21 awards this season. 13 players, 4 coaches, 3 adults, 1 sibling. Stickers were hit or miss but will plan on them again next year. MOB Award was a hit. Thanks to everyone for their support in rolling out this program, can't be done alone.
- r. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP (Danielle Pellitteri) – Reminder that they should run the survey for all LTP, U6, and U8 families.
 - U6 (Wayne Pfahler) – It was great, had an awesome end of year party with barbeque.
 - RWB (Amanda Ferwerda) – March tournament with 26 teams, 1 Verona Red and 1 Verona White team won the championship. Extra goalie development and shooter skills session was very successful, there are 4 kids that are interested in playing full-time goalie next week.
 - Squirt (Kyle Dzuibla) – No report.
 - Peewee (Todd Carlson) – PWC1: 7th place at state, PWC2: 8th place at state. Combined PW season record: 88-108-12.
 - Bantam (Bill Snow) – No report.
 - Mavericks (PJ Gregoire) – There is talk about another girls team next year in the area.
 - Midget (Janis Strutt) – No report. U18 took 8th place at state. Janis does not plan to run for anything going forward since her son is going into High School.

7. Old Business

- a) **Tourniquets and AEDs** – AEDs are here and installed, 4 tourniquets are in. Kyle will bring them to Joel.
- b) **Bylaw** – Would like to submit a rule change again like last year to consider adjusting the number of teams allowed for state qualification. Danielle makes a motion to have Brian draft the bylaw, Wayne seconds. Motion passed.

8. New Business

- a) **November Tournaments** – Mike O'Brien would like to have 3 tournaments run through Ice Ink (and not the club), one for Squirt A/B, one for PeeWee A/B, one for Bantam A/B early in the season next year, specific dates TBD but looking at the end of October/early November. Plan would be to hire

Andrea to work part-time and run the tournaments for us. Another idea would be to host 3v3 or 4v4 tournaments in September. Will table until the board meeting in May.

- b) Goalie Gear** – Adam is getting questions from parents about if the club is going to outfit goalies above the Mite level. Goalies do currently get a registration discount, partly because of how expensive the gear is. One idea from Kyle is to offer a yearly credit to families at House of Hockey, but families would need to donate the item back once the kids outgrow it. Will table until the board meeting in May.
- c) Date for Annual Meeting in April** – Finalized to be Thursday, April 18.

- 9. Motion to Adjourn** – Motion to readjourn by Erin, seconded by PJ, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.