



Waukesha County Youth Hockey Association Agenda – October 2014

Introductions

- Kevin Wilderman, President
- Jeff Glaspy, VP On Ice
- Kathleen McKnight, VP Off Ice
- Susan Eutizzi, Secretary
- Scott Danielson, Bantam Level Director
- Dawn Duellman-Arndt, Pee Wee Level Director
- Paul Kasprowicz, Squirt Level Director
- Jesse Wilder, Mite / Mini-Mite Level Director

Absent

- Carrie Konopacki, Treasurer

September Treasurer's Report

September's report will be pended until the November meeting.

Old Business

- **Miller Park Coordinator Position**
 - Proposal from the prior Miller Park coordinator to make the position a paid position. However, this will have to be reviewed the next time the Board reviews the policies and procedures in 2015.
 - At this time, position is OPEN (unpaid, 100% volunteer position).
 - If interested the member should send an email to Kathleen McKnight
- **WCYHA Fundraiser(s) Update**
 - Mom's charity game on Saturday – All the proceeds are going to ProHealth Care Breast Cancer Services. \$3,700 was raised, which was over our goal!

- ProHealth will use the money to purchase equipment.
- 23 out of 30 skaters were WCYHA Mom's.
- Kudos to Sara for putting it together and it was a great event.
- Recommendation from an Association member to submit an article about the event to USA Hockey.

New Business

- **WCYHA Meeting (October 12, 2014) Holiday Inn**
 - Managers – 9 AM -12 Noon
 - Schedulers – 11:30 – 2 PM
 - Coaches – 2 PM – 3:30 PM
 - 3:30 PM student coaches meeting, but a makeup session will be made available due to WEHL games.
- Referee Clinic – Sunday 10/19 at 10 AM – 3 PM at Nag. Three different sessions. Referees need to sign up and emails will be going out. There should be no conflict with Bantams and Pee Wees. Will be asking for some skaters to scrimmage to test the referees.
 - The sessions are broken down by level from first year to more advanced level.
- **Team Representatives**
 - Thank you to the Team Representatives
 - Reminder that board meetings are Second Wednesday of every month and send out notes to team following the meeting.
- **WCYHA Scholarships**
 - Reminder that we offer three \$250 scholarships to skaters.
 - 1 Open to all
 - 1 Open to Squirts & Pee Wees
 - 1 Open to Bantams
 - Essays are due November 9th
 - Scholarships will be announced at the November Board Meeting
- **President Update**
 - Meeting with Duane (Waukesha County Parks Department) to discuss \$250,000 we purchase in ice / Plus we hold tournaments that help with concessions and bringing dollars into Waukesha. The Rinks are the only entities that operate separately than other county budget lines. Want to work through the issues of increased ice fees and understand the profit.
 - Goalie Nights – Mondays. We have 8 goalies from the Mites.
 - Jeff Glaspy to work on assessing the current state of the equipment
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with Tryouts
 - 7,000 scores were entered into the computer
- **VP On Ice Update**
 - Thank you to everyone who helped with the tryouts process.
- **VP Off Ice Update**

- Practice jerseys will not be available, so if there are coaches that want some can contact Kathleen McKnight.
 - Plenty of Youth Medium and Youth Large are available.
 - Otherwise teams will have to purchase their own.
 - Expectation is to still return the jerseys at the end of season.
- **Bantam Update**
 - Offered to purchase Squirt level goalie gear at a good price for the Association. Will follow-up after Jeff Glaspy completes the inventory process.
- **Pee Wee Update**
 - Thank you to the volunteers for tryouts.
- **Squirt Update**
 - Thank you to the volunteers for tryouts.
 - First games of the year will be the last weekend of October.
- **Mini-Mite/Mite Updates**
 - 5 Teams for Mites
 - 1 Red / 2 Blue / 2 White
 - Will be OK with the ½ sheets
 - Went from 8 to 10 mites per team
 - 37 Mini-Mites, possibly 38 if new family proceeds with joining the Association
 - Need to decide how many per team
 - We have 8 coaches right now, so then it should be OK.
 - Motion to have up to 6 teams (Wilder)
 - Jeff Glaspy (second)
 - Unanimous vote from board
 - Need to determine the team managers, as their books are slightly different at this Mite / MM level.
 - MM / Mite Tournament Money discussion since it did not work out with the plan for on ice skill sessions.
 - Use it for goalie equipment repairs, equipment and then purchase 10 sheets of ice then add some extra schedule time for skating programs. It provides the kids extra skating time.
 - We can purchase the rink dividers – see if the Eble / Nag could purchase
 - Also need to talk to the rinks about storing them.
 - Also wanted to talk to the rinks about having summer ice time
 - Comment: The County controls who purchases the ad space in the rinks.
 - What is the process for bringing in outside skating experts?
 - In the late spring / early summer we sent out a notice that we are accepting bids for skating instructors. We went through the bids as a board, plus we searched out alternative options.
 - 1 of the individuals who was approved came back and stated that he was unable to commit
 - Can you use it to offset the fees? Comment was made that it may impact the nonprofit status.

- The tournament is not getting smaller –
- The WAHA discussion, all do fundraising.
- Can you take the money and just apply it to offset ice fees?
 - We need to look into it to see if we can offset the ice fees.
- Table the discussion: but the desire is to lower the ice fees and then to offset expense for purchasing goalie equipment up to \$1,000. This will be discussed at the November meeting.

Open Discussion

Association member discussed team sizes / placements, etc...the biggest issue for this Association is low numbers. There is a Try for Hockey Free (November 8th) – If we had more players / more families – then everything gets fixed. Recommendation is to start a committee or something that will gather more interest in hockey. Wisconsin is the number one state for adding new players for hockey.

Other Associations are promoting the sport more. Recommendation whatever we can do to promote youth hockey. Putting a committee together – but need to start marketing. Need to get creative. In addition to Try Hockey for Free Day – Establish a committee to recruit players.

Request for Release from a Skater – per the Association P&P, WCYHA cannot release to another Association, but if skater does not want to skate this year, that is a player / family decision – but no release will be provided.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting – November 12, 2014 at Wildwood Lodge