

## WHA Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location: Second Street Station

Time: 7pm Board Meeting



**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nate Shuller, Jason Kasuske, Juliane Lloyd, Adam Lalim, Travis Young, Amber Dahl, Steve Sheehan, Lindsey Stricherz

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:** Jenni Wirkus, Lucas Deutsch, Tonya Holien, Molly Randall, Jenny Kasuske

**ABSENT:** Debbie Melville, Roger Schmaltz, Jeremy Johnson

Call to Order at 7:06pm

**AGENDA for JANUARY 2023 & DECEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES:** Nate Shuller moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jason Kasuske. Motion carried.

### 1. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Organizational Emblem Plate for WHA as a fundraiser – Debbie Melville sending in the application and moving forward with this process.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

#### a. Stick it to Cancer Fundraiser

- i. Event is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>
- ii. Discussion held on fundraising for the future – whether players pay for their own jerseys or not. Question was raised what is donated by the WHA as an association. Concessions and admissions go to the association, not Codington County Cares (CCC). This event is a fundraiser for CCC. There's no cost to Watertown Hockey or volunteers needed. Raffle baskets are being donated by each playing level.

#### b. Grants – WHA awarded two grants.

- i. **Giving 365 Grant:** Molly & Todd Randall & Lucas Deutsch put in a request for \$2,500 to the Giving 365 (through Watertown Community Foundation). We are eligible being a non-profit. We received \$2,500 to go towards Mites, Squirts and U14 levels. Donators to the Giving 365 program have voting rights to which non-profits can receive grants. Molly encouraged WHA members to donate to the Giving 365 program (\$1 per day donation).
- ii. **New York Life Grant:** We also received a grant through Missy Anderson (New York Life office) in the amount of \$3,024. It is yet to be determined where these funds will be targeted. WHA will be applying for another grant in the future to pay for equipment (i.e., nets, equipment for dryland, etc.).
- iii. Thank you to our grant writers and entities that selected WHA for these grants.

### 3. OFFICIAL COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS- reports if any information

**Coaching Committee,** Jason Kasuske, Vice President, Lucas Deutsch, Staff

- a. Lucas ordered new pegs for the mini nets. Mite jamboree coming up and hopeful to have pegs prior.
- b. Coaching Committee needs to have a meeting in the next week or so.

**Finance Committee,** Debbie Melville, Treasurer – no update

**Dibs/Volunteer Committee,** Tonya Holien and Amber Dahl

- a. For the most part, people are showing up for their DIBS. Team coordinators are doing a nice job filling in where needed. Mite Jamboree this weekend and lots of open positions for volunteers needed. Tonya sending out a reminder to ask for more volunteer assistance. In-house kids are playing a game as well and may have some parent volunteers who want to learn how to volunteer.

**Marketing Committee**, Molly Randall, chair – no update

**Fundraising Committee**, Molly Randall, chair

- a. **BIN Update** – update given by Jenny Kasuske. BIN is still short of \$10 million goal; Jenny Kasuske asked our Board Members to engage with asking. Adam Lalim will be drafting a letter to send to the user group.
- b. **Dueling Pianos** – update given by Jenny Kasuske. Dueling pianos group has an open date of April 7<sup>th</sup>, which is Good Friday. Will need board assistance with selling tables. Jenny would like funds to be earmarked: ½ facility and ½ to the players. Amber Dahl made a motion to move forward with April 7<sup>th</sup> as a date with funds raised to be split between the new ice rink and WHA players. Jason Kasuske seconded. Motion carried.
- c. **Golf Tournament** – Lucas Deutsch presented an update for the 2023 golf tournament. Pricing out options and dates at both Prairie Winds and Cattail Crossing. Proposals were to move away from mid-July as it competes with Cookin’ on Kampeska and State Baseball/Softball. Lucas trying to lock in Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. WHA was asked to move to a Monday or Friday date. Consensus was to decline and request a Saturday option in later July/early August.

#### 4. GENERAL COMMITTEES

**Calendar Committee**, Todd Randall, Chair

**Growth and Retention Committee**, Todd Randall, Chair

#### 5. STAFF UPDATES

Operations Manager, Lucas Deutsch

- a. Mite Jamboree scheduled for this weekend.
- b. Girls U14 State Tournament - Emily Borkhuis is doing a nice job organizing. Schedule for the weekend is complete. Will need volunteers.

Business Manager, Tonya Holien (Interim) – no additions

#### 6. FACILITIES

#### 7. ASSOCIATION WIDE INFORMATION

- a. Injury occurred last weekend at Varsity Game. Medic was called overhead. Opposing team asked why we didn't have a medic readily available. Discussion held on what we want to do as an association. We've previously engaged LATC Med/Fire/Rescue and HealthSource in the past and it's been difficult to retain long-term. No motions made.
- b. Handbook done and ready to publish online.

#### 8. ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

ADJOURN at 7:52pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00 pm @ 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Station