



**WAUKESHA COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES -AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**INTRODUCTIONS Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM**

- a. **Board Member Attendance:** Chad M., Patti E., Chris P., Kurt H., Tim W., Tom G., Chris S., & Tom N.
  - b. **Board Member Not in Attendance:** Bobby G.
  - c. **Membership Attendance:** Laureen Hoeft, Ben Gerds
- 2. JULY MEETING MINUTES: REVIEW/APPROVE:** Minutes sent to the board by secretary prior to the meeting. **Chad motioned for approval, Tim W. Approved/Chris P. Seconded**
- 3. JULY TREASURER REPORT:** Overall a quiet financial month; Registration ended; booked to prepaid until season starts \$110K pre-paid registration with \$210K in the bank; Credits refunded to registrations, where applicable. \$4,500 in remaining credits will be applied to skater fees – organization is in good shape; Skater revenue slightly lower than budget at this point, approximately (\$5,500); Working with accountant to prepare for taxes. Working on parent day presentation to reflect fees and budget during parent meeting; Anticipate volunteer fees and credits to increase into early October; Tournament registrations – U10 is working to secure Tournaments, U12 has secured their tournament for the upcoming year, U14 is still working to secure Tournaments for the upcoming season – Charges are coming in but need receipts - Chris S. will resolve by end of the week.; **Next Items:** Projector purchase to be purchased for Board Meeting and events; Collecting /Processing Tryout fees, skater fees, & golf fees; Sponsorship credits in progress; Former skater credits paid or sent to KMMO/Wings are in progress; Start quarterly budget v actual reporting; Warhawk Day preparation; **Chad motioned to approve: Tim W. Approved / Chris P. Seconded**
- 4. MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS: NA**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
- A. **2021-2022 Season Registration Update numbers and teams:** Numbers per level: (U8: 78 skaters vs. 51 budgeted), (U10: 67 skaters vs. 63 budgeted), (12: 76 Skater vs. 81 budgeted), (U14: (41 skaters vs 48 budgeted)); Projected Number of teams per level: U8: TBD # teams, U10: 5 teams, U12: 6 teams, U14: 3 teams, (288) total registered, we continue to see interested families from outside the organization. Anticipate moving very close if not passing our budgeted skater numbers. U14 numbers are lower than desired, if a High School player wants to come back to the organization, they would be subject to the organizations policies and procedures; There will be no tryout fee for the A/B Bantam skaters – This will be communicated at the parent meeting.
  - B. **U10-U14 Parents Meeting—Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>/Golf Outing Update:** Parent Meeting/Golf Outing - The annual U10/U12/U14 parent meetings will take place on Sunday 9/12 @ Morningstar Golf Course: (U10 @ 9:00-10:00 AM, U12 @ 10:15-11:15AM, U14 @ 11:30-12:30PM). The WCYHA Duffs and Dangles golf outing will be held immediately following the meeting at Morningstar Golf Course. The event for golf is \$125 per Golfer (\$50 / Dinner only). All registrations include golf fees, cart, driving range, box lunch, dinner, plus more. For each golfer that registers under a WCYHA Skaters name, \$10 for each registration gets credited to the skater’s fees. There are also sponsorship opportunities available. 50% of all sponsorships for the golf outing will go directly to your skater’s fees for the upcoming 2021-2022 season.; The 1<sup>st</sup> gear resale will be held during the parent meetings at Morningstar Golf Club. Please note there will be another gear resale during Warhawk Day on October 3rd. Currently (35) golfers registered, Patti and Chad will work on Dibs volunteers.
  - C. **U8/U6 Parent Meeting-Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Ingleside Hotel 12:00PM-2:30PM:** The meeting will cover the organizations move to a U8 playing model and will be facilitated by the U8 Level director and our Hockey director.

- D. Policy and Procedure—Review new submissions/Board Approval – Chad motioned for approval: Chris P. Approved / Patti Seconded**
- E. Covid-19 Update-Delta Variant:** Currently Chad is monitoring and prepared to follow last year’s protocols if we need to take steps in the future. Organization will follow Waukesha County and WAHA guidelines. (WAHA currently follows county and school districts guidelines)

## 6. UPDATES

- A. **PRESIDENT:** Warhawk day planning is going well; continue to work with the rinks to promote try hockey events and explore initiative to attract new families to the organization; EBLE Update – condenser has been delivered and installation has begun so things are looking positive. Organization is looking to add Warhawk emblem on the ice and refresh the large older Warhawk banners – sourcing for bids. The back area at Eble will be a utilized for team warmups and not a shooting area. Goalie Equipment: Currently working with Hockey Haven to upgrade goalie equipment; U8 jerseys will be measured at parent meeting. Parents can sign up for a practice jersey at their respective parent meeting. An email was sent out to the organization on (7/23) to provide clarification on the jersey order process and U8 program going forward; Isaac Smart Family sent a thank you letter to the organization for the support their family has received over the past year. Isaac is doing well and halfway through his treatment.
- B. **VP ON ICE:** Registration for our Summer CC Rep Camp is now open. The camp will run 8/27-8/29. The registration will be run through the County. The cost will be \$25, and these skates will be run by WCYHA CC Reps and our WCYHA Coaches. USA hockey registration is required, and space is limited to the first 45 skaters who register; FALL SPEED CAMPS: (Starting the Week of 8/31 and run through the week of 9/15) The fall speed camp is a fantastic opportunity for our players to sharpen their skills before their season begins.; There will be a CC rep meeting on 8/12; The coaches clinics will take place after the U8 Speed Camps on (9/1 & 9/15); There will be (2) MANDATORY Checking clinic’s (Sept 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:45PM to 9:00PM & Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00PM to 9:00PM) for all bantam skaters regardless if you have played bantam hockey before or attended earlier checking clinics; Scheduling updates have started, but October will be slow due to Nags conducting maintenance at their facility. Total number of ice touches will fall in line with what is required and paid for by the organization. Nags will go down for maintenance and Eble will be operational. There is the potential we might have (3) team on the ice at times.
- C. **VP OFF ICE: Girls Hockey Update:** The Lake Country Warhawks will be hosting a Girls Try Hockey for Free Event on August 15th from 3:30-4:30 pm at Nagawaukee; **Registration:** Current registration numbers: (48) girls total (as of 8/11); up from 40 last year; 16 new or returning after not participating last season, (10) U14; (9) U12; (14) U10; (15) U8, At least (20) girls are playing co-op (53% of eligible girls last year; 61% this year); **LCW:** Projecting (21) girls at U10; draft tryout plan has been created; under review by girls coordinator and will then be presented to larger group, expecting (12) girls at U12; **Valkyries:** Projecting 20-23 girls, WAHA is projecting at least (23) U14 teams this year, which will mean creation of A and B levels, Associations need to meet to discuss roster sizes; if 2nd team, would need to find additional ice at Eble and/or Nag (or Mullett?); **VP Off-Ice Update:** Managers/Schedulers meeting will be scheduled a few weeks after tryouts (date TBD); **WAHA Workshop:** Grow the Game suggestions were discussed such as: USA Hockey portal for creating Try Hockey for Free events; if they use portal to register for event, get 1st year of USAH fees waived; USAH and WAHA prefer that THF events are scheduled as (3) events over (3) consecutive weekends, as opposed to a 1-day event; gives kids opportunity for continuity and to experience immediate progress; **Safety Session (Jerry Kennedy; WAHA Player Safety Coordinator):** Roll-out of program intended to be announced at 2020 meeting, Emphasis on USAH Declaration of Safety, Fair Play, and Respect (2019), which clarifies points of emphasis on rules already in place for safe play; Efforts in place to have associations name Player Safety Officer; Current emphasis on COVID officer should eventually be replaced by Safety Officer; emphasis on concussion documentation and reporting, (17) concussions reported last season, but the belief is that it was at least double that as refs reported more than half of the injuries and the respective associations had to be tracked down; Very important the organization complete and return the Return to Play form; Recommendation that COVID committees be reactivated; WAHA is interested to see COVID-related impact

on hockey, but data not available in that format; associations could provide. **General Operations (Kevin Erlenbach, USA Hockey Assistant Executive Director of Membership):** Club Excellence portal is a program to help association develop/manage club; Revamped portal/program being rolled out soon. **WAHA Annual Meeting:** Over \$100K in grants will be offered this year (\$30K in Grass Roots alone), Try Hockey for Free grants (\$1K), and 8U Jamboree grants (\$300); Sites for 2023 state tournament named, Open slot for 14U C at Division 1; **WHOA report:** Loss of 327 officials in 2020-2021 from previous season; 61% of officials are under 20; 25% are 12-15; Emphasis will be on retaining older officials (mentoring opportunity); USAH registered 5,672 fewer officials than the previous season; did experience uptick after more online seminars were made available; **Bylaw changes approved at May WAHA Board meeting:** U6 and U8 now included in the district eligibility language. Starting in 2021 season, registrars must provide document to “open territory” families informing them of their options on where to play. Once they sign with an association, that is their “home association”. Family must acknowledge receipt and understanding in writing. Documents stored for entirety of time with association. Failure to complete the paperwork allows transfer to another association that bounds open district; Association’s hosting state tournaments must agree to included open-ended ice times to accommodate overtimes. Bids should be 2 years prior to the year of the tournament; Additional language on moving U8 player up to U10 (eligibility, roster limitations, etc.); State tournament overtime rules: except for championship games, maximum of 2 overtime periods (8 min periods). Shootout after 2 overtimes. “Sudden Death” changed to “Sudden Victory”.; No resurfacing of ice after 2nd period anymore for U12 co-ed/girls state tournament games. Now resurfaced after each game.; Additional language surrounding expectations for ice size, rostering, and game rules at U8 level; Bylaw changes voted on at annual meeting by general assembly: Limiting of rights of Director Emeritus to advisory input only was rejected; Creation of (2) at-large bids on Board of Directors (intended for current hockey parents to provide representation on current issues) was rejected; Limiting bylaw submission changes to only those associations in good standing and rejection of any anonymous submissions (out of order) was approved; Creation of a Nomination Committee for the identification and recommendation of candidates for WAHA President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer was approved (had already been using, wanted to make this formalized)

- D. **TREASURER:** Discussed whether we need E&O insurance – board felt that was not applicable at this time
- E. **14U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Continued to see good turn-out (16) for the Sunday open skate sessions. Wants to see higher #'s at the off-ice training sessions with Jen Wake; Tom reached out to all non-registered skater – they do not appear to be coming back; also looking to finalize tournaments for the upcoming season.
- F. **12U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** N/A
- G. **10U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** N/A
- H. **6U/8U LEVEL DIRECTOR:** Still need tourney director, organizations are starting to express interest; is there a way to partner with HS to do off-ice work.
- I. **Adjourned at 7:21PM**