

Waterloo Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2023

Board Members Present: Amy Knoll, Justin Metcalf, Amy Schaefer, Charlotte Bushbaum, Katie Reicherts, Katy Harbaugh, Mindy Gordon, Lisa Schwickerath, Erica Harn, Jenette Jebe, Jen Seifried, Dan Bumblauskas, Rory MacLearn

Absent: Jason Dobes

Guests: Danielle Humpal, Trent Duniven

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00pm

Financial Reports:

- Warriors – Lisa Schwickerath – No major updates, motion to approve by Harn, 2nd by Schaefer. Motion carried.
- Jr Hawks –Amy Knoll – No major updates to Jr Hawks, did entertain a request for a couple of injury refunds in which more information will be gathered for further review and decision. ***Amended 2/15 Discussion on team parties, they will be limited to a \$200 budget, if team is in the green at the end of the season funds maybe used to supplement additional costs. If in the negative, will be out of teams own pocket or require board approval.*** MacLearn bringing forth request from parents regarding fair distribution of ice time, Knoll to send out the ice bills broken down by level and use to assist board with understanding, each level is assigned approximately 60 practices. Taxes also to be paid, due to numbers 1/3 will come from Warriors with rest from Jr Hawks due to numbers. Motion to approve tax payments Schaefer, 2nd by Seifried, motion carries. Motion to approve financials by Schaefer, seconded by MacLearn, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: January Meeting Minutes – approved via email.

Committee Reports:

- Development Committee: Dobes absent, but passed along a letter the board received in appreciation from Brett Hetland from the Lakes Area Hockey Association about a great weekend between the Jr Gold players and the Okoboji teams and the importance of that level in hockey. With Warrior numbers incoming may see increase in Jr Gold participation, so this was great feedback to hear.
- Disciplinary Committee – Item resolved, no further issues.
- Fundraising/Special Events Committee: MacLearn – nothing

Guests:

- Danielle Humpal in with a Battle of Waterloo update, they have 182 registered as of now with it open a bit longer before ordering in jerseys. Association coaches will be assigned to a team this year with Warriors, looking to bring back the skills competition. Using some of the funds already raised from 50/50 raffles, etc at BH games to buy upfront items, will convene back with the board as needed or after event to determine what we will do with profits.
- Trent Dunivan – In to address confusion regarding team placement and a motion passed in January regarding dues owed. After further communication provided, board voted unanimously to reverse previous motion.

Affiliate Reports:

- High School (MHSHL) – Dellinger: Nothing to report

- Midwest League (MWAHA) – Metcalf/Vacant - Nothing to report, but with number we need to add a second. Metcalf will stay on, Bumblauskas stepping in as second, will put out for anyone one else when look for positions for upcoming year in late spring along with upcoming meeting topics.

Other Reports:

- ACE Coordinator – Dobes: Nothing to report
- Apparel – Swanson: Nothing to report
- House League – Seifried – will have some house makeup times coming in March.
- Ice Scheduler – Bushbaum: will send out Google Calendar
- Referee in Chief – Scott Parsons has retired, Scott Slee will see out the term, Motion by Schaefer, 2nd by Bushbaum, motion carries.
- Registrar – Kerns: nothing to report
- Safesport / Compliance – Metcalf: nothing to report
- Sponsorships – Harbaugh: Everything resolved from delays
- Webmaster – Harbaugh: Board nominations being collected, have discussed the representation for upcoming year. See Old Business.

Old Business:

- Policy updates/ Mite & Jr Gold Board Seats – Will be as follows, with the by-laws going for amendment:
 - 3 reps for Squirts/Mites
 - 4 reps for Bantam/Pee Wees
 - 4 reps for HS, including Jr Gold
 - 1 rep for House League
 - 1 rep is coaching director on behalf of Development Committee

Motion by Bumblauskas, 2nd by Schaefer, motion carries

Second conversation of posting paid positions in April, appoint in May, and then the rest of the volunteer posts in June. Also will be holding a manager's meeting end of season to collect feedback to improve upcoming seasons.

- House League rental changes – will do a clean out March 26 to inventory and revisit – may offer just limited rental equipment going forward
- Learn to Skate – decided this would be a must to enter into house league, 1st session, with roughly 6 hopefully earlier practices allotted to this to get players on more even levels as it stretches coaches too thin. Motion by MacLearn, 2nd by Jebe, motion carries. Upon learning ice schedule further decisions will be determined for pricing and times.
- Read React Camp – sign up out, good through April 5th
- BOW – see guest
- Spring Ice – as done with Summer, will do a Squirt coach week, Pee Wee coach week and Bantam, with 4th conducted by lead coaches. Determined other players outside of those registered with WYHA to be allowed to participate will be those playing outside of area if level of play not offered here. If affiliated with same league and level will not be allowed to participate.

New Business:

- Projections – Have first drafts coming in, we will have a goalie shortage issue to address at the Bantam and Pee Wee levels
- Westphal sent a camp opportunity, collecting more information
- Spring Tryouts – would like to attempt, but too many changes and would need to be done prior to Warrior Tryouts. Registration moving up in June to get a jump on jerseys and better planning for budget set in July

- March Meeting – as the December meeting stayed on the schedule, March is going to be skipped as the board now has a polling tool via team reach for immediate issues and will have a potential quorum issue with spring break. Motion by Schaefer, 2nd Jebe, motion carries.

Meeting adjourned 8:20.