

Verona Wildcats Youth Hockey Association

Thursday, February 24, 2022

7:00 pm VIA Mezz



Board members in attendance: Jason Mattila, Mike Tollefson, Craig Fey, Todd Carlson, Danielle Pellitteri, Angela Hunt, Brian Lindow, Joe Beyler, Kristen Manning, Lesley Steffin, Karin Shippar, Travis Reichert, Mark Markham, Erin Ludmer, Kari Brotzman, Wayne Pfahler, Justin Temple, Brian Severson, Mindy O'Brien

- 1) **Call to order** – Jason Mattila called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Motion to approve minutes by Justin Temple, second by Mark Markhan, motion passed.
- 2) **Ice Inc. Report** – Justin Temple - No report
 - a) Committee for a Second Sheet of Ice - Lesley Steffin - So far, the VWYHA Board is at 50% participation. Goal to have 100% by next month. We are continuing to grow pledged funds, new campaign “Extraordinary Woman” has raised already \$35k. Emails went out to families highlighting all the basics of the campaign. Communications with Verona Area school district and city conversations are ongoing.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – Travis Richert - Revenues have outpaced expenses by about \$25k thus far. Concessions have netted about \$13k.
- 4) **President’s Report** – Jason Mattila - Thank you to Angela, Brittany and others who helped put together the girls jamboree.
Mavs A team will not be eligible for State tournament this year.
Region 4 - DCHOA continues to report issues with parents and/or coaches behavior. Looking to schedule ref training sessions for fall. Region 4 defenseman patches have run out, and will not be available from Region 4. A different patch has been located and will be handed out to Verona skaters. Consider training materials for encouraging positive behaviors for parents and coaches.
- 5) **Committee Reports and updates**
 - a. **Fundraising** – Ending pizza sales on Monday. PNO has been changed to April 9, still at Hop Haus in Fitchburg
 - b. **Equipment** – Trying to coordinate with ALDs to get gear turned in.
 - c. **Coaches Committee** – The goalie Dojo just ended and was successful.
 - d. **Ice Scheduler** – All scheduled out, brackets for Mite tournament set.
Encourage any referees to certify for Level II. Would like to take ice credits for Mike and Brian and donate them to the new rink. Motion by Kari Brotzman, second by Erin Ludmer, passed. J. Temple abstained from voting.
 - e. **Website Update** – Teams who have made the state tournament have been added.
 - f. **Concessions** – Net profits are good. We have had good response to the offerings this season.

- g. **DIBS** – DIBs shifts in place through March 6. Contacting families with commitments directly has been successful.
- h. **Registrar's Report** – Working on getting information together for patches.
- i. **Tournament Coordinators** – Girls Jamboree had about 50 girls and was a success. Mite tournament has 26 teams signed up. Looking for refs, do not need to be certified and will sign service hours for middle and high school kids.
- j. **Apparel** - Sent out email to ALDs to collect jerseys and breezer covers.
- k. **Legal Counsel** – No report
- l. **Recruitment** – Contacted by Chamber to do a booth at the Easter Egg Hunt.
- m. **Communications** – No report
- n. **Region 4 Update** –
- o. **Update from ALD's**
 - LTP** – Saturday morning is our last session. Over half of kids are ready to move into U6 or mites.
 - U6** - The season went great. Last Sunday was last game. Offseason planning will start soon.
 - RWB** - Regular season ends this weekend. We have two more weeks of practice followed by our tournament.
 - Squirt** - USA Hockey fees are increasing next year. Season going well.
 - Peewee** - Please be mindful of unsupervised children at the rink. Coaches please stay with players in the locker rooms. Players need to quickly exit the ice at the end of practice.
 - Bantam** – Bantam doing well.
 - U14 Girls** – MAVs B team is in the final stages of preparing to host the U14 B Girls State tournament. The Region 4 Girls Council has started back up and PJ is attending to represent Verona and the Mavericks. Reached out to past and present members of Mavericks this week regarding the 100 Extraordinary Women campaign
 - Midget** – No report
- p. **COVID** – Mask mandate ending Mar 1

6) Old Business

7) New Business

-One more board meeting in March then annual meeting in April, with elections taking place then and appointments made in May.

8) Adjourn Wayne Pfahler motioned, Kari Brotzman second, meeting adjourned 7:48 pm.