

Minutes WAYHA Board and Membership Meeting September 21, 2009

6:30 p.m. BKIA

Welcome and Member Introduction: Kate Manor, Chris Welle, Rol Larson, Andy Robertson, Sandy Pilarski, Jennifer Vieth, Randy Galewski, Ryan King, Matt Speltz, Joe Whetstone, Steve Schoh, Mark Boberg, Jeni Arnold, Deb Ruesgen

Visiting: Travis Volkman, Jim Martin, Fran McDevitt, Bill Rickoff

6:32 – 8:23 Committee Reports

Kate welcomed everyone and took some time to talk about Board Member commitment. Her discussion, precipitated by some events that have occurred during board member discussions with Association members, included:

- the importance of presenting a unified board position outside of our meetings;
- the responsibility of all board members to support board decisions; and,
- the board member code of conduct which we have all signed and agreed to uphold.

She reminded all Board members that our opportunity for the discussion and debate of Association policies and issues is at board meetings. We have the chance, through our participation at the meetings, to guide how the Association develops. If we don't happen to personally agree with a direction or a decision, we can express our opinions during these meetings. Once a decision is made, however, it is the board member's responsibility to support that decision during interactions with the Association members.

Facility:

Kate briefed the Board on our progress in discussions with the City regarding responsibilities for management of the BKIA. We are making progress in educating the City and in developing shared responsibility for rink management and maintenance. Continued discussions are important and Kate encouraged all board members (and anyone else who is interested) to contact City Council Members in order to discuss the hockey association and the needs of the BKIA.

The level directors should get this message out to the general membership during their interactions
The Level Directors are:

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| Sandy Pilarski | Learn to Skate |
| Kate Manor | Mite |
| Jen Vieth | Girls Program |
| Matt Speltz | Squirt |
| Steve Schoh | PeeWee |
| Joe Whetstone | Bantam |

Joe requested that he get a complete list of Committees and members so that it can be posted on the website for any that are interested in either contacting or participating with committees.

Kate also tasked Jim Martin with developing a comprehensive contingency plan for responding to system failures at the BKIA. The board would like to have a written plan for how we would deal with a catastrophic equipment event during the season. Jim will develop a plan, with the facilities committee, and present it to the Board at a future meeting.

Equipment:

Matt Speltz and Rol Larson have been working on Association equipment needs for the start of the season. The Association purchased 6 new helmets, size x small. They also ordered 15 sets of small shin guards. The equipment committee is looking into two new sets of jerseys and is getting pricing. Matt will have a sample for the next board meeting. Matt also needs to go through the breezers and start throwing away the ones that are in poor condition. These will be replaced with new purchases. They have not ordered helmets for coaches but can if needed.

Program:

Tim Borkowski reported on the Program Committee activities. So far, preparations for the start of the season are going well. Coaches are in place for all levels except Squirt C at this point. Fran is actively working on filling this gap. The current coaches are:

Bantam B - Mitch Wychram
Bantam C - Rory Palmer
PeeWee - Bill Rickoff
Squirt B – Drew Mau
Squirt C – TBD
Girls U12 – Tom Sanvik
Girls U10 – Mark Hovan

In addition, a number of parents and previous coaches have expressed interest in working with the LTS and Mite levels. Fran has a list of their names on his missing flash drive and will get an e-mail out to all requesting commitments before the next board meeting.

Evaluations and player testing will be conducted using a combination of the USA Hockey HEP skills tests and the Hockey Canada evaluation criteria and spreadsheet. Evaluators and coaches will be provided with these materials prior to the start of the evaluation weekends.

Jennifer reported on progress with the Girl's program. There will be two teams with limited numbers that will both play independent schedules for the 2009/10 season. More information will follow as this gets resolved.

Marketing

Rol provided an update on the two Friday night elementary school open skates. Each of these was well attended with 12 skaters at first, 35 to 40 skaters at the second. He also briefed the board on registration advertising activities which included: the Winona Post, Winona Radio, and HBCI. Advertising for this year's registration was excellent!

Ryan King gave an update on the WalMart stand that he staffed on the weekend of September 12. He reported that he sold 2 calendars, generated approximately around \$150 in hot dog sales, and sent two new skaters to the rink for registration. Great work Ryan.

Further board discussion included the possibility of holding a Chicken Q at tournaments and whether we would require a permit from the City for this. Randy G will follow-up on this with the City. We also discussed giving away free popcorn for the Winhawk Booster card program. This initiative was approved for small bags.

Ice Schedule:

Jen reported that the ice schedule is almost finalized. There are still some minor changes for figure skater times and high school modifications. The schedule should be complete within the next week. The issue of ice times at St. Mary's was discussed. Andy was designated to look into ice purchases

from the previous years and send those to Jen. She would then get in touch with St. Mary's and determine availability. A report will be made at the next meeting.

Jen also presented the results of the tournament t-shirt design competition. There were four designs submitted for review. The board assessed these and voted on the winning entry. The winner was Ethan Vieth. Jen will work with Excel Images and Embroidery House to have this design incorporated in the t-shirt for this year.

8:23 – 8:45

Gambling:

Gambling report reviewed by all and there was no discussion.

Action: Motion to approve the August gambling report by Matt seconded by Jen, passed unanimously.

Action: Motion for pre-approval of August expenses by Matt, second by Jeni, unanimously approved.

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| Cost of Games: | \$3000 - \$7000 |
| Payroll Taxes: | \$250 - \$1000 |
| Rent: | \$3000 - \$7000 |
| Mgr. Payroll and Auditor: | \$1000 - \$3000 |
| GCB Fees: | \$100 - \$200 |
| Accounting: | \$100 - \$200 |

Pre-Approval of Lawful Expenditures:
Excel Energy: 5232.60

Action: Motion to approve lawful expenditures from the WAYHA gambling account by Joe, second by Mark, unanimously approved.

Financials:

August financial reports were distributed by Deb (see attached). There was minor clarification on a couple of items.

Action: Motion to approve the August Financial Reports by Matt seconded by Chris, passed unanimously.

8:45 – 8:55

Old Business:

Action: motion to approve the August minutes by Matt, second by Sandy; unanimously approved.

New Business:

None

8:55 Adjourn

Next meeting date: October 19th BKIA at 6:30 p.m.

Next Operations Team Meeting:

Minutes Certified: _____ **Date** _____
Secretary, WAYH