

Waconia Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2007

I. **Time and Place of Meeting.** 7pm at Beef O'Brady's in Waconia MN.

II. **List of Attendees**

John Bruellman
Marvin Denzer
Dan Fulkerson
Dawn Genz
Tom Kullman
Dale Laumann
Tom Nessa
Chuck Nichols
Ann Rassman
Jennifer Rosenau
Janet Schrup
John Schrup
Tim Turner
Rochelle Williams
Kris Wilsey

III. **Summary of Meeting.**

A. **Call to Order by President John Bruellman.**

B. **Review of Minutes from June 6, 2007 meeting.**

Motion to approve the board minutes made by Rochelle Williams, seconded by Jennifer Rosenau. Motion carried.

C. **Treasurer's Report.**

General Checking:	\$2,370.00
MM Arena Savings:	\$86,519.34
Accounts Receivable:	\$263.50
Arena CD – 11 Month	\$50,000.00
Arena CD – 8 Month	\$20,000.00
General CD – 11 Month	\$22,500.00
General CD – 8 Month	\$22,500.00

- Accounts payable of \$1,500.00 to Raceway Park.
- All information to accountant for fiscal year 2006 taxes.

D. **Current Business**

a. **Girls' Coordinator Report**

- Discussion of feasibility of forming a U10 team for 2007/2008 seasons. Rochelle Williams is in favor of team and has brought the recommendation to the Board for approval. All parents of U8 and U10 level girls were invited to meeting to discuss any issues or concerns. Parents were asked for their input and main objections were:

1. Are there enough committed players to form a team? Girls are given choice to play on either the boys or girls team at their appropriate level. WHA currently has 5 - 2nd year U10, 10 - 1st year U10, 2 - 2nd

Year U8 and 10 – 1st year U8 eligible players. Players have not yet been asked to commit to a U10 team. A letter will go to all U10 eligible families prior to registration paperwork to secure commitment to play with U10 or boys. In event there are not enough U10 players, option of pulling up U8 players to complete team.

2. Will a U10 team get the same level of coaching, ice time and focus as the other boy's teams at the same level? Yes, per the WHA Guidebook, a U10 team will get 55 hours of ice time, the same as a Squirt team. All efforts will be made to get the best coaches as with the other teams.
3. What are the plans for the 2008/2009 season? Given the forecast of current players, there will not be enough U12 players to form a team, however, U10 players can be pulled up. The situation will continue for several years until we establish a girls program.

- After much discussion it was decided to move forward with the creation of a U10 team. It was also decided that WHA will not issue waivers to eligible U10 girls to other associations for upcoming season. Girls must either play with U10 or boys WHA team. Motion to form U10 team for 2007/2008 season made by Rochelle Williams, seconded by Dawn Genz. Motion carried. Motion to refuse any waivers to other associations for eligible U10 players for 2007/2008 season made by Rochelle Williams, seconded by Dawn Genz. Motion carried.

b. District 6 Report

- Distributed D6 proposed rule changes for Board review. D6 will vote on changes this month. Any objections should be referred to Marvin. Motion to have Marvin Denzer represent WHA and vote "Yes" for D6 Proposed Rule Changes 2007-2008 made by John Bruellman, seconded by Chuck Nichols. Motion carried.

- No mandatory D6 coaches meetings this year per coaches requests. Puts the onus on the associations, coaches and presidents to know all of the USA Hockey, MN Hockey and D6 rules. Presidents responsible for coaches knowing rules.

- WHA will host a U10 –D6 tournament this year. Details to follow.

- When team designations (i.e. Bantam A, Squirt C) are submitted to D6 must also include reasoning behind level. Marvin Denzer and Chuck Nichols to coordinate.

c. Registrar/Secretary Report

- Registration packets to go out week of July 16th.

- Proposal of 2007/2008 fee structure by Fee committee members of Dawn Genz, Kris Wilsey and Janet Schrup. Fees to consist of three components; player fees to include ice time, equipment, D6, MAHA and USA administrative costs and tournaments; Fundraising fee of \$150 per family and Volunteer fee of \$50 per family. Both the fundraising and volunteer fees can be recouped by families through selling of Wine tasting/Auction tickets or completing 5 units of volunteering. Any new IP family will be waived the Fundraising fee. Motion to approve the 2007/2008 fee structure made by John Bruellman, seconded by Rochelle Williams. Motion carried.

d. Ice Coordinator Report –

- Meeting with Victoria Field House to discuss upcoming season.
- With formation of two new teams (Peewee and U10), will need much more ice time this year. Have been reviewing past year to look for synergies.
- D6 game draw set for October 2, 4 and 11. Will need another WHA member to attend with Dale Laumann.

e. ACE Coordinator Report

- Met with Tim Turner on Learn to Skate program.
- Considering restructuring Mite program by skill level.
- Need to create training DVD for players and coaches. Have asked Rod Rassman for assistance. Will include on ice drills. Motion to provide 3-4 hours of ice time for DVD taping made by Chuck Nichols, seconded by Dan Fulkerson. Motion carried.
- Current proposed competitive teams levels are: Bantam B2, Peewee B1, B2 and C, Squirt (2)B, C.
- Need to create set of disciplinary rules for coaches and players.
- Considering moving tryouts up to September. Also want all evaluators present for all sessions.
- Have been approached by Safari Island to develop off-ice training. Working with Chad Storley.
- Have been approached by Breakaway program to join effort for dryland training.

f. Equipment Coordinators Report

- Need to order 2 new sets of jerseys for Peewee and U10 teams.
- Per past coordinator, equipment is not being returned on time. Motion to require deposit check of \$150.00 for goalie equipment to be held for season and returned when equipment is returned as requested made by Jennifer Rosenau, seconded by Ann Rassman. Motion carried.

g. Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator Report

- No report.

h. IP Report

- Learn to Skate dates are set for early September. Will be available through Community Ed brochure.

i. Competitive Level Team Manager Report

- Nothing new to report.

j. Communications Coordinator Report

- Nothing new to report.

k. Volunteer/Tournament Coordinator Report

- 47 WHA volunteers for Triathlon. WHA received \$1000.00 from event.

l. Long Range Planning Update

- Nothing new to report.

m. Vice President's Report

- Nothing new to report.

n. President's Report

- Nothing new to report.

E. New Business

- a. Public Attendance/Comments – Jon Schluck, Bret McEnelly, Siri Burmeister, Mike Burmeister, Michelle Hartman, Jeff Balow, Diane Nolte

b. Other Business

c. Next meeting August 16, 2007 7pm at Beef O'Bradys.

F. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ann Rassman, seconded by Janet Schrup. Motion carried.