

September Board Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Start Time: 6:00

Present: JM, LH, KR, TO, CK, BK, CG, BT, BR, JP, ME, MS, JG, KG, KG, RB

1. **Approve the minutes from 8/21/2023 [August Board Meeting Minutes](#) -**

- a. 1st: BK, 2nd: LH

2. **Public Comments**

- a. DOCS (Don Dexter, Chris Goodwin, and Justin Patchin present) Summer projects
- i. Shooting cage: paint half donated by Hirschfields, fence (Hayworth),
 - ii. Benches for players - new flooring and paint,
 - iii. 166+ work hours or more, \$2766 total with ½ paid for by DOCS and ½ paid by association
 - iv. Docs also put up a new sign in the corner of the rink
 - v. Docs offer \$500 scholarship to goalies or any other player to attend a camp or even players who can't afford fees for registration.
- b. Parent's eager for more information on peewees
- i. What percentage of games and practices would be in Altoona verses Chippewa falls is up in the air right now.
 - ii. Question regarding why did we release before and not co-op and are trying to co-op now. The reason is the association needs our help. Most of the peewee's volunteer hours would remain in Altoona. The fine details are still being worked out. Possibly will be able to work 10 hours not in Altoona.
 - iii. Peewee tryout evaluators Chippewa Steel coaches, Kelly and Brandon will go meet with Chippewa. Watch for emails.
- c. Coaching Squirt A - Nate and Phil, Squirt B - someone in mind. Mites - up in the air still.
- d. Squirt tryouts - Ben T. looked into EC tryout formation - Jersey #, evaluators will place top and bottom, coaches will talk about bubble kids Together.
- e. Can any mites move up to squirts? Only 3 mites can move up, have to be 2015's, and can attend tryouts. Will be placed on B team, unless meet the exceptional player rule and they are in the top 3 players overall.
- f. The mite red team will be an actual red team this year.
- g. Coaching- parent coaches who have been involved felt pushed out this year.
- h. Work hours -will offer a buyout option at the beginning of the year. Concessions

for RAM games will be assigned again this year.

3. **President's Report**

- a. Peewee Co-op-We are moving forward with a co-op with Chippewa. Although some final details still need to be worked out, they have invited us to attend their preseason practices. Anyone interested in coaching at the peewee level should refer to the Chippewa youth hockey website.
- i. Looking at 3 teams of kids (only 6 altoona kids total, CF has 26 or 28 and 5 goalies)
- b. Locker room policy
- i. Travis will go over with Coaches and will be gone over at Welcome Back to Hockey Night.
 - ii. They will remain locked - not sure if coaches will have keys. Someone with safesport complete and background check needs to be in the locker

rooms 100% of the time. \$500 fine if caught violating policy. No cell phones. Mite parents-will look into this more, possibly safe sport checked, Jessica might have more info on this from WAHA meeting.

- iii. Locker rooms open 20 mins prior to and after games but will be somewhat up to coaches discretion.

c. Squirt tryouts

- i. Oct 16th and 18th at 6pm - North Rink in Chippewa Falls
- ii. Only 3 mites can move up - have to be 2015's and can attend tryouts. The mites will be placed on the "B" team unless they meet the exceptional player rule and are in the top 3 players overall (reference Annual Guidebook Page 48 and 54)
[2023 WAHA Guidebook.pdf \(wahahockey.com\)](#)
- iii. More info coming out to squirt parents soon

d. Ref pay-will revisit next month

4. Vice President's Report

a. Donation levels for new rink

- i. Chris Goodwin here to present on behalf of committee.
- ii. Brochure and cover letter have been put together and sent to board
- iii. Reviewed brochure/letter/donation levels
- iv. Any people with experience is beneficial when going to meet with big donors
- v. Will set up time to meet with potential donors

b. Bantam Jerseys are ordered and on the way. Thank you to Mark Erickson- Everyday Surveying & Engineering

5. Treasurer's Report

a. Bills Paid

- i. Automatic bills are being paid
- ii. Bills that need to be paid by check are a little behind - Charter, Garbage

b. 3 families have not paid work hours - 2 didn't register for this season and 1 on a payment plan for this season.

c. Pub crawl-9 couples, Lara will send out reminder again, Laurel will post on facebook

6. Fundraising Report

a. Apparel order

- i. Will be using Close up Apparel this year. The board is reviewing the options at this time. They are in town, and they will bring the order to us.
- ii. Will do an initial clothing order and then open another one.
- iii. Checking on bringing sizes to welcome back to hockey night for people to try on.

b. Received check from Country Jam

c. Will offer \$20 off registration if you sell a board sign at the rink.

7. Ice Scheduler Report

a. Scheduling games, and 2 weeks of practice scheduled.

b. Sports Engine layout changed

c. Squirt A and B: 15-20 games scheduled, looking at 40 games, Squirt B might be a little under 40 games.

d. Bantam: 15-20 games scheduled, looking at 40+ games.

8. Facility Manager Report

a. Zamboni update: had repairs done, needed quite a bit of work. \$6500 in before getting there, \$15K worth of repairs quoted, got down to \$11K by only doing what was necessary

b. Coils and system start up: Plan was to turn on 9/24 but due to temps will start up

10/02.

9. Registrar's Report

- a. Registration numbers
 - i. 41 mites, 12 are brand new skaters
 - ii. 19 squirts
 - iii. 7 peewees
 - iv. 11 bantams, 3 more will register, 2 goalies
 - v. 4 12U girls

10. Tournaments

- a. Photographer for tournaments-Jacob Maes still interested but had a conflict this evening. May set up a different time to meet other than a board meeting.
- b. Updates
 - i. 5 squirt teams registered, Rice Lake B, McFarland A, McFarland B, Antigo Jr., and WCYHA ICE
 - ii. 1 Bantam team registered, Arrowhead
 - iii. 1 Peewee Team registered, will need to look into this Sun Prairie B
- c. Kelly will get coaches signed up for VSA clinic
- d. Culture Liaison
 - i. Will get information from meetings to board members
 - ii. Will also get Travis the zoom meeting link for PCA

11. Director's report

- a. Coaches have been set
- b. Coaches and possible coaches will meet to get assistants set and go over player handbook and other information.
- c. Non-parent coach reimbursement increase of \$50 and \$25/month proposed- will revisit this.

12. Other

- a. Policies - motion to approve, 1st: TO, 2nd: BK, policies were approved

13. Public Comments

- a. We have 3 non-parent coaches
- b. Altoona would still be the Point of Contact for Peewees and would remain on the master email list.
- c. The only fundraising option this year is raffle tickets

14. Next Board Meeting Date-October 15th at 6 pm

End Time: 9:00 pm