



## Core Board Meeting

March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 pm via meeting at NP May St Office/ZOOM

### Present:

- i. Jesse Traer – President
- ii. Jason Wakefield – JR VP
- iii. Chantal Keating – Competitive VP
- iv. Kelli Riva - Sr VP

### Joined via Zoom:

- Anita Konopski - Treasurer  
Cheryl Johnson - Secretary  
Jason Rybak - Ice Convenor

### Regrets:

- Mike Falk – Equipment Manager

1. Minutes From previous meeting – amended and approved
  - a. Motion by Jason R, 2nd by Chantal - AIF
2. Financial report - Anita
  - Bank balances:
  - Core \$ 9,068.37
  - No expected payments out of this account in the next few months.
  
  - Raffle \$ - 3,338.33
  - There is an outstanding deposit from Queens to this account of \$4,250.00 – will be in the account next week.
  - This is used for any raffles held (Queens general raffle, U18AA Queens raffle).
  - Licenses are applied for each raffle prior. Chantal works with the city on each of these for reporting and payout of funds, etc.
  
  - Nevada \$0.00
  - I have provided Matthew Van Ramshorst (City License officer) the final ice payment invoice and bank statements to clear this account. I am just waiting for their final approval to close this account.
3. Ice Update – Jason Rybak
  - Junior Ice is wrapping up April 2, 2024. Jessica COLEY has done a good job managing junior ice this season.
  - Senior Ice- Senior is wrapping up the regular season. We had to obtain more ice from the city to get the playoffs in. Playoffs are scheduled to end March 31, 2024.
  - Junior Board needs to advise of plans for September, so we can book ice for pre-skates etc.
  - To keep on boards radar. Discussion needs to occur with city over ice allotment for next season. This season we lost approximately 60 hours of ice, due to the cancelation of TC ice for various tournaments. The ice was given to LHML organizations, and we were never compensated for the ice. This meant U13 specifically lost most of their season.

#### 4. Competitive Report – Chantal

- Coach Selection
  - In the process of vetting the applicants, CSC consisted of Chantal, Michelle, Stacey and Dave as well as non-board members Rob Degagne (North Stars HC and Kings Board Member) and Shera Vis (Played D1, Coached D1 at St. Cloud, and D3)
  - 15A and 18A coaches will be selected after AA tryouts completed
- Tryouts Announced
  - May 10-13, 2024 – U11A, U13A, U15AA and U18AA
  - May 24-26, 2024 – U15A and U18A
  - U22A will be in September 2024
- OWHA U16 HP Camp
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> – Ice secured for the day as well as the Gym for the lunch, deadline to register was Mar 10<sup>th</sup>. Eligible players born 2009 and 2010
  - Received interested from coach in Sudbury, Jesse shared email with regional associations
- Player Development Sessions / Goalie Clinics
  - Oct – Dec, Kaity Howarth ran individualized sessions with each team x3. Some teams did not schedule a 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Feb – March, Megan Leikkari facilitated goalie sessions. U11-13 (Queens and Fury) x 2 and U15-U18 (Queens) x2
  - Nevada funds were applied to the ice rentals. The Queens board covered the remaining balance of ice for the sessions.
- Queens Banquet – Booked Tues., April 17 at the Victoria Inn
  - Graduating Players – 8 at U18AA, and 4 at U18A
- Player Fees – conducting an analysis of player fees and feasibility for increases
- Golf Tournament or Special Event
  - Looking at options for a special event to raise funds for the organization for future activities and programing, coach training, etc.
- Exam Conflict Inequities – TBCDSB - Formal letter being drafted
- Surveys - Conducted 2 sets of surveys this season
- Northern Boreal Select Series
  - Would like to see the event grow for all ages and divisions
  - In the process of submitting final reports to receive funding from the CEDC
  - Cory would like to secure a block of ice for next year where teams can plan and invite teams for next season. Finding ice when planning these events is challenging.
- Alumni Page updated on website (not updated since 2012)
  - Caryss Kehl, graduate from last year has signed with Post University D1 for next season
  - Player on U18AA committed to UW-Superior D3, will announce soon

## 5. Junior report – Jason Wakefield

- Season is winding down. U9 ending season with full ice officiated games. U11 Round Robin playoff underway. I was able to watch a couple games. The stands are full and the games are very competitive. U15/13 is in su
- Wildfire Goalie Skate #2 – Open for registration. 7 goalies already registered. Has been a work in progress but we are looking to run it more next year.
- Our Junior Division will be finishing the season with Parent vs Kid fun.
- Banquet will be held April 22. We will be separating groups in two different rooms. We have two separate committees organizing the evening.
- Fury Coaching application package has been updated and ready to roll out.
- League questionnaire is also ready to roll out. Will launch it after the next Junior Board meeting.
- Junior Board will be looking for two approved Board positions at AGM
- Junior Board Ice scheduler: Will work under the Ice Convenor. Will be in charge of Junior scheduling. Other duties will be to ensure we aren't burning ice and to find ice for lost ice times.
- Webmaster: To ensure our Website stays current. Also to get RAMP implemented and ensure everyone can work it. SportsEngine has been and will continue to be part of this position.
- Moving into next year we will be looking at running pathway skates to ALL interested girls in Thunder Bay in efforts to increase registrations and awareness of TBWHA.

## 6. Senior report – Kelli

- Balance of registration monies have been transferred to the Sr Acct.
- Regular Season has ended for B Division they are already into playoff series
- Regular Season for A ends March 20<sup>th</sup>, playoffs starting March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additional ice had to be acquired from city. Playoff structures is a 7 team double elimination bracket.
- U18 Fury expressed that they were very grateful for including the team in the B Division this year.
- U22 Queens played regular season as well. Unfortunately, due to some events that taen place – they opted out of the last round of games. They expressed that they were thankful for giving them a place to play as well.
- Senior committee meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> to finalize playoff prizes, AGM, and planning for a town hall meeting for the senior players after the AG<.

7. Equipment Manager - Mike Falk
  - Donated Fury Jerseys arrived and are stowed at Superior Stowge
  - Superior Stowage Unit has been cleaned out of all old gear as previously discussed
  - Working on year end medals for banquet, will be done through Begalls.
    - Will be one order, will be waiting for trophy winners to get plaques made.
  - McDonalds order for next season has been placed.
  - Junior Board to collect all pucks and league equipment and report inventory back to myself as season comes to a close.
  
8. Old Business
  - a. RAMP Gamesheets - Not this year. Shannon spoke with OWHA
  - b. RAMP Pay – possibly for next year. Carry forward to next meeting. Price comparisons being looked at – perhaps a good opportunity for new branding
  - c. Recurring item: Goals for the season, grow our numbers, grow the program, look at what we can do differently. Start early advertising – social media platform is doing well
  - d. Follow up re: discussion with Pat at OWHA regarding U15 goalie shortage – this is still in the works
  
9. New Business
  - a. Scholarship applications and committee:
    - i. Deadline in June (date to be confirmed with Tammy)
    - ii. Motion by Kelli and seconded by Jason W. - AIF
      1. The core board will give 3 scholarships this year
  - b. Discussion regarding Grandview notice to arrive only 30 minutes before ice time.
    - i. This is not in the contract.
  - c. Discussions on tournaments and showcase weekends for the 2024-2025 season
    - i. Jason R sending email to city looking to secure weekend ice in Jan or Feb 2025 for tournaments/showcase
  - d. New ice rates announced today: \$143 increased to \$168 and \$187 increased to \$207 for senior ice (As per TBNewsWatch)
  - e. Discussion on how to change team structures in the JR division
    - i. Jason W taking ideas back to the JR board for discussion and vote
  - f. Equipment Manager should sit on the JR board and JR convenors to have flexibility based on numbers. To be considered for AGM

**OWHA Update:**

- Call for Volunteers at Provincials - 2024 Provincials Registration Link (<https://forms.office.com/r/1XUADBHh8C>)
- 2024 Women's World Championship Pre-Competition tickets for OWHA Participants – everyone should have received that email

### **Annual General Meeting/ Meetings:**

- Confirm AGM date – Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Establish nominating committee – Kelli, Cheryl, Mike, Jason W, Jason R, are eligible
- Announce AGM date to membership – may include the following:
  - Nominating committee
  - Deadline for General Member proposals for amendments/alterations to the Constitution is April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Key Dates:
  - Posting of Vacant Positions by the Secretary – April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Deadline for Nominations for Elections – May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Deadline for Executive Board motions – May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Nominating Committee to provide slate of nominees to the Executive Board. – May 21
  - Executive Board to finalize agenda and distribute to the membership. – May 22

#### 10. Next Meeting

- a. May 7<sup>th</sup>

#### 11. Motion to adjourn 9:06 pm by Jason W, 2nd Jason R - AIF