



WAUSEON RECREATION ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

Wauseon Recreation Department

765 East Linfoot Street, Wauseon, OH 43567

Wauseon Recreation Association (WRA) Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November, 23, 2025

Location: Wauseon, OH

Call to Order: Meeting convened; no changes were made to the agenda.

Attendance

- **Present: Jason Blonstein, Dana Frost, Chris Hannon, Phil Kessler, Brock Nagel, Matt Minetti, and Heather Galbraith.**

The meeting of the Wauseon Recreation Association Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Jason Blonstein. WRA Board Members present were Jason Blonstein, Dana Frost, Chris Hannon, Phil Kessler, Brock Nagel, Brittany Roof, and Heather Galbraith. Also present were Hugo Barajas and Larry Zimmerman.

Approval of Minutes

Jason Blonstein motioned to approve the minutes from October 2025. Dana Frost seconded. Motion passes.

Financials

1. Financial Report

- **Account Balances:**
 - **CD:** \$21,400.52
 - **Checking:** \$46,533.78
 - **Travel Basketball (4th-6th):** \$87.50 (Allocated for uniforms, tourneys, referees).
 - **Wrestling:** \$2,034 (Registration fees; WRA retains 10%).
 - **Travel Soccer:** \$14,040 (Pending league bill).
 - **Little Indians Basketball:** \$20,028.40 (Starts Dec 6).
 - **Adult Women's Volleyball:** \$1,200 (Used for student scorekeepers).
 - **Game Day Tournaments:** \$2,625 (15 teams).
 - **Start Smart Basketball:** \$475.
- **Projected Post-Bill Balance:** \$14,569.00.

2. Winter & Spring Sports Updates

- **Winter:** Registrations are closed; programs are underway.
- **Spring Soccer:** Early registration (57 kids) completed. Regular registration opens early December for three weeks. Teams will form after Jan 1, 2026.
- **Baseball/Softball:** Registration opens approximately January 6, 2026 (post-Christmas break).

3. Travel Basketball Program

- The program is entering its fourth year with strong involvement from high school coaches (Hoyer, Borton).
- **Sustainability Concern:** Discussion held regarding "tribal knowledge." The Board noted a need for more formal structure to ensure the program survives potential leadership or coaching changes.

4. Biddle Music Fest & Homecoming Committee

- **Date:** Scheduled for August 1, 2026.
- **Collaboration:** The Wauseon Homecoming Committee and Rotary (Larry) have offered funds to cover band/entertainment costs.
- **Logistics:** Plans include a morning 5k, food trucks, bouncy houses, and alcohol sales (Red Rambler/American Winery).
- **Entertainment:** Considering a "Battle of the Bands" or booking local talent (e.g., Ryan Roth). Bill Fishio is being consulted for stage and sound.

5. Tournament Director Proposal

- **Proposal:** Hire a part-time Tournament Director to manage events at Biddle Park nearly every weekend.
- **Role Requirements:** Business development, project management, and organization. The Board suggested looking for a candidate with leadership experience, potentially a stay-at-home parent or sports management intern from BGSU/UT.
- **Candidate Profile:** Consider teachers who are available during the summer. They may have prior tournament experience and have the necessary seasonal availability.
- **Compensation:** Discussion on a "bonus" structure (rather than commission) based on team registration numbers and concession profitability.

6. Operations & Tournament Management

- **Midwest Tournament Factory:** WRA aims to maximize profit from these events through concessions and food trucks.
- **Public Perception:** Matt Minetti expressed concerns regarding liability and presence during issues (e.g., facilities, unruly parents). The Board noted the need for clear contracts regarding bathroom maintenance and gate staffing to alleviate stress on current staff.
- **Goal:** Develop an in-house system to eventually run tournaments independently and retain 100% of profits.

7. New Business

- **Master List:** WRA will create a comprehensive year-round calendar of all events and registration deadlines.
- **Expansion:** Explore non-field sports tournaments, such as volleyball or esports.

Next meeting will be on December 14th 2025 at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Submitted by:
Brock Nagel