

## **WWHBC INFORMATIONAL GATHERING - RECAP**

Thursday May 6, 2021 – Smitty’s Restaurant

Attendees were welcomed, and spaghetti dinner was served to those who purchased.

THANK YOU to Lorrie Bradley and Steve Freeman. Not only for opening up for us tonight, preparing the spaghetti dinner and giving us a place to have our meeting, but for all they do for the Wild players year in and year out. The Wild are blessed to have some great sponsors, but Smitty’s always goes above and beyond!

A statement was read from Ernie Rodriguez who was unable to attend: “Welcome Wenatchee Wild fans. And welcome to the first ever Wenatchee Wild booster fan club meeting. I would’ve loved to have been sitting right here in front of you hugging and shaking your hand smiling at you but, I’m coming to you live from the side of my hospital bed where I’ve been for 15 days. I’d like to say some things first off about the Wenatchee Wild community that we’ve built. Loyal fans, all time fans, the loudest fans in the league. That is what driven me to stay with this organization for the 14 years that we’ve been in existence. The fan experience in this building is the greatest you’ll find. My job is to keep the crowd excited, into the game, and every once in a while laughing and smiling. But the team comes first. The way I look at things if I can get the fans loud and motivated that translates into excitement for the team, and if we can get the team excited, trust me the team and players will be excited and they will fight hard for you. Along with the organization, the fans, the players, and you the booster club this will be a great season. I don’t have a whole lot more to say other than we are family, you are my family and I hope that I will become part of your family. Trust me when I say, how about them wild boys. They’ve never ever let me down and I know they will never let you down. Please enjoy today’s meeting, and when I get out of the hospital, I look forward to meeting each and every one of you and moving forward with another great Wenatchee Wild season.”

Wild Head Coach Chris Clark spoke about upcoming camp and anticipation of the coming season.

The following topics were discussed:

### **WHAT IS A BOOSTER CLUB?**

A Booster Club is an organization formed to help support the efforts of a sports team or organization, in our case, the Wenatchee Wild. Support is shown in many ways, including volunteering time, raising money, and contributing funds to better enhance the teams performance. That’s the nuts and bolts of it. The Booster Club exists to “boost” their team.

### **WHAT DOES A BOOSTER CLUB ACTUALLY DO?**

A Booster Club works to help the players and the team as a whole via activities and fundraisers. What those are specifically will be determined by Club members. The team will offer suggestions and opportunities but in the end, the Club and its members will decide what they choose to do. And that will likely be based on what the Club WANTS to do, and CAN do. That’s entirely up to the Club members.

### **WHO'S IN CHARGE OF THE BOOSTER CLUB?**

The WWHBC will elect officers as prescribed in the bylaws, which are posted and available to view on the BC website. Pres, VP, Sec., and Treasurer. The President will conduct meetings using Roberts Rules of Order which dictates motions, voting, etc. Meetings and their frequency will also be decided by the Club. (Give instances). For the purposes of setting up the Club, the listed officers are Bliss, myself, and Uncle Ernie. Again, these positions will be voted on by the Club as a primary order of business.

### **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY RAISED?**

Again, the Booster Club will decide. The team will communicate with the Club and outline needs and potential benefits. (Examples). In the end, the BC will vote and decide on the best usage of funds raised. The communication channel between team and BC will be me.

### **IS THE WWHBC NON-PROFIT?**

We have acquired our State business license, filed Articles of Incorporation, and filed all necessary state and federal paperwork, including documentation for tax exempt 501c3 status. Expected confirmation is later this month, as they'd said 4-6 weeks. I've been assured everything appears in order.

### **WILL THE BC HAVE ACCESS TO PLAYERS?**

Yes, but with an asterisk. There will be at least three EXCLUSIVE Booster Club member events with the players. Any Booster Club activity that they would like players at must be approved by the Wild (that means Bliss or Clarky). Also, nothing after Feb 15. (Getting close to playoffs, end of season, etc).

### **WHAT ABOUT STARTUP COSTS?**

The Wild have fronted the necessary funds for establishing the Club, including filing fees, website registration, the decals and pins, and initial deposit to establish banking. The Club will pay that back once voted on and approved by the membership. That total currently sits at \$955.04.

### **DO I HAVE TO ATTEND ALL THE MEETINGS?**

In general, it's not mandated at all. People have lives and obligations, and it's just not realistic to expect everyone at every meeting. Hopefully the meetings can be constructed in a way that make them fun, engaging, and not painfully long. Something members can look forward to. That said, for officers, they are required to make a minimum of meetings in order to hold office, but that's it. And that requirement is outlined the bylaws.

A list of members who would prefer a phone call rather than e-mail and social media has been started.

The gathering was dismissed with a plan to schedule the first official meeting in early June.