

WYSA Monthly Meeting

9/9/19

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jeff McGann, Rick Morris, Lindsay Rocca, Lisa Van Dorpe, Steve Rubman, Andy Reed, Amy Blain, Brian Casey, Bill Welch, Ryan Burns, Don Collins

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made to accept the July meeting minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the August meeting minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made to accept the August executive meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Refunds:

A motion was made to refund Aristine Kirby \$225. Motion passed.

Paul Timmins' son Aiden does not wish to play anymore. A motion was made to refund the Timmins family \$1125. Motion passed.

Olivia Johnsen from Girls U18 is injured and can't play and has requested a refund. In the past, we have never held the U18 girls players accountable to owe us a portion of payment as with other players. A motion was made to refund the full amount. Motion passed.

Preseason Camp:

There was an error in communication, and the time for Thursday night's preseason camp was sent out incorrectly. There were 13 players who had prepaid for all three nights, and of the 13 only six showed up on Thursday. However, we aren't sure if they wouldn't have shown up that night regardless, or if they didn't come because they received the email that went out late Thursday letting everyone know about the error. Any walk-ins that showed up with 30 minutes or less left of ice time were not charged.

A few families who prepaid the \$50 for all three nights have asked for refunds. The McCarthys had two players registered who each only got about 20-30 minutes on Thursday night. Also Cartera and Dalby have requested refunds. Since we charged \$50 for three nights, it was discussed to refund 1/3 of that (\$17) to any pre-registered players who proactively request a refund.

A motion was made to refund the Carteras, Dalbys and McCarthys \$17 each (\$17x2 for the McCarthys) for a total of \$68. Motion passed.

Equipment Manager Voting:

A motion was made to elect Lindsay Rocca to fill the equipment/purchasing manager position for the remainder of the year. Motion passed.

Learn to Skate:

Andy Reed

The Learn to Skate program usually starts the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This year that is December 1. Since Christmas and New Year's Day are in the middle of the week this year, Andy recommends we don't cancel any Sunday sessions this year during Christmas break. Therefore, the program will run December 1 through March 8 with no breaks. It will be held Sundays at 11:55 a.m., with Learn to Play at 1:05 p.m.

Lisa Van Dorpe will set up registration on Sports Engine and will update the text on the new WYSA website. We'll need three options for registration: 1) LTS with balance aid, 2) LTS without balance aid, and 3) LTP.

Last year we had an option for LTP Girls, which was free due to a grant we had received last year. We did four weeks for free for girls LTP. After that if they wanted to continue it was \$125 for six weeks.

We have 15 girls signed up for the Bruins LTP program this year, and we want to convert them to WYSA. However, not all 15 are from Wakefield. It would be about a \$2,000-\$3,000 investment from WYSA to once again hold the free LTP program for girls for four weeks following the Bruins LTP. We would only need two girls to then join i-mites the following year to see a return on that investment. Last year we had 58 girls in the LTP program and 30 continued on into the paid second portion of LTP.

We will not purchase any additional equipment to give them, however we will ask those who play (or have played in the past) with the Bruins LTP program but did not continue on to see if they will give back the free equipment they received.

We will need a separate registration link for the girls LTP as they will not have to pay for the first four weeks.

For promotion, Bill Welch will hand out flyers at Wakefield youth soccer games and will post online and on Facebook.

Don Collins will handle the Girls program. Don will work with Andy to finalize the communications and will then give that to Lisa V., who will pass it on to Sports Engine.

Middle School Registration:

Shirt orders need to be in no later than October 11, so we will list October 9 as the order cut off date. The cost is \$350.

We didn't have a girls team for middle school last year. Brian suggests we have fifth grade girls play co-ed with boys so we don't have to mix fifth grade girls with eighth grade girls.

Last year, several eighth graders quit because they didn't want to play with fifth graders. This year we will have two teams...one for fifth and sixth graders and one for seventh and eighth graders. We will open registration ASAP so we can have it closed by October 9.

U8 Girls Cross Ice:

Last year we had a cross ice U8 girls team, which was free for players. This year we have to pay for the ice. This year only Newton ice is available, not Reading. There are nine sheets available, Saturdays at 10:00 am starting October 12 for four teams, which comes out to \$60 per team. There should be enough time for i-mite girls to get from their games to Newton for 10:00 am on Saturdays.

A motion was made to pay the U8 girls cross ice fee for \$540. Motion passed.

Equipment Order:

Bill Welch

We still need approximately 60 youth pinnies for Mite 4 and the three i-mite teams.

For goalie gear, we are going to need two sticks (\$120), four net guards (\$200), two chest protectors (\$200 total), one set of leg pads (\$170) and three bags (\$270). These numbers are padded a bit, but the total cost could be as high as \$1060.

A motion was made to purchase the above equipment for up to \$1060.

Discussion: What size pads? Historically 20s for i-mites. Mite 3 and 4 are 20 or 22, Mite 1 and 2 are 24s. Better to give them smaller pads.

Motion passed.

Don Dubuque has let Bill Welch know that the midget shirts are too big. Both Don and Rob's teams are having this problem. We had ordered 16 adult large and 19 adult X large shirts for midgets. They would like to order five additional adult medium shirts. It was discussed that we should actually order 10 adult medium shirts so we'll have some extra for next year (they do not have names on the back).

Also, a lot of players that originally ordered large socks ended up taking mediums instead, so we have a lot of larges and smalls but we have no mediums left. Bill would like to order 10 pairs of medium socks to have for the rest of the season.

A motion was made to order 10 medium shirts and 10 medium socks.

Discussion: Will this need to be a special order? No.

How long will it take to get the shirts in? Usually 3-4 weeks.

Motion passed.

Coaching Requirements:

Bill emailed board members the requirements for SafeSport registration.

Midget coaches – do we want them to go for level 4 certification? Paul and Don's boys are both sophomores this year. They could each potentially coach for a couple more years, however it is unlikely Paul and Don will want to do this certification program (which takes an entire weekend). It was discussed that in the future if they continue to coach, they would need to take the level 4 certification, and we may have to list other names on the roster until they complete that certification. However, for this year there is no issue. It was discussed that if Paul and Don are interested in the certification, we will reimburse them, however we will not request that they do it.

On ice helpers are not required to go to certification classes or take any age modules. Does it make sense for on ice helpers to take the online class? The cost is \$10. It was discussed that we should encourage them to do so but not require it. We will reimburse them the \$10 if they do it.

Assistant coaches for bantams, pee wees, mites and i-mites have been approved. However, we still need to vote on squirt assistant coaches.

Fundraising:

Kara Simoneau

The raffle tickets are in.

For the fundraiser – we can't go back to Bear Hill this year because they're doing a renovation. We are checking into WSSC. The fee for WSSC is \$225.

We will do raffle baskets again and silent auctions. We are looking at Saturday, February 8 for the date. When we lock it down, we need to let the Valley League know so there are no early morning games on Sunday.

Dynamik will give us 10% back for all merchandise purchased online.

Picture Night:

Paul Gilmartin told Brian he would get back to him on dates that will work for picture night at Hockeytown. Brian to confirm with Paul.

Skills:

Feedback so far is that the kids said they liked the first skills session with four stations instead of six.

Don and Rob have asked about having midgets attend skills as well. We can maybe offer them a few sessions in October and have them piggy back with the bantams for a few sessions.

Rotations for skills will be i-mites then mites one week, with squirts then pee wees/bantams combined the next week.

Functional:

Mites – nothing to report – no games have been played yet.

Squirt 2s didn't do well in their first game.

Pee Wee 2s won their first game. Pee Wee 1s and 3s didn't have a game.

Bantam 2s had two games, one tie, one win. Bantam 1s lost 6-5.

Midgets – Rob's team won 9-1. Don's team lost 4-1.

U18 girls – the goalie decided not to play one week before the season started. Lisa S. has found several goalies to back up, so they now have four, potentially five from other programs. But they are all playing somewhere else as well, so Lisa needs to know the schedule well in advance to manage goalies' schedules.

D10 meeting will be held tomorrow night. Play downs and registrations are on the agenda for the meeting. Mini one-on-one is available for squirts and pee wees for three skaters and a goalie. One team per program. This is available to anyone who wants to put together a team.

Valley League – Pee Wees are going to postpone a game on September 21st. Waiting to hear back on a new time/date. We have refs but need to find ice.

Storage:

Bill will send an email to all coaches about the lockers at Hockeytown. The crates will not fit in them but can possibly be put under the bleachers.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 2.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.