

WYSA Monthly Meeting

8/12/19

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Casey, Steve Rubman, Bill Welch, Amy Blain, Ryan Burns

Public Participation:

Jamie Boyle

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

There was not enough participation to have a quorum for voting, so we did not review the previous meeting's minutes. Will do so at the September meeting.

Skills:

Jamie Boyle attended the meeting to discuss potential ways we can augment skills for the 2019-2020 season. Currently there are six stations and six coaches. According to Jamie, stopping to give corrections makes it hard to keep the lines moving. According to Jamie, with the younger kids in particular, the most effective thing to do is to keep them moving, with lots of repetition. (But we don't want them repeating something incorrectly and developing bad habits).

It was discussed that if we can reduce the number of teams/kids at each skills session, we can do four stations and double up on coaches at a couple of stations where kids need the most help. Then each month, they will switch to double up on a different skill.

The Board asked Jamie to come up with a plan for each two-months' worth of skills. With older kids, Jamie should talk to age directors to see what they should work on – have coaches let age directors know what they would like Jamie to focus on.

It was also discussed that the skills coaches need to have more enthusiasm – not just “Go...go...go...” The Board suggested that they possibly also create some form of competition/incentive for the kids with each drill.

Jamie said it's very hard to have the Imites and Mite 3s and 4s there at the same time as the Mite 1s and 2s, because the younger kids need the most attention and can “derail” things quickly. It was discussed that we will have the Imites have the first hour of skills to themselves, then Mite 1-2-3-4 in the second hour. Then the next week Squirts will take the first hour, with Pee Wees/Bantams in the second hour.

The Board discussed that the skills coaches should wear helmets. However, Jamie said that because they are subcontractors and not USA Hockey-registered coaches, the helmet rule doesn't apply to them. The Board asked Jamie to agree that if one of the skills coaches is injured while not wearing a helmet, they will not hold WYSA responsible. Jamie agreed.

The Board asked Jamie to send his and Matt's USA Hockey numbers to Bill Welch. They will also have to do CORIs.

The Board agreed we need to give Jamie constant feedback. Also agreed that all communications to Jamie should go through the age directors.

Next steps: Brian will put together a draft for the Board to review regarding skills schedule/age groups, etc.

Assistant Coach Voting:

Because there was not enough for a quorum, we will do the assistant coach voting electronically. Brian to send an email.

Practice Ice Schedule:

Brian has not heard of any issues from coaches on the proposed practice schedule*. The schedule is therefore final. Brian to send a note to coaches.

*Note: Since this meeting, Brian learned that Mark Pothier, coach of Squirt 1s, cannot do Thursday nights. Therefore, Brian proposes moving Squirt 1s to Tuesday and Squirt 3s to Thursday. Updated schedule is below:

Tue- 6:00 - Malden - S1 & S2

Wed- 5:20 - HT - M1 & M2

Wed-6:30 - HT - P1 & P2

Thu- 6:00- Malden - M3 & M4

Thu- 7:10- Malden - B1 & B2

Fri- 5:20- HT - P3 & S3

Fri- 5:55- HT - Midgets

Vendors:

Bill Welch has been researching new vendors, as there were a lot of negative issues with Fully Promoted last season. WYSA originally chose to work with Fully Promoted because he had a child in the WYSA program, and they offered an online store. At the time, Dynamik Sports said they couldn't do an online store. However, now the owner Mark says they can do online. Dynamik also offers Bauer gear and is the only nearby Bauer rep.

Rod at the Tee Stop said he really doesn't want to set up an online site, but he will if he has to.

It is Bill's recommendation that we go with Dynamik. Because there is not enough participation for a quorum, we will vote on this electronically.*

*Following the meeting, after some back and forth discussion via email, an electronic vote was held, and Dynamik was unanimously voted in as our new vendor 11-0.

U18 Girls:

Lisa Stewart ordered shirts and socks from the Tee Stop. She has two sponsors, possibly three. She will distribute the shirts at shirt night.

She can no longer get ice at Kasabuski on Wednesdays. She was offered ice on Sundays at 1:00, and she is talking to parents and coaches before committing.

Coaches Meeting:

The coaches meeting will be held Monday, August 19th at 7:00 pm in the Public Safety building. Among other things, we will discuss CORI/ SafeSport.

Imite League Schedule:

Bill is checking to determine the game schedule for the Imite league. It was discussed that the Imite practice start date should be Saturday, September 21. It was decided that the Imites should have this practice before they start skills.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.