

WYSA Monthly Meeting

11/12/19

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Steve Rubman, Amy Blain, Kara Simoneau, Bill Welch, Ryan Burns, Jeff McGann, Andy Reed, Don Collins, Lindsay Rocca, Lisa Van Dorpe, Lisa Stewart, Rick Morris

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm

A motion was made to approve the minutes and executive minutes from the October meeting. Motion passed.

Learn to Skate:

We have had over 40 registrations. Bill will discuss LTP with everyone who is currently enrolled in the Bruins program.

Rick Middleton will attend the Saturday, November 16 LTP session at 9:20.

Bruins Program – There are a lot of strong skaters in the program this year. After the second week there is only one skater still using a crate. Bill would like to offer to move some of these skaters to Imites. If we get seven or eight new skaters, we could form a new Imite team. Registration on Sports Engine doesn't close, so new skaters would pay \$200 to register and would be invoiced for the rest. Stoneham said they could activate the 6:00 am ice slot if necessary. Bill estimates that at most it would be 10 additional skaters for the Imite program.

A motion was made to welcome Bruins Learn to Play skaters to potentially play imites. Motion passed.

Middle School:

There are four teams; two fifth grade, one sixth grade and one seventh grade. Coaches are Pothier and McCarthy for the two fifth grade teams, Brian Casey for the sixth grade team and Kevin Martin for the seventh grade team. The jamboree will be held November 22, and the season starts December 7. The one eighth grader who signed up will not be able to play because he cannot join the seventh grade team. If we add even one eighth grader to the seventh grade team we would have to go to checking. We have returned the eighth grade skater's payment.

Ideas to Retain Skaters:

Coaches bios for the Website: Lisa V. has been collecting bios from the coaches. Chris Defeo's bio includes his coaching philosophy. This is a good one to use as a model for all bios. Amy to help Lisa assemble the bios.

Goalies – We need to try to increase interest in playing goalie at the Mite, Squirt and Pee Wee level. We need to add Mike Geragosian's bio to our web site. We will also have Lisa send an email blast reminding parents about the Geragosian program.

Jackets – To order jackets for all of our coaches the cost would be about \$5000. Steve recommends we delay discussion on this until we see numbers for next year.

Game-only option – there are about 11 second year Pee Wees this year and only five first year Bantams. Discussed the need to start looking to other towns for Bantams for next season. Brian Casey to determine if and how we should communicate with first year Bantam and second year Pee Wee parents to determine if their skaters will stay with the program. Brian then to look into partnering with other towns such as Stoneham for next year's Bantam team.

Bill proposed next year possibly running two or three Bruins LTP sessions.

When Norwood's program was collapsing, it brought Imites and Mites in house and charged only \$500 for the season. This helped rebuild their program. If we do this, we need to determine how many sheets of ice would we need to make that work. The first year or two we would lose kids, but by dropping the price from \$1000 to \$500 we'd potentially gain more kids in the long run.

Home and Away Shirts:

No updates from Lindsay. Will have info next month.

Patching Requirements:

Peter Burns, Carangelo, Rob Guida, Brian Casey and Tim Warner are outstanding. Bill to follow up.

Fundraiser:

This year's fundraiser will be held at the West Side Social on Saturday, February 8.

We are still working on securing a caterer.

Each team will do a raffle basket. Jen Baldwin will design tickets.

The cost will be \$30 a ticket rather than \$50. There will be less food than last year.

There will be a cost associated with having tickets printed. Kara to determine that cost.

Kara has a list of businesses that we target for sponsorships.

Discussed the possibility of having some kids go to businesses seeking sponsorships/gift cards/raffle items.

Kara is putting together a committee.

Banquet Location:

Amy will take this to look into options. We did hold the banquet at the Elks one year.

There will be about 220 people total.

Awards for Banquet:

Brian has sent an email to all of the appropriate coaches regarding awards for this season.

Tryout Registration:

Registration opens at the end of January. According to Steve and Lisa the web site will be ready.

Instagram:

A motion was made to activate the WYSA Instagram account. Motion passed, however it was discussed that we need to figure out how to secure permission to post photos of kids. There needs to be an opt-out option.

Functional Updates:

Imites:

A motion was made to approve a budget of \$460 for the Imites to go to Foxboro Stadium to play. All three Imite teams will attend. Motion passed.

Mites:

The Mite 1s are doing the Heseltine Tournament Thanksgiving weekend. The Mite 2s will not do Heseltine this year. Steve Boudreau is looking into a December tournament for the 2s.

Mite 1 was moved down two divisions. They have won one game of the past three games. The Mite 2s are 2-2. Mite 3s are 2-2. No update on Mite 4s.

Ryan has been attending Mite 3 games to evaluate Mackenzie Guilfooy to determine if she should be moved up. He determined her skating is strong but her game play is appropriate for the 3s so she should not be moved up at this time. Mite 3 coach agrees.

Squirts:

Parity has helped all three teams. All are starting to win. Most have picked their tournament. Most will be going to a tournament in Waterville in NH.

The squirts are getting pulled up to Pee Wees quite a bit.

Goalie situation on Squirts - there were originally three goalies on the team – one registered as a full-time goalie and two as part-time goalies. One has since left the program. The parents of one of the part-time goalies is now asking for a goalie discount to be applied to their tuition. This skater is skating half time and playing goal half time. There is nothing in the Policies or Bylaws about skater tuition or goalie discounts, however our most recent contract states that only second year returning full-time goalies will receive a discount of 50% of the skaters' tuition. This is not applicable to first year goalies. Therefore, the discount will not be awarded to this skater.

Pee Wees:

Pee Wee 2s are doing well. The 2s and 3s have been short players so there has been a lot of movement.

PeeWee 3s are struggling and have moved down a bracket. However, the good news is that new skater Michael Carroll is now playing in games and has even scored a goal.

Bill let us know there is another 12 year old girl who is currently participating in learn to play, so this could be a potential addition to the Pee Wee 3 team.

Bantams:

N/A

Midgets:

N/A

Purchasing:

No updates.

Valley League:

There are some rosters on the Valley League site that conflict with our actual rosters. Age directors to work this out with coaches.

Girls U18:

The Girls U18 team lost every game, and the numbers were a little low. However, the girls loved the coaches, and several parents have said they are going to stick with just the Wakefield team next year as opposed to trying to have their skaters play on multiple teams. There is a parent who will step up to manage next year, but Lisa S. will stay on next year as well to help bring her up to speed.

U8 Girls:

U8 girls are undefeated.

Raffle Tickets:

Nov 1: \$25, Scarpello
Nov 2: \$50, Rizzuto
Nov 3: \$100 Carongelo
Nov 4: \$50 Mark Pothier
Nov 5: \$25, Pietrantonio
Nov 6: \$50, Follis
Nov 7: \$50, Carino
Nov 8: \$25 Rizzuto
Nov 9: \$50 Joe and Daniella Thomas
Nov 10: \$100, Rizzuto
Nov 11: \$50 Rick Morris
Nov 12: \$25, Blain
Nov 13: \$50, James Ferreira
Nov 14: \$50, Marlena Maier
Nov 15: \$25 Vinciulla
Nov 16: \$50 Primo
Nov 17: \$100 Thomas Walsh
Nov 18: \$50 Lori Bonner
Nov 19: \$25 Declan Kelly
Nov 20: \$50 Gaudette
Nov 21: \$50 Max Defeo
Nov 22: \$25 Frank Walsh
Nov 23: \$50 Simoneau
Nov 24: \$100 Burns
Nov 25: \$50 Mason Curran
Nov 26: \$25 Declan Kelly
Nov 27: \$50 Kara Vinciulla
Nov 28: \$250 Kelsey Scott
Nov 29: \$100 Caitlin McGrath
Nov 30: \$50 Julie Carteiro

Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.