

WYSA Monthly Meeting

7/8/19

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Don Collins, Amy Blain, Andy Reed, Brian Casey, Lisa Van Dorpe, Ryan Burns, Jeff McGann, Kara Simoneau, Bill Welch, Rob Guida

Public Participation:

Lindsay Rocca

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Review of Previous Minutes:

Motion was made to approve minutes from 6/10/19 meeting. Motion passed.

U18 Girls:

Lisa Stewart has let us know there are two potential sponsors for girls' team/shirts. Rather than order special shirts for the girls' team with sponsors, Brian Casey suggested we have them use standard shirts and see if sponsors will pick up the cost for ice time instead.

Bill Welch to discuss this with Lisa.

Ice Availability:

Per the June meeting, there is available ice time at both Kasabuski and Holland for the fall. Discussed that the Saturday and Sunday times at Kasabuski are reasonable, but the available Holland times are not. Discussed the possibility of getting a sheet for the Midgets for fall. (Last year the Midgets had a rotator sheet). Possibly Wednesdays at 8:20 p.m. at Kasabuski.

Brian to reach out to Lisa Stewart to see if she took the half sheet on Wednesdays for U18 girls and to confirm what times are still available.

Financial Update:

No financial update, Steve Rubman was not at meeting. Steve will email the update to the Board.

Bruins LTP:

Registration opened on July 8th. As of this meeting there were already 15 players registered – all from Wakefield. Bill is promoting online and in several business locations throughout town.

Assistant Coach Voting:

A motion was made to accept George Carino as Assistant Coach for Bantam 1s. Motion passed. No other assistant coaches have been presented thus far.

Brian to communicate to head coaches to get their assistant coaches in by the August meeting.

Picture Night:

Brian reached out to Paul Gilmartin at Hockeytown regarding use of the upstairs for picture night, but as of this meeting he still hadn't heard back from him.

Discussed possibly taking two blocks of available ice time from Holland or Kasabuski to do pictures on ice. Kara Simoneau to reach out to Brogen Photography to determine if they can feasibly do the pictures on ice. She will also ask what Brogen recommends we do if we are unable to secure a location that would allow the players to wear their skates. Could pictures be taken without skates, shot from the ankles up?

Kara noted we have received a \$260 check from Brogen Photography.

Brian to reach out to Paul Gilmartin again regarding upstairs at Hockeytown.

2019-2020 Practice Ice Schedule:

Brian created a skeleton schedule:

Tuesdays, Malden:

6:00 p.m. – Squirt 2, Squirt 3

Wednesdays, Hockeytown:

5:20 p.m. – Mite 1, Mite 2

6:30 p.m. – Pee Wee 1, Pee Wee 2

Thursdays, Malden:

6:00 p.m. – Pee Wee 3, Squirt 1

7:10 p.m. – Bantam 1, Bantam 2

Fridays, Hockeytown:

5:20 p.m. – Mite 3, Mite 4

5:55 p.m. – Midgets

Age directors to reach out to coaches to determine if there are any nights they cannot do. Brian to then confirm final practice schedule with coaches.

Equipment Order:

Bill is requesting budget approval for the following equipment:

- Two boxes of 16 ice packs, \$30 each - \$60 total
- 15 first aid kits for coaches, \$30 each - \$450 total
- Six boxes of 100 black pucks, \$130 each - \$780 total
- 100 six-inch cones, \$5 each - \$500 total
- 10 coach's bags, (Cost?)
- Total budget requested: \$2390

Motion was made to approve giving \$2390 of budget money for Bill to purchase this equipment. Motion was approved.

Regarding storage, Hockeytown will no longer allow us to use the front room for storage, however they will provide us with a wooden lock up. This will not hold the crates. Discussed the possibility of storing the crates underneath the stands with a locked cable connecting them together.

2019-2020 Fundraiser:

Kara has received lots of positive feedback regarding the 2018-2019 fundraiser event at Bear Hill. Discussed doing this again at Bear Hill for the 2019-2020 season. Discussed that we would not be able to charge \$50 per ticket again because that was positioned as a special “extra” cost to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of WYSA. We made \$25 per person on the \$50 ticket, so we would need to charge at least \$30 per ticket next year.

Also discussed doing the raffle baskets again, with each team providing a \$100-value basket. Because there is a minimum amount of money we must spend on food at Bear Hill, the basket raffles help to offset that cost. Kara to look into booking Bear Hill again for next year and will discuss costs and logistics at a future meeting.

2019-2020 Banquet:

Discussed that the cost to hold the banquet at the high school is about \$3500, and this price has increased significantly from last year. Discussed the possibility of having the banquet at a different location such as Prince Pizza. The venue needs to be large enough to hold about 260 people. Also discussed holding a raffle again at the next banquet – Red Sox tickets.

Kara to look into costs for Prince Pizza, and Lindsay Rocca to look into cost for West Side Social Club.

Skills:

Discussed the need for more age-appropriate drills. Discussed the need for Jamie and the Green Guys to provide constructive feedback and correction to players. Also discussed possibly no longer calling it “Skills” but “Player Development” instead.

Discussed possibly having smaller groups of players attend Skills less often, in order to allow Green Guys to provide more attention to each individual player. However, we determined that this is not ideal because it could be perceived that players are receiving less overall ice time.

Discussed possibly having fewer stations – three instead of six – so players can have more time to focus on each skill.

Discussed having coach participation at Skills sessions as on-ice helpers. However, it was determined that this is not ideal as most coaches are giving a lot of their time as-is and cannot take on additional ice time.

Determined that coaches and the Board need to do a better job of communicating the benefits and importance of Skills to parents, stressing that this is not optional.

The Board would like to see a full year progressive plan from Jamie, laid out month-by-month. We could re-evaluate the plan in January for the remainder of the season. This would help ensure that the drills are progressing appropriately throughout the year.

Brian will reach out to Jamie to ask him to attend the August Board meeting. Determined it would not be beneficial to have him attend the coach's meeting.

USA/Mass Hockey:

Bill provided an update on changes for the upcoming season. Anyone registering as a coach will have to have a background check. They are no longer processing CORIs through the state website.

Also, every volunteer – including board members, coaches, on ice helpers, etc. – will have to complete the SafeSport online course. The course takes about four hours, and there is no cost. Once completed, the certification is good for two years.

Also discussed that according to SafeSport requirements, anyone involved in WYSA is a “mandatory reporter” and must report to SafeSport anything we see or hear that can be perceived as questionable behavior. USA Hockey will send guidelines to all coaches regarding one-on-one interactions, locker room policies, etc.

Bill will send a communications email to all parents/coaches/Board members with instructions and links to all appropriate online forms/courses/registrations. Bill will also send an email communication to all parents to make sure they register all players and coaches with USA Hockey.

Brian to communicate with all head coaches regarding proposed practice schedule, assistant coaches, coach's night meeting, USA hockey registration, and SafeSport.

Pre-Season Camp:

Determined we will hold the camp again this year with the same schedule as last year – to occur in Malden for three nights during the week of August 26.

Brian to talk to Jamie about being at Pre-Season camp.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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2019-2020 Expenses:

Per the Executive Minutes from the June meeting, expenses for 2019-2020 are:

- QuickBooks Online Monthly Fee: \$22.31/month
- Post Office Box Renewal: \$176.00
- Total Expenses: \$198.31

Motion was made to accept Executive Meeting minutes from the 6/10/19 meeting with expenses already incurred for the year. Motion passed.