

**Harwood Youth Hockey Association
Monthly Meeting August 17th 2020
Location ZOOM**

Members Present: Liza Sikora, Lindsay Staples, Amy Wells, Jodi LaVanway, Sarah Duffy, Sam Huber, Matt Lillard, Dan Farr,

Guests: Beth Keen, Keith LaCroix, Tim Smith

Members not attending: Jen McCabe, Chris Martin

Amy Calls to order the monthly meeting at 6:00pm

Treasurer Report: Current balance \$25,179.86

Checks to be written:

- Check to Owen Duffy for reffing 3v3 \$110
- Check to Ben Glenn for reffing 3v3 \$60

**Liza makes a motion to approve the payment for the Referees for 3v3. Dan 2nd, all in favor.

**Sarah and Amy abstained from voting due to conflict of interest.

- Sam has contacted the bank in regards to getting the account information switched over from past presidents and board members, to the current executive board members. She is still waiting for paperwork from the bank, contacted the bank today and will contact again tomorrow to get this straightened out.
- **Restitution documentation:** Carol Wheeler and Angela Wells do not have this information. This is crucial that we, as a board get this information, including the restitution order so that all money can be properly tracked and the order can be followed correctly.
 - Amy will check files at the rink
 - Sam will get this information together and report back once it has been located.
 - Amy will also ask Bindy Martin about this issue to get more information if possible.
- The current restitution money is sent to the P.O. box. Sam reported that HYHA gets between \$18 and \$30 a month from the restitution.
 - This is separate from the money market account. Current account is in the \$52,000-\$53,000 range.
 - Restitution money goes into the regular checking account as income. What we should be doing with this money will be in the details of the order! It is important that we get this document soon!

**Amy Makes a motion to approve the treasurer report. Jodi 2nd, all in favor.

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Amy makes a motion to approve Minutes from the July 2020 meeting. Matt 2nd, all in favor

Action Items Review: Action items are In the dropbox folder under the “monthly meetings” board members all were invited to the drop box and should check the action items!!

- All board members need to finish their Safe Sport re-certifications before the season begins. Volunteers also need this certification along with background checks. Get these done ASAP.
- COVID training sent by the state needs to be completed and certificates need to be sent to Amy Wells.
- Deadline for these certifications is September 1st. Please complete in a timely manner. New coaches and volunteers during the season will be asked to complete these in 48 hours if possible. Amy will email the HYHA community to remind people of this requirement for volunteers.
- Advertise meetings better to reach more community members.
- Lindsay will plan to re-send action items list 2 weeks before the next meeting to remind people of their obligations.

VSAHA Update:

- **Face off zoom meeting has been canceled...**VSAHA meeting is Scheduled for Thursday Aug, 20, 2020 at 7pm. Feel free to join if you can!

VSAHA is working hard to get information out to people as they can in regards to all the changes and regulation!

- Outstanding Debt List was completed and needs to be submitted by Amy to VSAHA, due September 1st.
- Scheduling without a faceoff meeting?? More information to come...Carol is still head scheduler Liza still in charge of the U8 and U6 schedules.

Essex not putting in ice this year...due to COVID there will be rinks that don't go back up! Stay tuned as always for changes.

Games and regulations on where and if teams can play others is in the works... Lots of COVID regs stay tuned!!

Ice Center Update: Rumors to be put to rest! Lots of talk about the rink and ice-in dates.

- Amy Emailed Tim for a clear answer:
 - Tim said the plan is to put in ice on or before Labor day as planned.
- The HYHA should put together a letter of understanding or a contract with the ice center. There needs to be a better line of communication with the rink staff!!

- Rink was looking to hire cleaning staff. Any HYHA cleaning volunteers liability would fall on the Ice Center not HYHA and should not be done by us. Ice Center was urged to reach out the Stowe Arena so see how they are handling things with COVID.
 - HYHA can help get Kids/players in and out quickly! We have learned a lot from 3v3.

Encourage come HYHA members to join the rink meeting coming up!!

Early Registration Dates - 2020-2021 season:

Tentative practice times have been sent to coaches for feedback

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Early Registration - Registration is open and has been tested by Sarah! Bugs were all worked out and the next step is to Email the HYHA community to let people know that it is open!

- Advertise that it is open and get kids signed up!
 - Get the sign up in waterbury and Jodi will reach out to Eric from MadRiver to get a banner there too. A new banner is approx \$180.
 - Advertise on facebook and the website!

Game Times: Ice Center now needs 30 minutes between games for cleaning and will be looking for volunteers to help. This should not be HYHA coaches or volunteers for reasons stated previously.

- Game Times to possibly change? Overall consensus is people agree to have U8 to remain in the early time slot for 7-8am
- Times to consider with the U12 and U14 in regards to refs for their games and U14 for the possibility of double rosters with Varsity.
 - Double roster, check with varsity about how they feel about this we should reach out for feedback before we go any further. This was an issue last year. There needs to be a better framework about how this would happen. Have Chris reach out to Jake, and Amy will help to coordinate this

Deadline for early registration will be the 29th and on the 30th it changes over to full price with no discount!

Coaches: We are very low on coaches Down atleast 10 from last season.

Here the rundown:

U6 Sam agreed to this, she will need an assistant coach, Liza will focus on this along with LTS coach and volunteers.

U8 Brett and Matt

U10 Dan and Tim both interested but not as head coach, considering a joint practice with U12 so Keith can assist with this.

U12, Keith

U14 Chris and Clayton

Practice times to be discussed, parents not happy with the late late night for players.

We need to advertise for coaches.

- Email the current roster after pre-registration closes to let parents know there is a need for coaches,
- Also plan to clean up the sports engine to take off some people who have left.
- We want to cast this net wide and get the word out there that we need coaches.
- Front porch forum, facebook, website, elsewhere to get the word out! We need to do this ASAP!!

Plan for preseason?

- Sundays or Tuesdays?
- Possible start date of Sept. 13th?
- Chris and Keith can survey the coaches for what day works better
- Amy will see what ice time is available.
- Ian Smith a possible direction to go? Normal cost is \$75 per hour!!! Let's reach out to him! Sam can reach out to both Ian and Chris to connect the communication and get a plan. Loop in the player development committee to keep communication open!!!

Who will we offer it to? Harwood only? Open to all? Discuss further... as plans settle.

Fundraising:

- Laura Ladieu has resigned, who will take this on is now up in the air. Liza will let the board know by the end of the week of this is something she will take on for the season going forward.
- What's coming up? Corn hole tournament! Liza and Nicole will work with 802 Cornhole to put this one. Be on the lookout for more information!
- We want to be able to elevate our program and provide more tournaments! This is a competitive field and we also want to involve the community and retain players. Helping team parents also get more involved And having fundraising nights for each team is a possible

Next BOD Meeting Wednesday September, 9th Zoom 5:30 pm Link to be sent out soon by Matt.

****Amy makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm, Jodi 2nd, all in favor!**