

WYSA Meeting Minutes

7/11/21

Attendees:

Brian Casey, Bill Welch, Rick Morris, Jeff Timmins, Lindsay Rocca, Eileen Colleran, Eric Hubert, Michael Morel, Michele Kelly, Ryan Burns, Liam McDonnell

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The board celebrated its first in-person meeting since covid restrictions forced virtual meetings. Going forward, space in the Public Safety Building Wakefield will be used to host monthly meetings.

Financials

- Withdrawals for upcoming season will begin this coming week
- Registrations are slightly down on previous years by approx. ~15 with 1 or 2 less on squirts. We are yet to record U18 girls registrations and 20/21 season over exceeded on midgets.
- Learn to play numbers strong and the plan will be to accept any children wishing to join mid-season.
- Any conversion from LTP program to iMites critically important – “Build from the bottom”
- Role of Board treasurer remains *OPEN*

Misc. Business Topics

Bantam Director

- Individual still being sought for role
- Proposal to show any dual roles or interim assignments on the WYSA site.

USA Hockey Points of emphasis

- USA Hockey memo on changes or introductions to the rules of play
- Notable changes include
 - Body Checking / contact
 - Finishing Hits
 - Hooking
 - Slashing etc.
- Coaches and age directors to cover at season start to ensure compliance and minimize infractions and penalties.
- Teams with multiple infractions may be required to attend USA hockey Training (team/individual)
- Bill will bring any additional info gleaned from D10 update back to the board in August
- Question regarding responsibilities of referees to enact changes
 - Referee-in-chief is responsible for maintaining new league rules and implementing plan with the referee network.

Mite 2 Bruins Tourney Banner

- Bill W brought completed banner for Board to inspect, will be placed in rafters by Hockeytown facilities pre-season

U18 Girls

- 9 girls currently registered
- Last year team included a player from Winchester
- Additional players can be encouraged to join through a pay as you go scheme.

Refunds

- Board agreed to issue refunds to 2 families based on circumstances which were taken into consideration by the board

Midget Registration

- Midget Registration is open
- Midget shirts currently in lockup and Lindsay R has agreed to take an inventory stock.
- If additional shirts are required, the board may seek to purchase additional

Practice Ice Requests

- Next meeting will begin ice time logistics
- Age directors to survey Head coaches on evenings which currently prove difficult for skills sessions.

Sean Guilfooy WYSA position

- Sean Guilfooy not present but has previously contacted Brian C to inquire as to role with WYSA.
- Role needs to be determined
- Board discussed hybrid Valley League Rep and Asst Coaching coordinator
- Brian C. to reach out to Sean G to seek approval on final title/role
- Vote expected to approve role with WYSA in August board meeting.
- Eileen suggested including a note on introducing this role on the WYSA site showing parents and players needs being addressed with e.g. multiple coaching coordinator roles

Skills Vendor Discussion

- It was suggested that prior to the new season, per age level, an assessment of skills and needs be documented and shared with the skills provider
- This will allow some closer oversight of different groups with skills component
- Traditionally the provider follows input from board and age directors on areas of focus at skills sessions.

WYSA Site updates

- Board has begun process of highlighting/detailing coaches Bio's on the WYSA website
- Would help educate community on breadth of talent and experience in coaching roles
- Would include elements such as;
 - Brief introductions
 - Hockey playing history
 - Notable achievements in Hockey
 - Fun facts
 - Headshot etc.

Coaches meeting

- Date in August to be determined for Coaches meeting

All other business (AOB)

- Liam M. to reach out to Amy for contact within Public Safety building and organize ongoing dates for Board to meet in person through the 21/22 season
- Teams registered with valley league (September) and a question around approximate levelling was asked
 - Levelling can be adjusted later ahead of season
- SportsEngine access for Liam M. will be issued in the coming days
- For iMites, league may this year feature 24 games which is 2 more than the 20/21 season
 - This may reflect a slight increase in dues but nothing substantial.
 - Assume a 12 + 12 week setup which may allow team adjustments etc.

Meeting called to an end at 8:50pm
