

WYSA Meeting Minutes

11/9/20

Attendees: Amy Blain, Brian Casey, Mike Morel, Rick Morris, Steve Rubman, Eric Hubert, Don Collins, Jeff Timmins, Adam Krass, Justin Santerre, Kara Simoneau, Lindsay Rocca, Ryan Burns, Michele Kelly, Sara Eriksen, Bill Welch, Dave McCarthy

Meeting called to order at 7:34 pm

A motion was made to accept October minutes. Motion passed.

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Financials:

Steve isn't sure if Jenn Baldwin received a second credit. She had a credit for one player who is a goalie, but he doesn't believe we've given her the second credit for game only. Steve to determine.

Lynch Foundation (Brian Lynch) sent a check for \$100. Not sure if anyone knew about it. We should reach out to thank him. Ryan to send a thank you - his son is a mite 1.

Fundraising:

Final picture night has been rescheduled for Friday, November 20. Amy to send blast communication.

November raffle tickets – were pulled this week all at once at the Casey house. Kara has the list of the names. We usually wait for the end of the month to announce all winners.

Online store is open with Dynamik. Open until November 15. Amy to send another blast or two this week. Kara also sent the link to Friends of Wakefield Hockey at the high school.

10K Fundraiser – We wanted try do an elimination raffle where we pull names each day until we get down to 4 people. However, this is not the best way to manage it this year since we can't be in person. Concerns like where would we hold the names, etc. We determined it would be best to just pull one name – the name of the winner. Hopefully we can do it next year and pull at the night of the fundraiser. We will pull the winner before Christmas. If we sell out, we will put names on a wait list and will hopefully be able to do a second one in the spring. Payments will have to be cash or Venmo. No credit cards. No checks. Give WYSA community a week's exclusive to get in before we open to the public. No limit to how many chances you can buy. Board approved this plan. Start selling by next week. Cut off date is December 15. If we sell out very quickly, we could potentially do two this month. 11/15 through 11/30 for WYSA only. 12/1 through 12/15 open to the public.

COVID Restart/Rink Restrictions:

Most Valley League rinks are not allowing any spectators. Brian spoke to Paul Gilmartin. Moving forward – one spectator per team, someone who can be outside and on call. Skills – two spectators there to help with any issues. Haverhill is thinking about eliminating bags. So kids walk in and walk out fully dressed. We may have a max of four chaperones who help out per each team. According to Paul G – they may make adjustments at the 10U level, but not yet.

Brian would like to encourage parents to not bring a bag into the rink. Some rinks aren't letting parents in even to just tie skates.

We need to come up with a plan for our practices and skills. Two coaches/two chaperones are allowed.

We need to send an official letter from the WYSA Board to the Valley League (Gilmartin) voicing our concerns. Brian to reach out to other boards to try to get others to do the same.

We should send a thank you email to coaches from the Board to acknowledge what they're dealing with all the changes. Brian to draft.

LTSP:

One parent per skater will be allowed for the LTSP program. According to Paul Gilmartin. No siblings – one parent only.

Out of State Tournaments:

No out of state games allowed. Per Valley League. We will enforce as well.

Middle School Hockey:

If we do girls middle school it should be grades 7 and 8 only. Eric to look into Martian League. Eric to determine if we have the numbers.

Fifth and sixth combined for boys and girls?

Valley League hasn't been able to get a girls program off the ground. The Martian League has one.

Schedule Change – S1:

S1 will stay on earlier sheet on Wednesdays – 5:10 sheet. Will leave a half a sheet open on Wednesday nights.

USA Hockey Modules:

Joseph Abbot still needs L1. This is virtual. Matt Downey was scheduled for L2 for last week, not sure if it happened. Mike Kelly – L2 cert still needed.

Midget and U18 Girls State Tourneys have been canceled. They are trying to determine if they can do these later in the year. As of right now the rest are still going to happen – just trying to figure out logistics.

Bruins are doing Wednesday night Zoom meetings, for players or parents or coaches – different each week. Extension of the Coaching symposium they do. Bruins LTP will happen but will be reduced. 900 sets will be given out versus 5000 in normal years. We may not even be able to get to participate as they are limiting the number of participants.

Ref abuse policy – mid-year change (which is rare). If you are written up for verbally or physically abusing a ref – upped it to a two game suspension. No hearings. Refs can make these calls. This was approved last Monday, November 2.

Cheever Grant may not happen this year. No official word yet.

MA Hockey recommends tryouts start on March 15. This is a guideline but may change. This is the day they advise associations start tryouts and no earlier. But it's not mandated – just a guideline.

Coach Agreement Committee Update:

Rick would like to repurpose the Nashoba Coaches agreement. Rick to resend to the Board to review.

Open Position Voting:

Pee Wee Age Director – Adam Krass. Would be up for renewal in May of 2022.

Motion made to appoint Adam. Motion passed.

Communications Director – Eileen Colleran is interested. We will vote her in in December.

LTSP:

Cap craters at 25. Push out communications. Mike now has access to registration. Bill and his older son will be on-ice helpers. Skaters will need USA Hockey registrations. We probably shouldn't be trying to get any more.

Imites:

We officially moved one skater to mites...we're at capacity for mites right now, so no room for any additional new mite skaters to come up from imites.

Patriot Place - \$230 for budget to send the two teams. Not sure if it will be allowed or will happen at all. Most likely it won't happen this year. A motion was made to approve budget for this if it does happen. Motion passed.

Mites:

No updates. Doing well.

Squirts:

Age director. Position is until the end of 2021. Motion made to appoint Amy to squirt age director. Motion passed.

Pee Wee:

Goalies are doing really well – hoping they may convert full time to goalie.

Bantams:

Had a rough game after the two-week break.

Midgets:

Three weeks remaining. Lots of attendance to practices. We had to limit the number of players allowed to show up to games. So far no complaints.

U18 Girls:

Goalie from Winchester has played in every game.

Equipment:

Two jerseys have come in right before we closed down. Pietrantonio jersey has not come in yet. Lindsay to connect with Amy with update.

Coaching Coordinator:

Jamie has a good game plan. Making sure kids are getting on and off ice quickly. Feedback from parents and kids is positive - drills are harder, better. We have a plan for the first part of the season.

Stickers:

We will order more helmet/car stickers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.