

WYSA Meeting Minutes

1/11/21

Attendees: Amy Blain, Brian Casey, Mike Morel, Rick Morris, Adam Krass, Eileen Colleran, Justin Santerre, Kara Simoneau, Eric Hubert, Bill Welch, Ryan Burns, Jeff Timmins, Brian Lynch, Michelle DeLelys,

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm

A motion was made to accept minutes from December's meeting. Motion passed with a request to fix two typos.

Financials:

WYSA has made its annual donation to friends of Wakefield Boys Hockey. We're likely in the positive for this year. The lack of ice time, lack of tournaments put us in a better spot financially than last year. We have roughly an \$1800 credit for ice time missed because of COVID.

Coaches training fees dropped about \$1000 this year probably because of no in-persons. Steve believes we should be in the black for next year as well, so we do not need to raise fees again for next year.

Steve won't be able to attend the next two meetings, but he will email his updates.

Fundraiser

The \$10k raffle went well. We sold 190 tickets and made a \$9000 profit. The four quarterfinalists split the money - \$2500 each. In the future we may do it again with a \$5,000 prize and lower ticket cost.

Discussed possibly doing raffle baskets this year in the Feb/March timeframe. Perhaps give the team that sells the most a sheet of ice. Last year we raised a couple thousand in raffle baskets. Decided we would have each team do a basket \$100 a basket. Get team leaders/themes for each team. Baskets due Feb 5, two weeks to promote them, pull raffles week of Feb 15th. Pull via online wheel again. Get this in the newsletter this week. Have head coaches tell their team this week and help name a person to organize. Name each basket, have people Venmo money based on basket names, give numbers out. Steve and Kara to work it out. Motion passed.

Boston Burger and Mortadella head - we filled out an application to get a percentage of sales during week of February vacation. We will find out if we will be accepted in the coming weeks.

Dynamik made \$10k on our online store – of which we get 5%. We were his top online store for the season. There are still 10 or so bags that need to be picked up. Eileen to send email communications about it.

Food bank: We didn't do any food bank drive this year. Instead we can point people to Food Drive receptacles. Eileen to communicate in the newsletter.

Annual Awards

All coaches are aware of which teams need award winners/requirements. Brian will follow up with each of the two-level coaches as a reminder. We will announce award winners at the end of season. Last years – Lindsay is picking them up this week. Lindsay to drop with Brian.

U18 girls

This season's U18 girls coaches now coach the HS team so we need to open up coach search for next year. Lisa to check in with Patty Domingo. The girls will also need socks so we should add that to the order for next year. For the coach's application we should duplicate last year's.

Game Beast

Bill proposed we look into switching to Game Beast. They are a competitor to Sports Engine and only focus on hockey. They accept credit card payment at a fee of \$1.25 + 3.15% per transaction. ACH – users can plug in bank details. With Sports Engine, ACH and Credit card payments have the same cost to us. With Game Beast it's less. Right now we pay Sports Engine about \$10k in annual fees – mostly transaction fees. Bill estimates we could save \$1500 - \$4000 a year with Game Beast based on his research. If we say no credit cards and only accept ACH, then we could save \$9000. Concerns – security, Game Beast is a much smaller company. Also, most people prefer to pay with credit cards to get points. Amy demonstrated great restraint by not crawling through her computer screen to slap Bill, as she reminded him of the many, many hours she put into designing the registrations on our current Sports Engine website just a few short months ago. It was discussed and we decided not to move forward at this time.

Coach evaluations

Brian sent evaluation forms to all age directors to send to coaches. All coaches should have the input of their assistants as well. These are meant to only be used as a data point. This past year they became much more important. Meant to only be used as a tie breaker. Age directors should be talking to all coaches, including assistants to get a full picture.

Imite

A motion was made to approve \$250 for Imite shirts for additional players. Motion passed. There will not be enough new players to make three teams so we will stay at two.

Tryout Registration

Open registration by end of January. Mandatory \$200 fee to tryout. Nonrefundable.

Coach Application

Amy to create by redesigning last year's application. We will include our coach's agreement.

Tryout Schedule

Age directors to select evaluators (4-5). Make sure all evaluation forms go directly and only to the age director. Age director to come up with the tryout drills.

Goalies – all goalies will go to a separate goalie evaluation. Mike G. will evaluate. Brian to send out dos and don'ts.

Tentative Tryout Schedule

3/15 Mon – Squirts first session, 5:20; Peewees first session at 6:20

3/17 Wed – 5:20 second squirts, 6:20 second peewees

3/18 – Thursday Malden 6:00 third Peewees session, 7:10 Bantams 1st session

3/19 Fri – 5:20 Squirt third session, 5:55 Bantams second session

3/21 Sunday, 1:00 imites first session
3/22 Mon – 5:20 second imites session; 6:20 third bantam session
3/23 Tues Malden 6:00 mites first session
Wed 3/24 – 5:20 Mites second session
3/25 Thurs Malden 6:00 goalies
Fri 3/26 -5:55 mites third session

Start lining up on ice helpers. Brian to send parent FAQ. Include tryout policies.

Websites

Brian to send Amy award winners and descriptions to go on website. We should track down banners to hang. Or we could create a banner that lists our historic wins. Bill to look into this.

LTSP

Kids are progressing. Things going well. Mike M. is looking for guidance on when it is appropriate to move kids to LTP from LTS. They should be able to stop.

Mites

All good here. 1, 2 and 3s are 7-5, 7-6, 7-4 respectively. All seem to be in the right division.

Squirts

S1: 5-9, have won 4 out of the last 5. Playing really good team hockey - lots of nice passing, positioning, forechecking and backchecking.

S2: 5-7-1

S3: 5-10, showing a lot of improvement as well, both in positioning and individual skills. Have gone 5-5 in our last 10 after starting the season with no wins before that.

Pee Wees

8-3-2, 6-6-2, 3-8 (but were 0-6 last month).

Bantams

Not going well – tied last week. Levels on team are all over the place.

Equipment

Shirts are in. Pucks were brought over to Hockey Town.

Middle

Two 5/6 teams are going really well. 7/8 team is a mix.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.