



**Wilmington Youth Hockey
January 9, 2019
4th of July Building
Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, MA 01887
7:30 PM
BOD MEETING**

MINUTES

Members Present: J. Lavorato; M. Bornstein; T. Dalton, S. Audette; J. Higgins; M. Newhouse; B. Spencer; D. McDevitt; J. Thompson; N. Carr; J. Largenton; K. Cyr; D. Constantiello

Absent: J. O'Brien; P. McGilvray

Others Present: S. Spinosa; S. Doherty

1. Call to Order and Executive Board Remarks – (Audette)

S. Audette called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

He informed the Board that Shelley Sainato is asking us to push the trivia night and Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser on February 11th.

2. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2018

Upon motion made by J. Higgin and seconded by T. Dalton, it was Unanimously voted to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report and Financial Update (McDevitt)

The Treasurer reported that based on the receivables for Mini-mites , a game-only and a practice-only player starting in November, as of the close of December, there are 13 accounts to collect; 4 on payment plans; and the organization is down to \$5,000 in receivables, with an approximate annual budget of \$250,000.

As for the operating deficit, depending on LTP and some other things, we are \$4,000 to \$5,000 off. The budget gap was filled by bringing in new



players, including Mini-mites; fundraising spear headed by the Fundraising Committee, and corporate sponsorships.

S. Audette noted that he received word today that ice time will go up by another \$20 per fifty-minute sheet next season. The plan is to keep the same sheets we have. S. Audette advised the Board about the status of Hallenborg. We will see if we can get ice there.

4. Website Committee Update (Bornstein)

M. Bornstein sent out two emails at two different times to the membership to elicit help from interested members. J. Thompson, S. Doherty (member volunteer), B. Spencer and M. Bornstein are working together to form this committee, and they heard from members Kyle Bishop, Ken Tarr and Lisa Papineau. So, the above mentioned Board representatives and members will be the committee and will start the conversation on Monday as to how they can improve the website.

5. Mid Season Survey Update (Bornstein)

M. Bornstine and S. Doherty, with B. Spencer and D. McDevitt's assistance, sent a survey out to former players on January 2nd. They also sent it out to current players (about 130 of them) and to former players a second time. The "former player" survey went out to 140-150 people. They were disappointed with the results (i.e. the lack of responses), so they will send it out again on Friday, January 11th. They have received 36 responses from the current membership and 26 from ex-players. They are requesting that the level directors contact the coaches to have them push it out to the current members. M. Bornstein declined to comment on the nature of the responses until they get more data. M. Bornstein and S. Doherty will follow up at the next BOD meeting.

6. Selection Committees and Tryouts--Next Steps (Audette)

D. McDevitt crafted a selection process for the Mites, but other levels



might use a modified version. He will email us the final proposed "program" by email for approval. J. Largenton and J. Lavorato will review it together to come up with Squirt and Pee Wee programs that will have some continuity with the Mite program that ultimately is approved by the Board.

S. Audette reminded the Board that he wants to run tryouts earlier this season than in the past.

J. Thompson wants to push out the process when we notify the parents about tryouts.

B. Spencer does not believe that Drew's proposed program constitutes an overhaul, but rather it represents a streamlining of the process. This opinion was the consensus of the Board.

7. Meeting Dates (Audette)

S. Audette's meeting schedule has changed. The Skills program that he typically has had on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays has now moved to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, so he will have a conflict with the typical meeting schedule of the BOD going forward. He asked whether it will cause disruption to other members to change meetings to the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. There were no objections. It was noted that if we hold a meeting on January 23rd, and then move to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday, the meetings will proceed on an "every other Wednesday" basis.

8. Team and Corporate Sponsors--Next Steps (Newhouse)

M. Newhouse prepared "thank you" letters to the team sponsors, and they are ready for the President to review and sign (with a clerical correction to be made). D. McDevitt suggested that we invite the teams sponsors to the BWW fundraiser on Feb 11th. M. Newhouse will



incorporate that invitation into the "thank you" letters, get the President's signature, and send them out.

9. Recruiting and Retention Update (Previous Meeting)

This item was covered under item #5 above.

10. Other Business

J. Higgins reminded the Board that Playdowns are on MLK weekend. T. Daltons advised the Board that all the rosters are set, and everything appears to be in order. If the Level Directors are aware of any coaches that have been coaching without "telling the right people", they will not be able to coach at the Playdowns. He also confirmed that the rosters for USA Hockey and the website match up.

J. Lavorato has a question about the Valley League roster regarding one of our players. He will send an email to S. Audette to follow-up. S. Audette does understand that he needs to add that person to the Valley League roster.

B. Spencer: The Bruins PASS clinic will be January 24th at 6 PM (Squirts and Pee Wees). It will be available to Full-time players only, and there were no objections to this.

11. Level Updates:

LTP: D. Costantiello reported that Saturday is the end of session #1; session #2 will start January 27th; Sunday March 10th there is a Bruins' sponsored tourney in Revere that D. Costantiello is asking parents about. As part of the retention subcommittee, one of the ideas is to try to keep Mites by handing out some swag to the kids. So, back in December at the party, they gave the kids Wilmington Wildcats Hockey stickers, and the kids got excited. D. Costantiello is getting pricing from Kevin Connolly (a team sponsor) to get cheap stickers, bumpers, t-shirts. D. Costantiello disclosed to the Board his familial relationship to the team sponsor. He is requesting that the Board establish a budget of \$500 or so. Upon motion made by D. McDevitt and ; Seconded by J. Lavorato, with D.



Costantiello abstaining, it was unanimously voted to approve this \$500 expenditure.

Mites: D. McDevitt reported that they had a full ice scrimmage a couple of weeks ago. Everyone had a good time, and the scrimmages went well. He received good feedback from the other coaches. He is looking at a couple sheets in January and/or February to do it again.

Squirts: J. Largeton had nothing to report.

Pee Wee: J. Lavorato informed the Board that a Pee Wee coach would like his game-only players to attend one practice prior to the playdowns if at all possible. The Board acknowledged that it could be helpful but concern was expressed over setting a precedent that could be objectionable to families paying for the full-time players. D. Costantiello wondered whether there might be a hybrid, by allowing Game-Only player to pay to be at practice. D. McDevitt thinks that it is a good idea generally, but the mechanics of managing it are difficult. T. Dalton suggested that maybe next year the Board might consider an increase to the Game-Only fee in order to be eligible to practice prior to playdowns. D. McDevitt suggested that maybe this year we can rely on the coach to collect the fee for a one-time practice prior to the playdowns.

S. Audette (who as the President is not eligible to cast a vote) is opposed.

Upon motion made by D. Costantiello, and seconded by D. McDevitt, the following was adopted by a margin of 12 voting in the affirmative and 2 voting in the negative: for one practice only, prior to playdowns, Game-Only players may pay \$20 for a one-time opportunity to practice with the team. The one practice shall be selected by the Level Directors, after consulting with the coaches. T. Dalton will craft an email so that J. Largeton and J. Lavorato's messaging is consistent.

GU12: Nothing to report.

Bantams: A parent in another program is looking for his/her son to play now that his half season team is done. M. Bornstein reports that the Bantam coach R. Mercuri is amenable to taking on an Alternate. The consensus was to decline the request. With 16 players on the roster, the Bantam team does not have the need at this time. It was noted that the Bantam team also can call-up a Pee Wee 1 player if the need arises. The player is welcome to consider a practice-only option. Upon motion made by J. Higgins and seconded by N. Carr, it was Unanimously voted, with M. Bornstein abstaining as the Bantam Level Director, to deny the request. S Audette also is opposed.

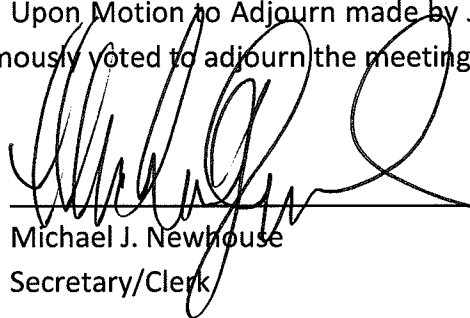
M. Bornstein reported that for the second time this season a specific player received a game misconduct this season (the first one had been for fighting). M.



Bornstein summarized the incident. The Player was checked, but the Referee said that the check was "a clean hard hit". M. Bornstein noted that he could see that the opposing player was targeting him at the end of the game. - WYHA received an incident report. The Head Coach is not imposing any additional penalty or discipline. M. Bornstein noted that this particular player also has had an attitude problem on the bench, and coaches have addressed this issue with him.

Midgets: J. Higgins has nothing to report at this time.

Upon Motion to Adjourn made by J. Lavorato and seconded by J. Higgins, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.



Michael J. Newhouse
Secretary/Clerk

January 23, 2019