



**Wilmington Youth Hockey
March 13, 2019
4th of July Building
Middlesex Ave, Wilmington, MA 01887
7:30 PM
BOD MEETING**

MINUTES

Members Present: J. Lavorato; M. Bornstein; P. McGilvray; S. Audette; M. Newhouse; B. Spencer; D. McDevitt; J. Thompson; N. Carr; J. Largenton; D. Costantiello

**Absent: T. Dalton ; J. O'Brien; J. Higgins; R. DeMederios; K. Cyr
Others Present: S. Sainato; M. Archer; Kevin Nazzaro; Jack Sullivan**

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

S. Audette called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

S. Audette informed the board that a new contract was received from Arlene Reidy. He will send the contract to D. McDevitt and B. Spencer to confirm new rate is included in the contract. B. Spencer will get together with Jeremy (rink manager) to confirm no conflicts in the schedule setting

Final jersey fittings will be done next Thursday 3/21 at 4th of July Building. Cooke's and Bauer representatives will be in attendance and will also have catalog items for WYHA members to see.

D. McDevitt and S. Audette met with Rich Gallant (new owner of Ristuccia). It was made clear by Mr. Gallant that the rink is still managed by Bob Rotundo and he does not intend to get involved for the 2019/20 season contracts. Mr. Gallant commented he felt the rate at which WYHA was paying for a 50-minute sheet of ice seemed high. He continued to note that he would be open to hearing what WYHA needs and wants, and will take it under consideration for the future.



S. Audette, M. Newhouse and K. Cyr met with Jeff Hull (town manager) and Tim Alberts (Wilmington Schools athletics director) to provide them with the results of the conversation WYHA had with Mr. Gallant relative to ice time at Ristuccia and future involvement with the town.

S. Audette would like to send out an email to the membership identifying interested board members to fill in the spots that we are going to have available with departing board members.

2. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2019

Minutes were not presented for approval. Minutes to be presented for approval at the March 27, 2019 meeting.

3. Fundraising Update

S. Sainato and M. Archer updated the BOD regarding fundraising effort. WYHA received a check from the River Hawks for \$132. The Buffalo Wild Wings fundraising event brought in \$414.

The FC would like to start coordinating the "welcome back to hockey" street hockey tournament. The FC is considering the last Sunday in August (8/25), and looking for a potential new venue than last year's. More planning for vendors will be considered.

S. Sainato presented a summary of thoughts for next year and provided a document that includes various items for consideration (attached). D. McDevitt commented that he would like to have some number in the budget related to a reasonable target for the FC. S. Sainato commented that the fundraising team does not want the committee to be chasing an operating deficit each year. M. Archer commented that it would be great to set aside funds for scholarship and show the families that we are giving back to the program. D. McDevitt recommended we talk again during the 1st meeting in April to start discussing a budget for the



fundraising committee. S. Sainato is looking to get the committee members together around the April time frame. J. Lavorato asked why not take the revenue from the calendars into the operating budget and everything else goes towards other activities that the fundraising can determine its use. S. Audette added that ultimately the committee is here to help raise funds for WYHA. M. Archer replied that the committee would like transparency on how the money is used.

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

The Treasurer reported that we will have final numbers for the current season within the next month. The program has an uncollected balance of just \$560, which is incredible based on the same time last season.

As for the operating deficit, the program is looking at somewhere less than \$5,000 shortfall, but our cash reserves will be able to cover it.

D. McDevitt asked what the status of the Bruins Pass check of \$1,000 and requested J. Largenton to ask Jay Mainini about it.

5. Tryouts – Planning and Support (Bornstein)

M. Bornstein wanted to make sure all level directors are set with support for tryouts and planning. D. McDevitt is going to send out his planning information. J. Largenton needs someone to help check people in.

6. Midget Program (Bornstein)

M. Bornstein wanted to bring up the Midget program to start the conversation earlier and in this season vs. the beginning of next season. S. Audette noted this season didn't go as well as planned. He specifically noted that we chased money. We had organized the program to be 2 sheets/week for 1 practice and 1 game, but cut it back to 1 sheet/week for half the cost and due to the lack of interest. S. Audette added that the players showing up for the state tournament was an issue. M. Newhouse



felt it is particularly important to consider the group of kids that will not have been able to (or who have chosen not to) play in club hockey. He believes that WYHA should consider communicating to the membership to see if there is interest to run the program. S. Audette emphasized that it would be necessary to have a person in place to do the work and a specific plan on how they want to proceed by the next meeting. With that understanding, upon motion made by M. Newhouse and seconded by J. Higgins, it was voted to publicize to the membership to identify anyone that is willing to head up the midget program.

7. Coaches Game (Thompson)

J. Thompson proposed two dates for the coaches game, either April 5 or 12th. Due to the Shawsheen/West ice cream social, the recommendation from those in the room was to schedule it for April 5th. A Family skate will be held from 6:20 - 7:50, with the coaches game to be scheduled immediately after. No fundraising activities will be present. For the Family Skate, WYHA will need someone to cover a table and have waivers available. S. Audette volunteered to help with these responsibilities.

8. Jerseys (O'Brien)

J. O'Brien was not present for the meeting. J. Lavorato asked about reversible jerseys. D. McDevitt asked J. Lavorato to reach out to J. O'Brien to get an estimate of cost for reversible jerseys.

9. Other Business

D. Costantiello asked about getting Coaches Jackets. It was recommended for him to contact Cooke's about having any left to be distributed. Coaches can also get fitted.

A question was asked if a Parent/Player game could be held during a



practice time. S. Audette indicated that it is, so long as all the parents who do not have a USA Hockey ID must sign a waiver.

S. Sainato asked if Recruiting and Retention was to be a permanent seat on the board. D. McDevitt replied yes, and the board has someone in mind for this position.

10.Level Updates:

LTP: D. Costantiello reported that Saturday is the end of the season. There were only 7 kids in attendance and feels this was due to poor communication. He suggested that more flyers need to be posted to increase interest.

Mini-Mites: D. Costantiello; Nothing to report

Mites: D. McDevitt reported 41 mites trying out; 34 are 2011/12, 7 are 2013 (5 are mini-mites), 4 game only's. D. McDevitt believes we need to rank off skill, not starting with age first, therefore excluding 2013 birth years should not be a problem. Need to decide if 4 teams or 3 teams and there is a meeting on 3/15 to discuss rankings. Concern with the makeup of the top team with multiple kids from the same club team, which may affect availability of players at games. D. McDevitt and the eval committee will develop his rankings and include notes of where the kids may be. The ideal layout for a mite team is 10 skaters and a goalie. Practice on Sunday - suggestion to open up to all mites that tried out. All board members were in agreement. D. McDevitt made a recommendation to allow teams to consider having parents pitch in to purchase own ice.

Squirts: J. Largenton noted tryouts begin 3/14 with 33 registered. J. Largenton recommended we consider heavier teams vs. lighter teams due to numbers.

Pee Wee: J. Lavorato noted that the goalie situation at the PW level was concerning.

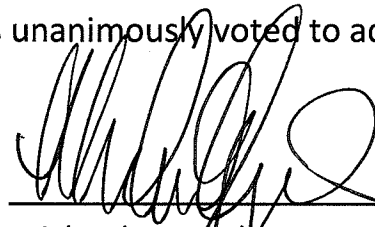


GU12: N. Carr noted that GU12 team is headed to states for the second year and would like to have a few practices to get ready. The board agreed and B. Spencer will provide a few options.

Bantams: M. Bornstein has nothing to report at this time.

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

Upon Motion made by M. Bornstein and seconded by M. Newhouse, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.



Michael J. Newhouse
Secretary/Clerk

May 8, 2019