



**Minutes**  
**Wilmington Youth Hockey**  
**March 27, 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> of July Building**  
**7:30 PM**

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**Present: S. Audette, M. Newhouse, D. McDevitt, J. Lavorato, P. MacGilvray, D. Costantiello, J. Largenton, J. Thompson, B. Spencer, T. Dalton, M. Bornstein, J. Higgins, N. Carr, R. Demedeiros**

**Absent: J. O'Brien, K. Cyr**

**Others Present: Kathi O'Donoghue, Julie White**

**1. Executive Board Remarks (Audette)**

S. Audette called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. He indicated that tryouts were generally well received by the membership, and he received positive comments.

He showed plaques that were provided by the photo company.

**2. Discussion Regarding Midget Program (Bornstein)**

M. Bornstein summarized the discussion about the prospect of having a Midget program, which discussion took place at the last meeting. At end of the previous meeting, the Board had agreed to "put it out to" the membership to ascertain the level of interest. K. O'Donoghue and J. White were present to discuss further. K. O'Donoghue believes there is interest to bridge time for kids who want to play in high school, and she thinks there is an opportunity to catch a



wave of people who want to come back to the program. She and J. White have put feelers out to friends of their sons, and they want to see if they can get the numbers up. J. Higgins pointed-out that they need at least 16 to 20 for one team. It appears that one goalie is interested. The point was also made that it will be important to establish a coach. K. O'Donoghue and J. White have a "hit list" of 4 or 5 prospective qualified coaches. It was acknowledged that the midget season is a short season- of about 10 weeks. There was a discussion about providing the ability for K. O'Donoghue and J. White to get access to the WYHA database to send an email to the membership, trying to ascertain the level of interest.

Upon motion by T. Dalton and seconded by M. Bornstein, the Board unanimously voted to provide access to K. O'Donoghue and J. White to the WYHA database to solicit WYHA contacts with for the purposes of distributing a survey to identify coaches; establish level of interest (1 practice and 1 In House or 1 practice and 1 VL); provided that all Midget tuitions are paid in full, up-front, if a program is established; and further to have a plan in place by end of April. M. Bornstein also noted that we should make sure people understand that VL is U18 (Freshman through Seniors). M. Bornstein will be the point of contact for now.

### **3. Treasurer Update:**

D. McDevitt reviewed the registration numbers for this upcoming year (Mites through Bantams). The Mites will increase from 111 to 142; Squirts through Bantams will increase from 87 to 104 full-time and from 20 to 31 game-only, plus goalies. He is starting to put things together in order to present a proposed budget for next year:

With regard to a girls program, it was noted that this past year's U12



players would be roughly half U12 and half U14 this year. So, given these numbers, there probably will not be a U12 team this year. It is possible that a GU18 team could be created for a half season. Same everything as last year.

J. Lavorato got a call from U10 Andover coach to see if any girls want to play for Andover.

T. Dalton will get a handle on goalies who will want Stop It.

D. McDevitt reports that the Fundraising Committee is comfortable with budgeting \$7,000 toward operating expenses next season.

For budgeting purposes, D. McDevitt will use \$5,000 as a placeholder for corporate sponsorships.

D. McDevitt's assumption is that we will have the Ristuccia contract, and potentially some ice at Holland (perhaps for the GU18 girls). Question: Do we want to increase the tuition and supplement ice time as an organization, or do we make it available by age level or by team? M. Bornstein suggests that we can ask whether registrants are interested in extra skills ice time as a required answer at the time of registration. The consensus of the Board was that Matt's idea is good, and we will move forward with that.

The Fundraising Committee settled on the date of August 25th for the puck drop this year. The Committee needs board approval of check for \$350 for the Elks to pay for the Hall, outdoor area, etc.. Upon motion made by J. Higgins and second by J. Largenton, it was unanimously voted to approve the \$350 expenditure.



#### **4. Jersey update fittings/make up day/ order date (Obrien)**

J. O'Brien reported that our goal is to get all jerseys ordered by end of April.

P. MacGilvray informed the Board that he may not be able to do equipment because he just got switched back to nights. Members pointed-out that the Equipment responsibilities might actually be well suited for someone who has availability during the day. It was suggested that he contact K. Cyr to get his thoughts on it.

#### **5. Bauer first shift discussion/approval ( Audette)**

S. Audette reported that unless the Board objects, he is going to move forward with Bauer to set up the program. By way of reminder the program includes the following: Ages 4 to 9: \$300 for eight Learn-to-Play ("LTP") lessons and full equipment--all as part of the WYHA LTP program. \$180 to Bauer and the rest to WYHA for the LTP program.

No objections were offered. D. McDevitt commented that the program is great, but what asks what the time will be. Perhaps it would work if WYHA did it September 1st, and then it could be followed by 6 to 8 weeks of LTP, prior to the mini-mites . S. Audette was thinking that fitting day would be around the Try Hockey for Free Day. Then WYHA could get a pro-rated fee for mini-mites. T. Dalton thinks that Sunday ice would work, because there is no Sunday soccer at that age. The consensus was for S. Audette to move forward on behalf of the Board.



## **6. Coaches game / family skate update ( Thompson)**

So far eight coaches have registered. She suggested that Level Directors check with their Coaches again.

Relative to the Family skate portion, J. Thompson asked if we need someone there with waivers? She has another obligation, so somebody will have to be there to manage the waivers. S. Audette will make it there at 6:30 PM to take care of it.

## **7. Other Business--None**

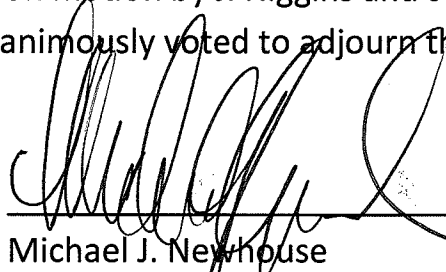
## **8. Level Director Updates:**

- a. LTP/Mini Mites: The invitation to kids that have tried out to come back and practice has been very well received.
- b. Mites: Nothing further.
- c. Squirts: The Squirt 2 team will be in VL finals in Lawrence at 10:15 on Saturday. J. Largenton is concerned about the safety of a Squirt player moving up to Pee Wees given his weak skill set.
- d. Peewee: Nothing.
- e. Bantam: Nothing.
- f. Girls U12: Lost in the state semi-finals to Natick, which was the eventual champ (in closest game that Natick had)

**9. Executive Session--The Board adjourned to Executive Session. The minutes for the Executive Session are attached hereto as Appendix 1, which minutes shall be approved and kept on file, but which shall not be posted on the website.**



Upon motion by J. Higgins and seconded by T. Dalton, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.



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Michael J. Newhouse  
Secretary/Clerk

May 8, 2019