



**Minutes  
Wilmington Youth Hockey  
April 10, 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Building  
7:30 PM**

**Present: J. Lavorato, M. Bornstein, R. Demedeiros, D. Costantiello, J. O'Brien, B. Spencer; D. McDevitt, S. Audette, M. Newhouse, T. Dalton, N. Carr; P. MacGilvray; J. Largenton**

**Absent: J. Thompson, J. Higgins,**

**Others Present: J. White and K. O'Donoghue; S. Sainato**

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

S. Audette called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

He reported that the first annual family skate, held prior to the coaches' game, went well.

The coaches game also went well.

**2. Treasurer's Report and Tuition Rates (McDevitt)**

D. McDevitt reported that this year the Full Time Squirt through Bantams was \$1900 + \$100 tryout fee. It will have to go up. We have more teams, so we will likely see about \$5,000 more for Valley League fees, and the cost would go up even without this increase. He recommends cutting the expectation for revenue generated by the Fundraising Committee by \$20,000, so the operational gap will be approximately \$25,000 before implementing an increase. He summarized the current year's tuition rates versus his recommended tuition rates for next year as follows:



<u>Current</u>	<u>DM Proposed</u>
\$860 for mm	Keep the same (includes jersey)
\$1325 for mites + 100	Increase by \$25
\$1900 + 100 FT squirts thru Bantams	Increase by \$200
GO Mites \$725 + 100	Keep the same
GO: Squirt thru Bantam	Increase by \$75, which is roughly a 10% increase and would be the same percentage increase as full time players.

Goalies \$850 +100 (Blue) Keep the same.

Note: Midgets and GU18 as currently constructed are \$600, and there is no cost for Midget Goalies. These rates, respectively, are not finalized for purposes of setting rates, but 15 and 18 players are included in projected budget revenue and expense numbers.

The recommended budget also includes the following:

Fundraising at \$7000 and Corp Sponsors at \$7000  
 Fundraising expenses at \$500  
 Stop It Training Cost \$6100  
 Uniforms and Winners Jackets---Level Funded  
 Skills are not included in the recommended budget.

With these projected revenues and expenditures, we would have a \$5600 operating surplus. Currently we have \$20-25k in cash.



Compare: Billerica 2100 and Woburn 1800

D. McDevitt asked, as parents, how do members feel about 2100 + 100 for Squirts through Bantams?

Given our uniquely high cost of ice time, the consensus is that a \$200 increase is palatable.

After discussion, upon motion made by J. Lavorato and seconded by J. O'Brian, it was unanimously voted to accept the tuition rates outlined by the Treasurer.

### **3. Fundraising Committee Update (Sainato)**

S. Sainato reported that the FC raised roughly \$26,000+ this past season.

With regard to the scholarships totaling \$2000, the FC wanted to know whether next year's fundraising goal includes scholarships.

With regard to funding the purchase of jackets, sweatshirts, etc. for the S squirt 2 team and the Pee Wee 2 team (as VL champs). D. McDevitt recommends that we should establish an amount and establish who gets one. J. O'Brien likes the idea of including the sponsor. J. Lavorato believes that covering the cost should be "all or nothing".

After further discussion, upon motion made by J. Largenton and seconded by J. Lavorato the Board voted in the affirmative to cover the cost up to \$40 per player, coach and sponsor, by the following vote:

Second: J. Lavorato

Four in favor; Three opposed; and Three abstained (N. Carr, B. Spencer and



M. Newhouse, as their children are players in question).

S. Sainato reported that Tuesday April 23rd will be first FC meeting for next season. It will be held at 7 PM at Exit Realty

S. Sainato reported that the FC had contracted the Elks for the 2019-20 Drop the Puck Tourney, which includes the Grove and the inside Hall for \$550. The FC expects to expand the number of sponsors, vendors, etc., and we will have a bigger section of the parking lot available. The event will be held August 25th from 3 PM to 7 PM.

#### **4. Midget Program (Bornstein/O'Donoghue)**

K. O'Donoghue put together a survey monkey to see what people want and need. As alternatives, WYHA could offer two sheets of ice per week for 10 weeks. WYHA could offer Valley League U18 with 1 practice and 1 game per week; An in house program would depend on having enough players, but the team(s) can still play in the state tourney. Question: Is there a third option to provide 1 sheet for VL and 1 sheet for In house games? K. O'Donoghue reported that the players seem more interested in the In-House model, while the parents seem more interested in the VL. The survey is together and K. O'Donoghue distributed copies to the Board. Last year: We had 25 registered skaters; 22 paid; goalies registered (2 basically played and two were back-ups).

T. Dalton and S. Audette will check on MIAA rules, which prevent coaches from participating in practices off-season, but which also may provide some exceptions for limited participation.

K. O'Donoghue and J. White will send out the email survey with objective of approving a program at the next meeting; open registrations; get paid and



be done.

#### **5. GU18 Program--Next Steps (Executive Committee)**

S. Audette reported that M. Mercier and T. Flynn have been in communication, and they are in agreement that T. Flynn would serve as the Head Coach and M. Mercier would help as an Assistant. Last year it was an 11-game season with the league with one sheet of practice ice per week at Holland. Without knowing what ice/rinks are available, and specifically what the composition of the team would be, the Board cannot be sure as to what ice time will be necessary.

M. Newhouse will contact T. Flynn to find out what he would like to get for practice ice. The objective is to be ready for the BOD to take action at the next meeting on April 24th.

#### **6. Registration--Tuition and Deadlines (Executive Committee)**

The consensus is to open up registrations for the levels for which we just set the rates. Given accelerated tryouts and registrations, payments will be moved up accordingly. Midgets need to be fully paid by August 31st.

D. McDevitt will update payment dates and deadlines.

The consensus is to use last year's contract form for the parents/players to register. S. Audette asked whether we can we add the contract as another registration box (with player code of contract; coaches code of conduct). M. Bornstein indicated that we can do that.

S. Audette asked the Level Directors whether we have all contracts for GO players? D. McDevitt stated that for mites we do. M. Bornstein



indicated that for Bantams we do. J. Lavorato indicated that for Pee Wees, we do for the most part.

### **7. Jersey Orders--Next Steps (O'Brien)**

The question is when does the BOD need the jersey order complete? D McDevitt stated that he would rather have registrations done before submitting the order. J. O'Brien indicated that by having it completed by the second meeting in May should allow sufficient time to submit the order. T. Dalton suggested that we establish May 8th as a drop dead date for the jersey order to be complete.

Note, the Annual Meeting will be May 24th.

### **8. Goalie Program/Stop-It Training (Newhouse)**

M. Newhouse reported that Ken Tarr is willing and able to do more to support the goalie program, including assistance with the Stop It rotation. Ideally Ken would like to offer in-house goalie training as part of a Skills program. M. Newhouse will inform Ken that a Skills program may be an "a-la-carte" program, whereby players can sign-up for Skills training at a specific location during a weeknight.

### **9. Filling Vacancies on the BOD (Executive Committee)**

D. Costantiello asked if we have a list of the list of open spots. There was further discussion about filling the various responsibilities, and members will continue to recruit potentially interested members.

### **10. 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.**

**11. Other Business:**

The Scholarship Committee met Monday. There are three applicants. There are two boys and one girl. The Committee reviewed the applications. The one female applicant is strong. Even though she is the only one, she certainly is deserving. Both of the male applicants are strong, but one of them has spent 12 years in the program, so he is a stronger candidate. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Committee.

Any and all press releases are to be approved by the parents first.

Friday, May 31st will be the award night. It will 6:30 PM at the high school. K. O'Donoghue is happy to do it, but if it has any significance for anyone, they are welcome to do it. S. Audette indicated that he is willing and able to attend the meeting. K. O'Donoghue will get M. Newhouse the names for the checks.

The Board discussed the prospect of allowing Game Only players to participate in practices by paying a per practice fee. Specifically, the Board wants to ensure that the process would not be burdensome for the coaches, and that the per practice fee would result in a premium being paid. The consensus of the Board was that \$25.00 per practice would be appropriate and fair. Upon motion made by M. Newhouse and seconded by N. Carr, it was voted to implement a per practice fee of \$25 to allow GO players to practice, subject to the understanding that coaches do not have to collect money, and instead, the GO player would



register and pay on line, print a receipt and provide it to the Coach at practice:

Ten in favor; One opposed.

The Board discussed the Town's invitation to include a representative of WYHA to join a formal town committee to investigate and review options to provide a town skating rink for the residents of Wilmington. S. Audette volunteered to do it. Upon motion made by M. Bornstein and seconded by D. Costantiello, it was unanimously voted to designate Scott Audette.

## 12. Level Updates

LTP - Nothing

Mini-Mites – Nothing

Mites – Parent Kid game went great

Squirts – Nothing

Pee Wee / GU12 – Nothing

Bantams – Nothing

Midgets – Nothing

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Michael J. Newhouse  
Secretary/Clerk

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