

## **WYSA Meeting Minutes**

**4/12/21**

**Attendees:** Amy Blain, Brian Casey, Mike Morel, Rick Morris, Adam Krass, Eileen Colleran, Sara Eriksen, Kara Simoneau, Eric Hubert, Ryan Burns, Jeff Timmins, Don Collins, Steve Boudreau, Lisa Stewart, Brian Lynch, Lindsay Rocca, Bill Welch

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the March meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

A motion was made to accept the March executive meeting minutes. Motion was approved.

### **Financials:**

Steve is unable to attend the meeting but emailed his reports. We're in the positive for the year. Brian to ask Steve if he has included / received the donations from Dynamik and Brogen.

### **Valley League Champs:**

Three out of four teams who played in the finals won: Mite 3s, Squirt 2s and Bantams.

### **Refunds:**

Liam and Jack Bullard were pulled out of WYSA after one month this past season due to Covid concerns. We have already refunded Jack for LTS because he never skated. Regarding a refund for Liam (who was a Squirt 2) the Board proposed to refund him \$1284 for the season. A motion was made to approve this refund of \$1284 for this season and apply that to next season's tuition. Motion passed.

### **Pinnies:**

A motion was made to approve a refund of \$197.50 to Bill for pinnies he purchased on Amazon. Motion passed.

### **U18 Girls:**

We are up to 8 players registered for the fall. Registration remains open. We have coaches in place as well.

### **Girls Program:**

We hope to have U8, U10, and U12 Girls teams for next year. Steve Boudreau would like to take over as Girls Age Director for next season, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Don will work with Steve on working out the teams for next year. We will have a registration to just collect names and not collect a registration fee. In the past participation in the girls program was \$60 per game, with six-to-eight games the first year.

### **Imite Assistant Coaches:**

A motion was made to appoint Dennis Hill, Matt Rogers, Joseph Yazinka and Michael Wright as Imite assistant coaches. The motion passed.

A motion was made to have spring leagues coaches voted on electronically. Motion passed.

### **Banners:**

No update from the banner subcommittee.

**Mergers:**

Stoneham and North Reading is merging their Squirt and Peewees this year and are in the process of merging the rest of their teams as well. Board discussed possibly creating a Q&A for parents regarding the differences between town hockey and select teams, such as club hockey has three leagues, and each league has 3-5 levels. Select hockey is \$3600-\$4000. Often times teams are picked before tryouts.

**Body Contact Clinic:**

MA Hockey is hosting a body contact clinic for skaters and coaches at the peewee level in late August/early September. Wakefield and Stoneham have both volunteered to send coaches. A motion was made to add those two hours for this clinic. Motion passed.

**Survey Subcommittee:**

The survey subcommittee has created a parent survey to help membership feel like they have a voice as well as to provide direction. Mike Morel will be the only one with direct access to the survey results and will filter out anything that isn't "constructive." Parents will have to identify which team their player(s) are on, but giving their names is optional. Mike will send to the Board for a quick review. We would like to get the survey out within the next 24 hours.

**Awards:**

There is still one award outstanding – the Association award. The Board discussed giving this year's award to Drew Palmer for head coaching the Mite 3s even though he didn't have a player on the team.

**Logo:**

Discussed changing the logo for next year's jerseys. The High School doesn't have the Indian head on its shirts. Other teams are just doing a W with Wakefield. Brian to connect with the Wakefield High School athletic director to see what they are doing for next year and will report back to the Board on next steps.

**Board Positions:**

We need to recruit for open board positions, including Treasurer. QuickBooks is a requirement.

**USA Hockey Changes:**

USA Hockey has updated its transgender policy. We will need to follow USA Hockey transgender guidelines. We don't need to change the registrations. Players will sign up for the gender that they identify as. USA Hockey will be running clinics for score keepers and time keepers. Online courses are now open along with USA Hockey registration for next season. Bill will notify coaches for next year.

**Disciplinary Meeting:**

MA Hockey requested a disciplinary meeting with a Wakefield peewee player who kicked another player from the ground. This player's parents decided to waive their right to a hearing. MA Hockey will institute a suspension or some sort of disciplinary action.

**Team Selections:**

We're going through selection meetings right now. According to Brian, the goal is to have placement letters out by the end of April vacation.

The next meeting is May 10, and then the Annual Meeting will be May 24.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.