

**April 2023 Meeting Minutes
Monday 4/3/2022 @ 7:00
HYBRID MEETING**

In Person Location: Ottaquechee Health Center Conference Room

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Mission: Woodstock Youth Hockey strives to promote the game of hockey and provide a welcoming environment to come together as a hockey community.

Vision: To create the best local hockey organization

Values: Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Fun, Community, Continuous Development, Welcoming to all Skaters

Attendees: Jen Kirkman, Nate Rand, Ashley Pedoty, Jeremy Freyer, Brock Barton (UVHA liaison), Jessica LaPerle, Heather Little, Greg White, Lisa Marks (virtually), Kevin Hughes (virtually), Ryan & Britney Soos (virtually), Mary Alberty (virtually)

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decisions
7:00	Welcome and Introductions	All participants introduced themselves and the role they play on the Board and with WYH.
7:05	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Season wrap up 	Jeremy provided PnL and Balance Sheet prior to the meeting. Opportunity for comment / discussion was made during the meeting.
7:10	Teams and Coaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for next year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Realistic number of teams now that Hanover roster have been posted • 2 8U-10U play up requests • Girls Development • 14U <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Tryout updates ◦ VSAHA Residency requirement (see attachment below) 	Brock provided upcoming 14U placements update. 14U placements start tomorrow and 2 sessions later this week. ~40 skaters and ~4 goalies are registered for tryouts. Hoping to announce team placement on Friday, 4/7. Review of evaluators. VSAHA transfer policy is likely to be amended at April VSAHA meeting. VSAHA by-law Section 4.01 residency requirements are proposed to be amended to only allow 4 out-of-state players for a state tournament bound team.

		<p>Discussion around how this affects rostering with Woodstock vs. UVHA. Discussion around possible need for each 14U team registering as a GSL team because NH doesn't have a residency requirement for being a state tournament bound team. Approach game scheduling by choosing GSL required opponents and also exhibition games vs Vermont opponents. If team #2 has 4 or fewer NH residents, team #2 will play under VSAHA (via Woodstock). (The plan has always been for team #1 to play under GSL (via Storm)). If team #2 has more than 4 NH residents, it will play under GSL (via Storm). It was previously agreed that in the case of a 3rd team, that team would play under GSL (via Storm).</p> <p>General discussion around play-up requests. WYH Board is willing to vote on a play-up request for 8U to 10U if one (or more) is provided by a parent. (VSAHA won't act until the Fall.)</p> <p>Discussion around girls development ice next season. Need to offer programming and find a coach. Need deeper discussion during retreat.</p>
7:45	<p>Program Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We made a lot of changes this year and still have a number of players transferring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can we be better aligned with our membership? ○ Should we be recruiting in a way that plans for the attrition of 4-6 players per year? 	<p>WYH has made a lot of accomplishments this season, yet attrition still happens. Discussion around whether we know why. Girls vs boys attrition, suggestion that Jess and/or Board reps make phone calls to families going elsewhere next season.</p>

		<p>HHA 10U and 12U rosters have been posted. ~4 (~2 girls, ~2 boys) projected 12Us are likely going to HHA.</p> <p>12U team next season likely now at 14-16 players. Discussion around number of players to bring to games.</p> <p>~3 (2 girls, 1 boy) projected 10U players may be going to HHA. Likely have a T3 and T4 group again next year.</p> <p>Discussion around families leaving for other organizations and topic of trying to retain skaters but not striving for attrition to zero. Do we have a path to get new players to join WYH? What is our plan for recruiting new skaters to WYH? Do we need/want one? Discussion around making use of USA hockey grow the game programming/funds. Need deeper discussion during a retreat.</p>
8:15	Summer Ice & Skills Planning	<p>Jeremy would like to advertise affordable summer mini-camp (July 5, 6, 7 afternoons). Pre-registration for WYH players. Need to open registration for summer mini-camp (fee of \$200) then advertise to WYH players (encourage asking for scholarship \$) first via email then advertise to public via Facebook. Discussion around offering 50% discount code for mini-camp for WYH players registered for next season by 6/1/23. Net cost to club no more than \$5,000.</p> <p>Board vote on plan described above for mini-camp: Unanimous approval.</p>

8:25	<p>Unfinished work from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email work or quick work group planning THIS WEEK • Need 3 people for each group <p>• Bylaws https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/e735-2072525/bylaws_revised_5.21.pdf?_gl=1*32t2o6*_ga*MTY0NjgyMDg4Ny4xNjY1NTIxNDQ1*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTY3Nzc1ODY0NC4xOS4xLjE2Nzc3NTg2NTAuMC4wLjA.#_ga=2.88756379.1495553873.1677758645-1646820887.1665521485</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fee Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Define what the fee includes (how many practices, games, tournaments) 	<p>By-law updates (changing executive group to be 2-year terms, 2 at a time) group (Nate, Jess, Jen, Jeremy).</p> <p>Definition of membership around parents of 14U Storm/Stock and Varsity players now that Varsity program is separate.</p> <p>Fee structure review (Greg, Jess).</p>
8:30	<p>Golf Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning has begun • What is needed? 	<p>Golf tournament is May 21st. Jen reports EJay is trying to schedule a meeting. Need a firm commitment from Union Arena on % split of profit. Dinner/auction as separate event from golf.</p>
8:45	<p>Annual Meeting Planning Adjourn</p>	<p>Agenda topics for next meeting: Criteria for scholarship money. Spending scholarship threshold per year. WYH Spring Tournament team consideration.</p>