

LRYHA Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018 / 6:00pm
Merrill Fay Arena

Attendance: Jen McGreevy, John McKenzie, Jim Girard, Lyndi Girard, Lynne Turmel, Joe Spicuzza, Heather Jivalgi, Sue Bousquet

Members in attendance: Jyoti Hall

Call to order: 6:04pm

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Lynne made a motion to accept the minutes and Jim seconded. Vote was all in favor.

Old Business

Goalie Training Dates

Goalie training will begin October 5 at 8:40pm at the Ice Den. Training will run every other week through February 15 for a total of 10 sessions. Three goalies will train for one hour and an additional goalie will train for half an hour. This may change as skills evolve and/or other players are interested in goalie training.

Safe sport/Background Checks for Board Members

Board members were advised if they needed Safe sport renewal and/or background checks.

Opening Week Schedule

Rich and Jen will be at the rink for practices on Monday and Tuesday. Sue will have the raffle calendars ready for distribution and Jim will offer jersey fittings.

Pictures Date

Pictures are scheduled for Monday, November 5 for Mini-Mites, Mites, Squirts and PeeWees.

X-Ice Mites Update

Plans are continuing for cross-ice Mites this season. The Board is also looking into a potential opportunity within the Valley League and comparing it with opportunities that are currently available. This opportunity appears to offer more competitive games and score keeping. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

New Business

In Focus Open House Date Set for 10/19 at 6:00

The Board would like to extend an invitation to all members to attend an Open House at In Focus on October 19 at 6:00pm. In Focus offers baseline concussion testing and unique ways for athletes to improve their game.

Learn to Play Hockey in partnership with Bauer

Details have been confirmed for LRYHA to partner with Bauer in a Learn to Play program. The \$200 fee includes all equipment and 12 weeks of lessons beginning in November. The program is open to new players ages 5-10 years old. Lynne has finalized a flyer and is working with Jen to announce the program in various newspapers. Charlie suggested contacting WEEI and Lynne is working with a contact to share the information in local schools and daycares. All are encouraged to spread the word.

The Zander Foundation has been in contact with LRYHA and is interested in offsetting costs for new players to participate in the Learn to Play program.

Golf Tournament- Last minute details

Five teams are currently confirmed to play in the golf tournament. The course will be closed from 1:00-2:00pm and will then reopen. Prizes have been secured and a raffle is planned. Thanks to Lyndi for all her hard work!

Public Input

There was no public input.

Updates

Treasurer

Heather reported that she is working to meet with PJ and switch over our QuickBooks system. She will forward payment for the Mite 1's to play in the Ben Baldwin tournament in October.

ACE Coordinator / Assistant ACE Coordinator

Charlie has met with two new potential coaches for LRYHA - Bill Belanger and Matt Bernstein. Based on needs at this time, Charlie is recommending the following:

Mite 2 Shawn Mohan as Head Coach assisted by Tim Valeski (sp?) and Bill Belanger

Squirt 2 Matt Bernstein as Head Coach possibly assisted by Sean Fontanez and Bill Belanger

The board approved these recommendations and Charlie will follow up.

The mandatory coaches meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2018.

Learn to Skate with Coach Trimble has been moved to Saturdays.

Tim Gerry has contacted LRYHA regarding coaching Learn to Skate or Mini Mites. Board members look forward to welcoming Tim back.

Updated coaching confirmations: Mite 2 is Bill Belanger and SQ II is Matt Bernstein.

VP / Scheduler Update

Joe has finalized the practice schedule and Rich has posted on our website. He is also confirming details for a Mite Jamboree on October 14 at MFA. Joe reported current year ice fees of \$80,300.

Work on the By-Laws is continuing, and Board members have been asked to contribute their job descriptions to update that section.

League Rep

John reported teams are set in the Seacoast League, Valley League and GSL. He added that GSL is emphasizing that all coaches must be registered with USA Hockey and be up to date with coaching modules.

Sponsorship Coordinator

Lynne reported that all team sponsors are confirmed, and she is reconfirming silver and bronze levels. She is also looking for opportunities to promote \$100 sponsors. She is pursuing information on fundraising shirts, provided details on the Amazon Smiles program, and is continuing to look for new ways to raise funds.

Event Coordinator

Lyndi has confirmed the Best Western Hotel for the Marlborough Tournament in January and will provide details to Rich to be posted on our website. She is ready to send rosters for the four teams that are registered. Dates are not yet available for the Heylinger Tournament.

Equipment Manager

Jim is ready for jersey fittings and has socks ready for teams. He is working on items to be included in apparel sales for Laker fans and players.

Webmaster

Practice dates and times are posted to our calendar and sponsor information has been updated.

Secretary

Raffle calendars are sorted by teams and ready for distribution. Sue will organize volunteers for casino fundraiser as we get closer to November.

Registrar

Registrations are still being confirmed and roster numbers were reported as follows:

9 Mite 1's	6 Mite 2's
12 Squirt 1's	12 Squirt 2's
13 PeeWee 1's	12 PeeWee 2's

Meeting adjourned: 8:20pm

Next meeting scheduled for October 16th @ 6pm, MFA