

Wakefield Youth Skating Association meeting

June 11, 2018

Meeting started 8:10 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Bill Welch	Don Dubuque
Don Collins	Jeff McGann	Erik Domingo
Keri Melanson	Andrew Reed	Dave Tucker
Kara Simoneau	Kevin Martin	Ryan Burns

Review of Previous Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes from the June board meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Financial Update: No new data for current meeting presented.

President Update: Discussed potential changes to middle school teams. There will be low numbers for grade 7 boys next season. Discussed potential for an A and B team for combined Grade 7 & 8 vs cutting players. Should let philosophy of WYSA middle school program guide decision. Continue discussion at future meeting.

Rosters need to be sent to coaches--Keri will work on that.

Motions made to accept following assistant coaches for upcoming season:

Bantam 1-Paul Carangelo—Motion passed

Squirt 1-Rick Morris—Motion passed

Squirt 3-Rick DeFeo —Motion passed.

Mite 1-Don Collins, Brendan Forrest, Brian Abcunas—Motion passed

Ice sheets for upcoming Season:

Monday-Hockey Town 530pm, 640pm--may move to 550pm/7pm, Wednesday-HT- 520pm, 630pm

Thursday-HT-Malden 600pm, 710pm, Thursday-HT-445pm, Friday-HT- 520pm, 54pm,

Saturday-HT-7am, 810am, 920am, 930am, Sunday HT-910am, after Thanksgiving--1150am/1pm

Potential team practices:

Tue-Malden 6pm--Pewee 1 and 2

Wednesday-HT-520pm-Mite 1 and 2, 630pm-Squirt 1 and 2

Thursday-Malden-6pm-Bantam 3 and Squirt 3, 710pm-Bantam 1 and 2

Friday-HT-520pm-OPEN, 540pm-Mite 3 and Squirt 4

Picture night discussion: ? at HT for 2 nights, unsure of time line at moment.

Will have meeting before picture night on Oct 2.

Malden preseason camp: Issues from last year are that attendance was low and WYSA lost money. Usually takes place Mon-Thur 6p-730p during last week of August. ? reduce time/days/cost. May decrease to 3 days.

Shirt night: At Crystal Community Club on 8/29.
Need to book coaches meeting week of Aug 20.

WYSA 50th Anniversary: Discussed having patch on jerseys for upcoming 50th season. Bill will work on design with the rep who orders jerseys.

Functional Updates:

Clinic/LTP – No updates

I-Mites – No updates

Mites – 3 teams with 9/9/8 kids per team. Awaiting price for buzzer program.

Squirts – No updates

Peewees – No updates

Bantams – No updates

Midgets – No Updates

Purchasing – See below

Equipment – See below

Coaching Coordinator – No Updates

D10 – No updates

Valley League – No updates

Middle School – No updates

All Other Business:

Bill is looking into what coaches need for the upcoming season. Mites and I-mites need goalie bags and squirts need a “floater bag”.

Bill discussed getting 4 new shooter tutors as the ones we have are broken. ? attempting to fix ones we have and having them for use at Malden if there is space to house them.

Bill made a motion to purchase the following:

50 small cones (\$5 each) at cost of \$250.

6 goalie sticks (\$55 each) at cost of \$330.

6 cases of black pucks (\$200 per case) for cost \$1200.

3 cases of blue pucks (\$300 per case) for cost \$900.

Total cost of \$2680. Motion passed.

Bill made a motion to order socks for I-mites. 20 sets of socks: 10 size SM, 5 size M and 5 size L. Motion passed.

At next meeting, picture night, shirt night, coaches meeting and midget program all need to be discussed.

The next meeting is is scheduled for Monday July 9, 2018 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 945pm.

WYSA Board Meeting Minutes 7/16/2018

Began at 740pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Dubuque, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Andy Reed, Keri Melanson, Don Collins, Kara Simoneau, Ryan Burns, Dave Tucker

Motion made to accept June meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Financial: No update. Brian has talked to Frank about checks that need to be deposited.

President's comments: Picture night-Brian has not heard back from Gilmartin and will call him again.

Shirt night will be on 8/29 from 7-9pm and volunteers are needed. Kara will check with Ellen about raffles and stickers. Coaches will need to reach out to families. Erik will post to website.

Age directors to reach out to coaches about meeting on 8/20. Don will print coaches' packet.

Practice ice: Discussed team practices from last meeting.

Tue-Malden 6pm-S2/3

HT 520pm-M1 and 2, 630pm S1 and B3

6pm-Pw1/2, 710pm B1/2

M3 and S4

Wed-

Thur-Malden

Fri-HT 540pm-

Asst. Coaches--Motions made to accept following assistant coaches:

Bantam 1-Mark Conley. Motion passed.

Bantam 3-Sean Linehan, Craig Williams. Motion passed.

Pewee 1-Mark Simoneau, Dave Rocca. Motion passed.

Squirt 2-Mike DeBaradinis, Dave McCarthy; Manager-Scot Goodwin, On-ice help—Dave Rizzuto.

Motion padded.

Squirt 3-Dave Belanger, Ryan Burns. Motion passed.

Squirt 4-Kevin Thomas, Greg Wollner. Motion passed.

Mite 3-Steve Boudreau, Kevin Thomas; On-ice help—Mike Kelly, Mike Pietrantonio. Motion passed.

Midgets-To open registration. Erik will send email. Shirts need to be ordered. To schedule practice time for midgets.

Brian needs to talk to Jaime about pre-season camp.

Golf Tourney for Bill Elwell is on Sept 24. Erik will post FB/website.

Motion made to sponsor hole at tourney. Motion passed.

Rink update: No RFPs were returned. Recent meeting with Town Council, Steve Maio, and Brendan Kent. Issue is with the ledge that needs to be addressed. Hoping to release updated RFP in near future.

Level 4 coach patching in Aug in Concord and ? Needham in Oct.

Functional updates:

Clinic-None

IM-None

M-None

S- None

P- None

B-2's None

M-None

Purchasing- None

D10-None

VL-None

MS-None

Other business: Little Bruins Program-Now being advertised on FB, at Library, Daily Item, Cravings and Boys and Girls Club. Wakefield has promo code to register now with max of 30. Some people have been asking for code.

The Cheever Grant program will be next advertised program.

Erik discussed possibility of changing website platform. Erik will do some research.

Next Meeting Monday August 13, 2018 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 945 pm.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 8/12/18

Meeting called to order 715pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Keri Melanson, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Kara Simoneau, Andy Reed, Frank Leone, Erik Domingo, Rick Morris, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin

Motion made to accept minutes from July meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Balance of \$171,000 all from this current year.
\$585 is all that has been paid out at this time

President Update: Level 4 Patching available in Needham in October and ? Concord NH for those in need.

Hockeytown storage lockup is gone. WYSA equipment is being stored in front room at this point. Unsure if there will be storage moving forward at Hockeytown. Awaiting call back from Gilmartin. Contract for HT is almost ready for start of season. Start date is Sept 4, Sept 15 for I-mites. Coaches meeting is scheduled for 8/20. One coach from each team needs to attend. Bill will send packet for age directors to read and give feedback before giving to coaches at meeting. There is new USA hockey rule of 30 day suspension for any coach not wearing helmet at any sanctioned event including practice.

Safe sport, USA hockey registration, Cori required for all on ice helpers and managers

Asst coach voting:

Squirt 4-Matt Fowler as manager. Motion made for acceptance. Motion passed.

Peewee 2-Bill Welch-Asst Coach, Andy Reed-On ice helper. Drew Palmer manager. Rob Kimball -Asst. Coach. Motion made for acceptance. Motion passed.

Shirt night is 8/29. 7-9 pm. Need volunteers from board to help run night. Will collect food items for food pantry. Bill will put photo in paper.

Preseason camp: 3 night-Mon, Tue, Thur for 90 minutes

Cost : \$50---\$20 walk on fee

Motion made to accept above set up for preseason camp. Motion accepted.

USA hockey registrations need to be completed before start of season. Erik will send out email.

VL registration link should be out this week.

Midgets-Count at 15 now, will resend email for registration.

VHL assignments are what was requested for the majority of teams.

Brian has not heard back from Gilmartin regarding picture night.

Bill Welch: Cheever Grant program will have equipment swap, mostly skates headed by Bill. Advertising needs to be done.

Bill will send Brian list of what Premiere Programs do for their membership program.

There is now 3 I-mite teams with 32 skaters. Will need to add 4th team if number goes to 36. Season begins last week of October for games.

Email needs to go out for mini one on one. 1 team per age group and U12 girls.

Bruins LTP--total of 68 people , with 61 skaters registered and 7 on waiting list. 27 skaters are from Wakefield. Fan fest tour is going now until mid Sept for sizing kids for equipment.

Motion made to approve flyer for Cheever Grant program and open registration. Motion passed.

Melanie Mansfield and her sister have reached out to help with girls youth hockey in Wakefield. Kevin will reach out to them regarding middle school team.

Rick Morris talked about how to handle parents who reach out about coaching and don't get assigned at team. How can we keep them involved in program?

Ryan Burns will reach out to T. DePrizio about adding parent as on ice helper or manager to keep interested parent involved.

Don Collins informed board that Squirt one still does not have a goalie. The 2 goalie does not want to move up to one goalie spot. He will keep looking.

Meeting adjourned at 840pm.

Next meeting is TUESDAY September 11, 2018.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 9/11/18

Meeting called to order 700pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Keri Melanson, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Kara Simoneau, Andy Reed, Frank Leone, Erik Domingo, Rick Morris, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque

Motion made to accept minutes from August meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Update: none tonight

President Update:

Midgets will have 2 teams. Able to have one of Haverhill spots as they dropped one team. Brian will confirm with Valley League and send email out to families. Coach is needed for 2nd team. Potential to ask Rob Guida to coach. Plan to have one practice per week in rotating into schedule for Midgets.

Over 100 kids were at first skills sessions. Dealing with large number of skaters is an issue. Will need to figure out system for this and have Erik email and post to FB with details.

MS Registration: There is a large number of 5th graders, wondering about combining with 6th grade and doing Valley League vs. Martian League. Not sure if there will be enough players in 6th graders for 6th only team. Also unsure of number of 7th graders and may have combined 7th and 8th grade team. There is not enough numbers to support a tryout for team placement. Discussed having girls team of 6 grade to 8 grade and offering 5th grade girls to play with boys team. Will use same shirts as last year. Kevin will send email to vendor.

Sports Engine: Erik discussed having new platform as there have been issues with functionality over past few years with current website. Plan for launch is to keep both open during transition. Current annual fee is \$300. Sports Engine fee is \$595 per month. The design package for setup differs and there is a transaction fee of 3% plus \$1 per transaction. Board looking at 2 other hockey websites run by Sports Engine. Hill Hockey Clinic runs the basic package that costs \$500 and Barnstable Youth Hockey runs the upgraded package that costs \$1800. Will continue to discuss at next meeting.

Preseason Camp: Monday-23 skaters-4 goalies, Tuesday-26 skaters-2 goalies, Thursday-27 skaters-3 goalies. Approx 1/3 were walk-ins. Discussed possibility of adding cost into tuition and opening up camp to all members. The cost per skater would be approx \$10. Will continue discussion at future meeting.

Picture night: Chase Gilmartin doesn't know about using front room as in previous years. Brian has not been able to get clear answers. 2 nights are needed-last year nights were Wednesday/Thursday. Kara Simoneau will take the lead to organize picture night. Some things to consider: We don't have to pay for the location with current photographer. Should see any potential person in action. If moving location how would we handle skates.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: Open registration at the end of the month. Andy will talk to Brian D. Will cancel 12/23 and question cancelling 12/30.

I-mite: Will have 1st practice this Saturday, games start later this month.

Mite: none

Squirt: All 3 teams won. Rotating Coyote goalies into S1 goalie spot.

Peewee: P1 lost, P2 won

Bantam: B1 game cancelled, B2 lost 4-3, B3 game ran over 1 hr behind for 930p Sunday night game, so both teams cancelled.

Midget: see above

MS: See above

D10: None

VL: Player VL registrations need to be completed.

Purchasing/equipment: 5 coaches bags and pinnies are still needed. Will let Dave Tucker know and he will order and get reimbursed. Need more equip for goalie bags. Bill will find out exactly what is needed and what we currently have.

New Business: Discussed need for improved communication within membership. Looking for ideas to retain skaters and how best to recruit new people. Potential for posting coaches profiles to website. Will continue to discuss at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 925pm.

Next meeting is Monday October 2, 2018 at 7pm at PSB.

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Refund request:

Julia Giordano registered to play with Pee wee 2, but does not want to play. She has refused to attend practice and games. Her account was paid in full. Motion made to refund total cost minus \$120 taking into account paid in full discount and 200 registration fee. Motion passed.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 9/11/18

Meeting called to order 710pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Keri Melanson, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Kara Simonaeu, Andy Reed, Frank Leone, Erik Domingo, Rick Morris, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque

No minutes to review.

President Update: Shirt issues-Bill and Dave working on Squirt 2, as there are 2 #12s. Also issue with Bantam goalie shirts. Master file needs to be double checked.

There are 26 midget skaters registered and 2 goalies. Brian will reach out to the parents with following set up for midget program, we will need parent consent for approval of splitting teams. There will be 2 teams, that are evenly split. One team will take Haverhill team spot that has dropped out of league. Need a coach for second team. ? Jamie Poole, Peter Burns, Brian Callahan or Rob Guida. Teams will be team 1 and 2 with no meaning behind numbers. Midgets will practice together and have ability to attend some Monday night skills sessions with Bantams.

New proposal for changing our website platform and move to Sports Engine. This change is being proposed as there have been functionality issues over past few years with current platform.

Plan for launch of new site and keep WYSA open for now also. Annual fees for Sports Engine will be \$595. Current fees are \$300.

The design set up packages vary in price and charge a fee if 3% per transaction.

There are 2 set up packages:

1. \$500--(basic) similar to Hill Hockey Clinic
2. \$1800 (premier) similar to Barnstable Youth Hockey

Will table and continue discussion to next meeting. Erik will ask about invoice transferring and start up differences.

VHL assignments: If games are really off, will reach out to Valley League. Reassure parents that it is parity right now and to hold tight.

Malden Preseason camp: Mon had 23 skaters, Tue has 26 skaters and Thur had 27 skaters. About 1/3 were walkons. Had 4,2,3 goalies respectively.

Suggestion made of adding about \$10 (2000 cost divided by 200 skaters) and opening camp to all skaters with no registration separate fee. Will table and continue at future meeting.

Picture Night: Chase Gilmartin does not know about picture night. Says to ask rink and no answers are to be had.

Plan for 2 nights at HT, ? Wed/Thur

Suggestion of using new person, Kara S to take lead. Things to keep in mind: Need to see person in action. Our guy is not paid as he does not have to pay for location. Could we use HS instead of HT?

More to come at next meeting

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: Registration will open at end of the month. Andy R will reach out to Brian Donahoe and Jaime. 11/25 is start date. No clinic 12/23, ? clinic 12/30.

I-mite: Practice begins this Sat. Games start later in month.

Mite: Placement review for Mite team as they won 15-0.

Squirt: 3 wins and 1 tie. Rotating Coyote goalie into /squirt 1 team.

Peewee: PW1 lost, PW2 won first games

Bantam: B1 game not played yet. B2 4-3 loss. B3 game cancelled due to rink being over 1 hr behind scheule at 930pm Sun night.

Midget: See above

MS: Middle school registration: Kevin sent note out in regards to MS teams. There are big #s for 5th grade. Should there be combined 5&6 again this year, or seperate teams? Unsure of numbers for grade 6 players. Unsure of #s for 7th grade, ? combined 7&8 team. Not enough skaters to do tryouts across the board. Girls will be grade 6-8 and grade 5 girls can play for grade 5 boys team. Will open registration now and plan for 5 teams with decision made once registration closes. Kevin will do same uniforms as last year.

Purchasing: Coach bags and pinnys are still needed for coaches. Will ask Dave Tucker to buy and he will get reimbursed. Goalie bags-More equipment is needed. Bill Welch has some and will figure out what needs to be ordered for this year.

All other business: First skills session was VERY busy with over 100 kids. Coaches need to figure out sytem and to send communication about skills locker room etiquitte. Email will be crafted and shared on website.

General communication needs to be improved and ideas needed on how to retain skaters to program. Board needs recruiment of new members. ? adding coaches profile to website.

Rotation practice schedule needs to be done in larger blocks of time and communiacted to families.

Meeting adjurned at 925pm

Next meeting TUESDAY October 2, 2018.

Executive Minutes 9/11/18

REfund for skater.

Julia Giordano on PW2 team has decided not to play. She went to first practice and told her family that she was not going again. Father paid in full in May, but did not take 5% discount of \$80.

Motion made to reimburse full amount minus \$120-\$200 registration fee minus \$80 refund for full payment. Motion passed. Frank will reach out to father and explain reimbursement.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Board Meeting 10/2/18

Meeting called to order 700pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Kara Simoneau, Andy Reed, Frank Leone, Erik Domingo, Rick Morris, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Dave Tucker

Public Participation: Lisa Van Dorpe

Motion made to accept minutes from Sept meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Operating Balance of \$64,519. 52 in savings. November update will include spending. Bill Welch owes Frank \$350 for helmet stickers. In December, Frank will deal with families that owe money.

President Update: Monday night skills will go back to rotating 4 week schedule after midgets drop next week. Erik has current schedule.

Reminder needs to be sent about players registering for Valley League.

USA Hockey interface: Keep WYSA.net for now and get Sports Engine up and running and run both. Level 4 patching is weekend of Oct 27. Chris DeFeo, Peter Burns and Sean Linehan to attend. Rosters need to be updated on website. Shirt mix up with goalie and skater-Bill Welch to follow up.

Motion made to allow skaters Kevani Marroquin and Shane Blunden to go from I-mites to squirts. Motion passed.

Bill Welch: Brought idea of having a U8/U10 girls team next year. Motion made to form sub committee to discuss options and feasibility. Motion passed. Board members on committee will be Bill Welch and Don Collins. Other parents will be asked to assist in subcommittee. Will discuss further at next meeting.

"Female skater" wanting to register to girls LTP for free but is 10yrs old. Discussion about how she would fit into program. Height difference could be an issue. Unsure of her placement after the program. Her age is of Peewee, but her skills may not be adequate for that level of play. Board will allow her to register as long as Bill has in depth conversation with her parents.

Aritsine Kirby, a sophomore at the Voke would like to be a Learn to Skate on ice helper. Her mother has requested that she be reimbursed for USA hockey registration at the end of the season, as a junior coach. Any Reed will look into this matter.

Fundraising update: Fuddruckers, Sweat fix and Pit Stop are ongoing this season. Discussion about potentially hosting a 50th anniversary gala. Potential fundraisers for next year include corn hole tournament and street hockey tournament.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic:

I-mite: Games have started

Mite: 1 & 2s will be in Heseltine tourney. Potential for 3's playing at Bruins or college game between periods as they are not playing in a tournament. . ? Bruins tourney in Haverhill.

Squirt:

Peewee:

Bantam:

Midget:

MS: Players have to register with the valley league for middle school team.

Purchasing: 5 coaches bags have been ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 920 pm.

Next meeting is Monday November 12, 2018 7pm at the Public Safety Building

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 11/12/18

Meeting called to order 710pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Kara Simoneau, Andy Reed, Frank Leone, Erik Domingo, Rick Morris, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Keri Melanson

Public Participation: Lisa Van Dorpe, Don Dubuque

October meeting minutes will be edited and voted on at December meeting.

Jason Lawrence, the new HS coach, met with board to discuss bridge from youth hockey to HS program. Plan for one or more WYSA where members who wear their jerseys get into a game for free and I-mites/mites could play between periods. Plan for water boys during some home games. He is on board for 7th/8th graders to join a HS practice near end of season with possibility of having HS players and coach come to skill sessions before start of HS season next year. Brian will be in touch with Jason on planning the events.

Girls HS coach will be at next hockey meeting in December.

Financial Update: Current operating Balance is \$94,567. Current savings balance is 64,521. Balance-expenses are similar to past three years at this time. Frank will be emailing families with outstanding balances after Thanksgiving.

President Update: Fuddruckers fundraiser has been pushed back for now. Sweat Fix raised \$700 for WYSA. Pit Stop is trying to organize a dinner out. They need time to develop model program for this. Discussion around 50th Anniversary Gala for this year's fundraiser. Motion made to form subcommittee to discuss ideas and will bring back to board. Subcommittee will consist of Lisa Van Dorpe, Kara Simoneau, Erik Domingo, Keri Melanson Don Dubuque, Joanne Collins, Rick Morris. Time frame will remain in early February. Some ideas include Bear Hill with band or DJ, increasing cost to \$50 per person and only having big ticket auction items. Potential also for teams to donate raffle baskets.

Rebalancing of I-mite teams: Concerns from parents as Red team has won all their games and black team has lost all their games. Black team losing by many goals. When red plays black they have been doing 5 on 3. The gray team is mid way between black and red team. Bill has proposed asking a few parents of more skilled from red to move to black and a few less skilled players to move from black to red to re-balance teams. Red team has 9 players, Gray team has 10 players and Black team has 9 players. Issue came up that most players on black are not attending skills and red team has full participation. Discussion about potential of moving 1 or 2 kids from I-mite red to Mite 3, but unsure if skaters are ready for the move at his time. Coaches would like a solution to make black team more successful.

Actions to be taken at this point: Bill will ask about moving players, but unlikely this will be successful. Potential to move a skater to Mite 3-Don Collins will try to watch practice on Saturday morning. Swap goalie's mid game, to give goalie some relief. Stop having red team play black team and see if teams can move around to play more even competition. All teams do practice together and will work on development at practice.

Parent concern brought forth concerning high number of skaters on Squirt 4 team.

Numbers on teams are as follows: S1 12 skaters with goalies coming from outside. S2 12 skaters and 1 goalie. S3 11 skaters that have 2 part time goalies that skate out at times. S4 has 13 skaters and 2

goalies that rotate games and skate out. Don will reach out to S3 coach about pulling up S4 players if they have low numbers for games. First kids should be kids that were on S3s last year and are on S4s this year.

Squirt 2 has tourney in Waterville Valley and one family has financial issue and shares that they are unable to attend. Coach reached about potential fundraising as a team to raise funds for skater. Fee for tourney \$85.00 per skater + travel and accomodations. Coach will be told that no team fundraising should take place, but team is welcome to take up donation from families for skater in order for him to attend.

Bill Welch: Girls team sub committee has met once, looking to add 2 U8 an U10 teams next season. One take away thus far is that there should be NO inequity between boys and girls teams. Member of committee outside board are Vinnie Noe, Steve Boudreau, Peter Burns, Patty Domingo, Jim Sullivan.

Cheever grant program has 54 girls registered at this time. All of the girls from the Bruins Learn to Play program have registered. Bill will communicate number of skaters to Jaime, so that his team can be prepared. Program will start 11/25 and will run for 6 weeks. The Mansfield sisters, HS and 8th grade girls will be on ice helpers for the program.

Bruins LTP program is done. 45 skaters attended final session. There are 15-20 female skaters. Bill needs invoice from Frank to send to Bruins for reimbursement of ice time. Bill met with parents to give them options for the remainder of this season. Everyone who attends should be encouraged to sign up for WYSA skating programs regardless of what town they live in. Suggestion for Bruins Learn to Play next year include running a second session.

There are 8 girls on adjunct U8 all girls team, games are played on Saturday mornings in Boston. The cost per game is \$60 for the team. Motion made to take \$360 from Cheever grant program to pay for final 6 games. Discussion that Cheever grant program for girls has a break even number of 20ish skaters, there are 54 registered currently for free portion, and Bill W is confident that enough girls will register for 2nd half of program with the \$175 fee, and will cover cost of the \$360. Motion passed.

New website platform: Ryan B and Lis V were at demo and liked Sports Engine. If WYSA does graphics there is possibility that there will be no fee vs \$600 fee per year. Jen Baldwin has volunteered to do graphics for the website. There is a mobile app that can be downloaded. Invoicing is all electronic. Member accounts are owned by parents and can be used for multiple organizations. WYSA will own WYSA.net and would repoint after up and running. Lead Time for domain is 48 hrs and 4 weeks with provided graphics. Domain would be hidden from public for first step. Brian to be introduced to Sports Engine representative.

Motion made to spend between \$600 and \$1100 for new WYSA interface. Motion passed for electronic vote pending discussion with rep.

Lack of concussion policy discussed. Keri Melanson will do some research to develop policy for WYSA.

Middle School coach voting: Motion made to appoint following coaches:

Gr 5&6 Red-Kevin Martin, Mark Pothier, Chuck Reeves--Motion passed

Gr 5&6 Black-Don Collins, Rick Morris, Chris DeFeo---Motion passed

G 7&8-Brian Casey, Chris DeFeo, George Carino---Motion passed

Shirts are not in yet, so players will wear red jerseys this weekend for jamborees.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: Starts on 11/25

I-mite: Games have started

Mite: 1 & 2s will be in Heseltine tourney. Potential for 3's playing at Bruins or college game between periods as they are not playing in a tournament. ? Bruins tourney in Haverhill.

Squirt: Doing well since parity

Peewee: P2s moved up 2 spots and are now losing, were winning every game

Bantam: 1s and 3s are going to states, 2s lost in overtime. B1 won the Jay Peak tourney. B3 has had string of late games and forfeits from other teams.

Midget: Upcoming week will end the season. Great to have 2 teams. Need more messaging around changes to the program for next season to ensure earlier registrations.

MS: Players have to register with the valley league for middle school team.

Purchasing: Shirts that were redone are in.

D10-None

VL-Most skaters have registered, coaches have sent email out with link to families to get rest of registrations done.

Other business: Motion made to elect Lisa Van Dorpe to communications director for remainder of Erik Domingo's term. Motion passed.

Raffle winners for November calendar raffle picked:

11/1 Robert Wilson \$50	11/2 Erikson \$25	11/3 Krista Follis \$50
11/4 Donna St. Peter \$100	11/5 D. Kelly \$50	11/6 Keri Melanson \$25
11/7 Cheryl Reeves \$50	11/8 Jaime Paillillo \$50	11/9 Sandra Peack \$25
11/10 Sean Smith \$50	11/11 John DeFeo \$100	11/12 Mark Dorn \$50
11/13 Marjorie Holleran \$25	11/14 Huberts \$50	11/15 Carangelo \$50
11/16 Amanda Howe \$25	11/17 Sue Palmer \$50	11/18 Herb Daniels \$100
11/19 Jim Walsh \$50	11/20 Julia Fournier \$25	11/21 Pothier \$50
11/22 Riley Parent \$250	11/23 Erikson \$100	11/24 Steve McGoon \$50
11/25 Tim Cullen \$100	11/26 Jenny Reed \$50	11/27 Cailyn Wesley \$25
11/28 Riley Parent \$50	11/29 Mel Deaney \$50	11/30 B Nazzaro \$25

Meeting adjourned at 1004 pm.

Next meeting is Monday December 10, 2018 at 7pm.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 12/10/18

Meeting called to order 740pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Andy Reed, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Erik, Domingo, Frank Leone

Public Participation: Steve Rubman

Motion made to accept minutes from October and November meeting with corrections. Motion passed. Motion made to accept executive meeting minutes, motion passed.

Steve Rubman brought forward as new treasurer for next year. Introductions made. Steve has history in IT and has volunteered at nonprofits in the past.

Financial Update: Frank continues to collect on overdue payments. Full financial update at January meeting.

President Update: Concussion policy tabled until January.

Sports engine: Moving forward. Plan to have it up and running in time for next season registration/tryouts.

Fundraising updates: Annual Fundraiser will be held at Bear Hill Country Club On Feb 9 from 7p-11p. Price is \$50 per ticket. There will be passed appetizers, finger sandwiches and finger appetizers. Bear Hill needs deposit of \$400 and there is a limit of 200 people. Mike Visselli will be DJ, has asked for whatever price seems fair and will be paid \$250 for gig. Communication will go out to coaches for each team to produce a raffle basket worth approx \$100. Jen Baldwin is doing graphics for tickets and social media. There will be some raffles and some auctions. Don has raffle tickets from last year to donate. Committee looking for sports tickets, maybe "Tonno for 4" certificate. Mel & Sons will donate oil as in previous years. Brightview is looking to donate money to nonprofits and may use that money to do a Taste of Wakefield basket for auction. The Valley League has been contacted and asked not to schedule games the night of the fundraiser or early the next morning.

Banquet: To be held Tuesday April 9th 630-830 in HS cafeteria. Email to go out to coaches about awards. HS boys and girls coaches will be notified in regards to awards for HS skaters.

Need to think about Mackay award recipient (volunteer award)

Tryouts: Need to have age directors get on ice helpers for tryouts. Next meeting will set up schedule Coaches' evals need to be sent out the end of January.

I-Mite update: No volunteers to move teams. When Red and Black teams are playing each other, the skaters are mixed up and skaters wear pinnies. ? bringing up another I-Mite player to mites, player not quite ready and will check again in a month.

Cheever Grant program update: Have not had a meeting with parents at this time. There are a few girls still on crates at this point. 2 girls from the LTP have moved to I-Mites.

BC game on 1/12-skate with Eagles for free after the game. Lisa will send out communication for this event.

Girls team for next year. See attached notes.

Functional Update:

LTP/Clinic: 56 skaters, less chaotic at this point.

I-mite: Going to Patriots Place to play on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Motion made to spend \$345 to cover the cost of the ice for the game. Motion passed

Mite: M1 did not fair well with heseltine tourney. Ms went 4-4. Mite 2's had a player altercation with player from another team in line at end of game. ? whether it was provoked.

Squirt: none

Peewee: PW2s moved up few divisions and now losing every game. Realigned for games after current schedule done in January. Will ask if any current games can be changed.

Bantam: none

Midget: none

MS: none

D10: 5-6 coaches suspended for violating helmet policy.

Purchasing: 3 black shirts purchased for I-mites

Valley league: None

Other Business: WYSA night at WHS game discussed. Tentative date is 1/12/18 at 8pm in Stoneham. The mites will plan to play between periods. Don will confirm the date with the HS.

Meeting adjourned at 920pm

Next meeting is Monday January 14, 2018 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 01/14/19

Meeting called to order 710pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Andy Reed, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Steve Rubman, Lisa Van Dorpe, Rick Morris

Motion made to accept minutes from December meeting. Motion passed. Motion made to accept executive meeting minutes, motion passed.

Steve Rubman brought forward as new treasurer. Introductions made. Steve has history in IT and has volunteered at nonprofits in the past.

Financial Update: Operating balance \$72, 609. Saving Balance \$64,523. Expenses to date \$246,037. \$920 is owed from Bruins for ice time compensation. Invoices have been sent to Bruins.

President Update:

Fundraising update: Annual Fundraiser will be held at Bear Hill Country Club on Feb 9 from 7p-11p. Price is \$50 per ticket. Ticket sales need to be pushed out through social media and website. Email will be sent to coaches for each team to donate a basket worth approx \$100. Looking for pictures of WYSA over the years. Dining for a cause is at Anthony's Pizza 11am to 9pm on 1/15.

Banquet: To be held Tuesday April 9th 630-830 in HS cafeteria. Email to go out to coaches about awards. HS Boys and Girls coaches will be notified in regards to awards for HS skaters. Will have pizza, pasta, salad and cookies. Jean Nigro and HS teams need to be invited. Share pictures with Bill and he will create slideshow. Imites and siblings of players are not included. Adults are \$10 each.

Website: Having difficulty meeting to get Sports Engine Website up and running. Trying to get financial information sorted out. Lisa will get information from Erik Domingo about tryouts and registration.

Tryouts: Bill Welch shared informational spreadsheet with numbers in membership dating back to 1999. Midget tryout will be scheduled at later date. (56 players are eligible for midgets). 42 Bantams (8 girls). 44 Peewees. 43 squirts. 46 mites. Will open registration at the end of January or beginning of February.

Tentative Schedule for tryouts:

Sunday 3/17 11:55--I-mite tryout #1, Monday 3/18 520pm--Squirt tryout #1, 3/18 630pm Squirt tryout #2. Tuesday 3/19 6pm Mite tryout #1, Wednesday 3/20 520pm Mite tryout #2, 630pm Bantam tryout #1. Thursday 3/21 445pm I-mite tryout #2, 6pm Peewee tryout #1, 710pm Peewee tryout #2. Friday 3/22 520pm Squirt #3 tryout 555pm Bantam #2 tryout Monday 3/25 520pm Mite tryout #3, 630pm Peewee tryout #3. Tuesday 3/26 6pm Bantam tryout #3.

Evaluators: Each level Mite-Bantam will need one person from outside age group. Best if outside program. Motion made to accept I-mite evaluators of-Andrew REed, Vinnie Noe, Erik hubert, Drew Palmer, Melanie Mansfield, Jackie Mansfield. Motion passed.

Keri will set up coaches meeting with Linda D at Public Safety building for the end of March.

Concussion policy: Keri pulled some policies from other organizations to review. Will have a simple policy in alignment with CDC Heads Up policy. Will include that coach and age director will need to OK return to play.

Annual Meeting in May. please email Keri Melanson if you are planning to continue in your role next year. Open positions are : treasurer, secretary, coaching coordinator, middle school director, bantam age director, midget age director, squirt age director, I-mite age director.

Cheever grant update: 3 girls have moved to I-mites, and 23 girls are playing for the second nine weeks with \$175 cost. There are about 20 other skaters who are “maybes” in continuing for the 9 week session. 10-11 are NOT continuing on.

WYSA girls night is Friday 1/18 in Stoneham. 6 girls from squirt teams will be doing warm ups with HS players.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: Numbers are good

I-mite: Patriot's Place was rained out. Rescheduled for February 6.

Mite: Played at HS game in between periods at WYSA night and went very well.

Squirt: ? readjustment for squirt 4

Peewee: PW2s are still losing, and are trying to find a tourney that is a good fit.

Bantam: None

Midget: None

MS: Red and black 5 & 6 teams played and black won 6-3. Looking for waterboys for HS games. Kevin will email coaches.

D10: Playdowns are WE of 1/18-20. All on ice personnel require CORI, safesport and helmets-Brian will go to skills on Monday to do CORIs for Jaime's instructors He has emailed Jaime about helmets. Bill will email Peter about coaching issue for Squirt 3 team in playdowns- One coach will be away and one coach is not patched

Purchasing: none

Valley league: New adjunct league is starting for 2019-2020 season

Other Business:

A goalie was reportedly hit over the head with stick from opposing player and injured in game. Brian will look into and review video from Livebarn and contact league if necessary.

New rink: There has been no movement in 3-4 months. The issue was whether the Voke was going to use the proposed shared land in the building of the new vocational school. The land is NOT going to be used and new RFP lease agreement is being rewritten. More to come in future.

Meeting adjourned at 940 pm.

Next meeting is Monday February 11, 2019 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 02/11/19

Meeting called to order 710pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Andy Reed, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Steve Rubman, Erik, Domingo, Frank Leone

Motion made to accept minutes from January meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Operating balance \$53,421. Saving Balance \$64,523. \$17,00 is currently still owed in player fees by 16 families. Frank is working on this. Potential for \$30,000 profit this year. Will have more accurate data at March meeting.

President Update:

Fundraising update: Fundraiser went really well. Team baskets were a big money raiser.

Banquet: Keri will email Jean Ann Nigro, Delia Guiffe and the Gentile family to invite them to banquet. Award winners need to be decided by March 11. Bill will print list of skaters and coaches for banquet. Bill will order trophies.

Website: Sports Engine is almost up and running, being updated as needed by Steve and Lisa. Keri will email Lisa with concussion verbiage to add to waiver. Will keep WYSA.net (continue paying fee) and have it redirect to new website. Coaches application needs to be added to website. Board looked at website together and made some changes.

Tryouts: Will need check in help at tryouts from board members. Bill will order try out number stickers and send coaches evaluation forms for current teams with return date of 3/11. Will change scale to 1-10 from 1-4. Brian will send out FAQ sheet in email to families. No change in tryout numbers at this time. Brian will confirm goalie tryout date with Mike G. Goal is to open registration this week.

Evaluators: Motion made to accept Mite evaluators of--Tom DePrizio, Jeff Timmins, Vinnie Noe, Rick Morris. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Squirt evaluators of--Dave McCarthy, Peter Burns. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Peewee evaluators of--Ryan Burns, Don Dubuque, Chris DeFeo. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Bantam evaluators via electronic vote. Motion passed.

U14 girls update: Meeting scheduled for tomorrow with parents about options for next year. There are not enough girls in Wakefield program for a team. Meeting will be postponed due to forecasted snow. Keri will email Linda D for new date.

Annual meeting is in May. Email Keri for open positions.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: About 35 skaters at the 11:55 hour. Discussed possibility of adding session back on 3/17 at 11:50 am as there was a session cancelled due to snow. Not sure this will work and usually the session is not made up.

I-mite: Patriot's Place was a success.

Mite: 1s are 8-9, 2s are 8-8, 3s are 4-11-2

Squirt: All 4 teams are making a surge.

Peewee: PW1s had incident at recent game with opposing coach being thrown out and parent pushing referee.

Bantam: None

Midget: None

MS: None

D10: Bill is asking someone to attend the meeting tomorrow if not cancelled due to weather as he will be out of town.

Purchasing: Bill made motion to purchase goalie pads for mites as strap is broken. Motion passed. Bill made motion to purchase shirts for players for Providence Bruins game at a cost of \$750. Motion passed.

Valley league:None

Other Business: Motion made to change goalie pricing to \$550 for 2nd full year goalies, 1st year price remains \$800 and to keep 5% discount for paying in full. Motion passed.

Mike Boudreau asked if WYSA would be willing to donate money to Senior Night for HS. Senior night is the night of prom where students stay over at Dave and Busters and have fun activities in hopes of preventing drinking and driving. Motion made to donate \$250 to Senior night. Motion passed.

Bill will send CORIs out to Jaime's staff and email him about need for staff to wear helmets.

Bill will send email to teams playing in states that the association pays the fee.

U8 girls team that Don C is coaching is going well. Girls are having fun.

Meeting adjourned at 947 pm.

Next meeting is Monday April 8, 2019 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Executive Minutes 2/11/19

Skater in LTP has done 7 sessions of the 15 total and does not want to continue. He has not spent one full session on the ice. Motion made to refund the Chris Phillion family \$82 for the unused sessions remaining. Motion passed.

Squirt 2 had issue in playdowns. Asst coach thought he was emailing parent privately, but emailed entire team. There was reference to a player being pulled off offense and put on defense as the team was not doing well, and that the team did better after that. Parents of player that was referenced were upset and reached out to age director. The asst coach emailed an apology after he was spoken to by age director. The apology made issue worse and there is no resolution to be had at this point. Brian will follow up with age director.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 03/11/19

Meeting called to order 705pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Bill Welch, Andy Reed, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Steve Rubman, Erik, Domingo, Frank Leone, Lisa Van Dorpe, Rick Morris

Public Participation: Jackie Mansfield, Melanie Mansfield, Janelle Surette, Lisa Stewart

Lisa Stewart brought forward motion to create a Wakefield girls U18 team under the WYSA umbrella. She feels that the HS team did not "gel" and having the girls skate together in the fall would help create a better HS team. She has secured 3 coaches: Jackie Mansfield, Melanie Mansfield, Janelle Surette. She is in the process of securing a goalie and enough numbers for a team.

Motion made to offer U18 team to play games only in MYCGL. Registration will be \$50 and will be refunded if not enough players register for team. Timeline to register is 3/12-3/29. Fee for season to be determined at this time. Motion passed. Will open registration on website and blast out communication.

Motion made to accept minutes from February meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Operating balance \$71,444. Saving Balance \$64,524. \$4087.50 outstanding balances from 5 families. Frank is questioning whether they can tryout. Answer is yes for the most part. \$500 Future in Dentistry donation is not in the books as of yet. Will have final update in April.

President Update:

5 teams went to State tourney. Bantam 2's went to finals and Bantam 3's went to semifinals.

Banquet: Invites and communication need to go out. Awards are almost done minus PW2.

Website: Need to update businesses who donated to WYSA with links and logos. Coaches application will be ready to be added to website tomorrow.

Tryouts: Brian will send out the tryout FAQs for board to read over. Brian has pinnies and clipboards. Bill will be at all tryouts and will gather whichever board member is at specific tryout for help. There is conflict with PW1 and Bantam 3 with playoff games and tryouts. Tryouts for those teams will be rescheduled. Coaches meeting needs to be scheduled first week of April. Send out updated schedule and reminder of tryouts tomorrow.

Evaluators: Motion made to accept Squirt evaluators of--Steve Boudreau and Dan Hubbard. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Bantam evaluators of-- Brian Casey, Don Dubuque and Mark LoCocco. Motion passed. Motion made to accept goalie evaluators of Brian Casey, Don Collins, Adam and Mike Gerogolian. Motion passed.

There are 102 skates registered at this time for tryouts.

Bantam vs coaches game is yet to be scheduled. Coaches evaluations are all set.

U14 girls update: There are not enough skaters to field a team. At meeting on March 5 Bill gave parents options from surrounding towns' girls programs.

Functional Updates:

LTP/Clinic: About 35 skaters at the 11:55 hour. March 17 is last day.

I-mite: none

Mite: All teams are middle/ below middle of the pack

Squirt: 2's had tourney and went 2-1. 1's did not do tourney as they could not secure goalie

Peewee: PW1 ? of suspension from game. Nothing has come from Valley league at this point and will wait to hear from them.

Bantam: 2's--Issue at State tourney against Cambridge. Wakefield player cleanly checked opposing player and that player suffered a broken wrist. His parent wanted our player suspended and reached out to Brian. The parent was not at game to witness event and the coach of team did not voice an issue with event. Brian said it was "agreed to disagree" and went no further.

Midget: None

MS: Gr 5&6 Red team won MS Valley championship.

D10: None

Purchasing: Bill made motion to purchase 2 boxes of black pucks. Motion passed.

Valley league: None

Other Business: Thanks yous from fundraiser need to go out. Nominations for positions will occur at annual meeting in May. Please let Keri know about your position for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 923pm.

Next meeting is Monday April 8, 2019 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Executive Minutes 3/11/19

There is no resolution with the Coach Pothier and Goodwin family on his team at this point. The family never got a direct apology from coach.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 04/8/19

Meeting called to order 705pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Andy Reed, Ryan Burns, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Erik, Domingo, Frank Leone, Lisa Van Dorpe, Rick Morris

Public Participation: Bob Wickwire, Amy Blain, Lisa Stewart

Lisa Stewart had update on U18 team. There are 15 girls plus a goalie registered at this time. Kathy at MYCGL has informed us that girls can skate for Reading and Wakefield. She is proposing running a 7 week clinic at Burbank if there are not going to be practices for the team. She asked about reaching out to other town for more players, but discussed that 15 players is probably enough to field the team and do not want too many players. Lisa V. will push out update on Website and Facebook about the new program. Fee will be \$225 and \$75 for goalies. Motion made to support U18 girls team with 10 games at cost of \$225 for skaters and \$75 for goalies. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept minutes from March meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Operating balance is 68,003. Saving balance is 64,525. 4 families owing \$3850 in tuition remaining at this time. We are currently \$20,000 in the positive. League fees have decreased by \$14,000 and tourney fees/refunds have decreased by \$3000 this year.

May meeting Steve Rubman will officially take over and accounts will be switched over to Quickbooks.

President Update: Bantam 1 team won VHL championship and crossover championship. Alex Dubow won playoff MVP. Squirt 2 won VHL championship. Squirt 3 lost championship game. Bantam 2 lost in semi-finals.

Head coach voting: Motion made for Chris DeFeo for Peewee 1 coach. Motion passed.

Motion made for Dan Hubbard for Peewee 3 coach. Motion passed.

There were 3 no shows for mite tryouts-those skates will be placed on lowest team. Skater Griffin was sick for scrimmage and has only 2 scores. Age director will speak to coach about placement. Suggestion for future for "wildcard" placement on team for players who miss due to illness. Will continue discussion offline. There are 39 skates and will be be 4 teams.

CORI update: There is a new system from Mass hockey that will be tied to USA Hockey registration. This will also include board members.

Keri will contact Linda about securing community room at PSB for coaches meeting.

Banquet update: Awards are all set, food to be served at 630pm.

Annual meeting is May 20, 2019. Open positions are: Vice President, treasurer, secretary, midget director, bantam director, squirt director, I-mite director, learn to play director, equipment/purchasing manager, fundraising chair.

Bantam options: Tryout #s: 23 skaters and 3 goalies. 3 game only skaters at 2nd tryout. 20 skaters are registered as full time of which 13-14 are 9th graders.

The options are to have 2 teams of 10 skaters each, having cuts (which has been decided id NOT an option as it is against our mission), or opening up to game only players. Discussed possibility of holding one more tryout and opening it up to skaters who skated last year n WYSA, but not registered this year, 3 out of WYSA skaters who went to last trout AND all bantams who attended tryouts from WYSA. There would be only one tryout and would use same evaluators as last tryouts. Discussed game only cost versus reduced cost for all of bantam program and having practices and skills open to ALL players. Motion made to send email to bantams and players leaving upcoming year about options for next season. Motion passed. Will have electronic vote for final decision.

Functional Update:

LTP/Clinic: none

I-mite: none

Mite: none

Squirt: none

Peewee: none

Bantam: none

Midget: None

MS: none

D10: None

Purchasing: none

Valley league: None

Other Business: Would like to have new vendor for apparel. Please email Bill with idea options. Will raffle Red Sox tickets at banquet for \$10 per ticket.

Meeting adjourned at 913pm.

Next meeting is Monday May 13, 2019 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Wakefield Youth Hockey Meeting 05/13/19

Meeting called to order 7:30pm

Attendance: Brian Casey, Don Collins, Jeff McGann, Andy Reed, Kevin Martin, Don Dubuque, Keri Melanson, Erik, Domingo, Frank Leone, Rick Morris, Steve Rubman, Kara Simoneau

Public Participation: Amy Blain

Motion made to accept minutes from April meeting with corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Update: Nothing new to report. Will have annual report at next meeting. The association will be moving to QuickBooks for accounting as of 2019-2020 operating year.

Kara S will follow up with photographer as the check for WYSA has not been received. Frank and Steve will work on switching information to new treasurer at The Savings Bank and Bank of America.

President Update: New invoices are hopefully going out tomorrow for payments. It needs to be done manually this year but will hopefully change to streamline process for 2020-2021 season.

Price checks: Girls U18 team will have cost of \$225 and \$75 for goalies. After reviewing minutes from 10/17 change will be made to make goalie fee \$75 for middle school teams for 2019-2020 season. Sport Engine is moving along and continuing to move things from old site to new site.

Bantam update: There were 23 skaters at tryouts, including 3 goalies. Email sent out and no other skaters were interested. There will be 11/12 skaters per team at this point. There is one skater from Stoneham who will be placed on Bantam 2s as he did not try out. The price is \$995 for game only option. Question whether other skaters who skate for 2 teams will want game only option to take advantage of discount. Discussed that this option would still be less expensive than giving all Bantams the discounted price and having all attend practices and skills. The numbers are very tight and will put out to Valley League that we are looking for more Bantams. Looking at skaters for next year at this age level-may have same issue or possibly only one team.

Shirt sizing nite: 5/23/19 5p-8p for Mites through Bantams, 7p-8p for I-Mites. Will need age directors and other volunteers to help manage flow of members and skaters. Discussion around whether new shirts have to be ordered or if skaters can keep ones from last year. Decision made that new shirts will need to be ordered for all skaters on a yearly basis. Discussion made around how skaters can pick their numbers. Will it continue to be 1st come 1st serve or can second year players have preference. Decision made to keep 1st come 1st serve and have coaches handle any jersey number conflicts. Bill requested to have I-mites attend shirt fitting night to help streamline his process of gathering numbers and sizes. After some discussion, decision made for Bill to invite I-mites from 7p-8p and that Bill will collect data as opposed to having Dangle Rep collect data. Some discussion about continuing to use Dynamic for I-mite jerseys as there were issues last year, but Bill will work with Mark to hopefully prevent similar issues this year.

Bruins Learn To Play update:

This year we had 4 sessions and were comped the ice time. The I-mite coaches ran the skills and had other volunteers on ice to help. We did fill up and had some on wait list. We used a local code so that Wakefield residents could get early registration. Cost was \$100, and skaters were given a full set of

pads. Bill requests some changes for the upcoming year. Bill feels that WYSA has had steady enrollment over the past few years due to our programs aimed at the younger age groups, while other associations are struggling with enrollment.

He would like to rotate coaches from other age levels into the sessions. He needs 4-5 coaches per session. He did use some HS players as help this season, but that was not always helpful. Told him that he could ask coaches, but would need back up plan, as this may prove difficult. He would also like to have run two four session groups for the 2019-2020 season, from Oct 5-Nov 23. The conversion rate was low with only one player going to I-mites after LTP. Discussed that likelihood of capturing a large number of Wakefield players for second session is low. Decided that it makes more sense to try to capture more skaters from Wakefield for the program. Signups for Bruins Learn To Play will be in August. Flyers will be placed at Library, Cravings, Boys and Girls Club. He will post on social media in community forums. He will reach out to school PTOs and post in the local newspaper. We will try to "pre-register" Wakefield residents and guarantee them a spot in the program. Bill will work with Lisa on the Sports Engine side.

Motion made for 4 sessions of Bruins Learn To Play Hockey to run Nov 2,9,16,23. Motion passed. Bill brought up idea to re-run Cheever grant program without the grant. Cost for association would run \$3000-\$4000. Topic tabled and will discuss at future meeting.

Coach voting: Motion made to accept Brian Casey as head coach of Bantam 1. Motion passed. Motion made to accept David LoCocco as head coach of Bantam 2. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Robert Guida as head coach of Peewee 2. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Mark Pothier as head coach of Squirt 1. After some discussion motion passed.

Motion made to accept Dave Belanger as head coach of Squirt 2. Motion passed. Motion made to accept Ryan Burns as head coach of Mite 1. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Steve Boudreau as head coach of Mite 2. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Vinnie Noe as head coach of Mite 3. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Eric Hubert as head coach of Mite 4. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Melanie Mansfield as head coach of I-Mite Black. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Greg Davidson as head coach of I-Mite Grey. Motion passed.

Motion made to accept Greg Natalucci as head coach of I-Mite Red. Motion passed.

Functional Update:

LTP/Clinic: none

I-mite: none

Mite: none

Squirt: none

Peewee: none

Bantam: none

Midget: None

MS: none

D10: None

Purchasing: none

Valley league: None

Other Business: We may need new venue for picture night for upcoming season. Brian will reach out to Gilmartin to confirm. Will need lead time to secure new site.

Vendor: Bill had a short conversation with Mark Doherty from Dynamics but wants to close out all outstanding orders from current vendor before moving forward. Please email Bill with any suggestions for new vendors.

Brian will send out rosters to coaches for next season.

Mass hockey will require online CORI registration for coaches next season with a cost of \$30 per coach. Reimbursement will have to be made to coaches from WYSA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Monday May 20, 2019 7pm at Public Safety Building.

Wakefield Youth Skating Association 2019 Annual Meeting
May 20, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Kevin Martin	Don Collins
Jeff McGann	Kara Simoneau	Rick Morris
Keri Melanson	Lisa Van Dorpe	Ryan Burns
Frank Leone	Andy Reed	Amy Blain
Bill Welch	Steve Rubman	

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Voting for 2019-2021 term open positions:

Voting took place from 7:10 – 7:30 p.m.

Everyone on ballot was elected unanimously. Write-in candidates for Vice President, Midget Age Director and Interim Bantam Age Director were also elected unanimously.

Vice President – Rick Morris
Midget Age Director – Rob Guida
Interim Bantam Age Director – Brian Casey
Squirt Age Director – Don Collins
I-Mite Director – Bill Welch
Girls Age Director – Don Collins
Fundraising Director – Kara Simoneau
Secretary – Amy Blain

- A motion was made to appoint Andy Reed Interim Learn to Play Director.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
- A motion was made to appoint Steve Rubman Treasurer.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
- A motion was made to appoint Jeff McGann Valley League Rep.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
- A motion was made to appoint Kevin Martin Middle School Director.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
- A motion was made to appoint Lisa Van Dorpe Communications Director.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
- A motion was made to appoint Bill Welch and Ryan Burns as Interim Co-Equipment/Purchasing Directors.
 - Motion passed without discussion.
 - Mike Morel may be interested in Equipment/Purchasing Director position full-time

Review of Previous Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the following corrections:

- Page 3, line 1, change "Cheever gran program" to "Cheever grant program"
- Page 2, line 25, change "Carvings" to "Cravings"
- Page 1, line 26, change shirt sizing time from "4p-8p" to "5p-8p for Mites through Bantams, 7p-8p for I-Mites"

Motion to make these changes and accept minutes passed.

Review of Executive Meeting Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 2019 executive meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes with the following correction:

- Page 1, line 5, change "Brian and Mark have both spoken to Mark" to "Brian and Don have both spoken to Mark"

Motion to make these changes and accept minutes passed.

President's Report Given by Brian Casey:

WYSA Annual Meeting May 20th, 2019

The Association Objective - Shall be to implant firmly in the youth of the community, both boys and girls, the ideals of good sportsmanship while attaining quality skills for the safe and healthy execution of ice sports.

- The objective will be achieved by providing supervised competition and instruction in games applicable to ice sports. The supervisors and personnel of the association shall bear in mind that, at all times, the attainment of good sportsmanship and athletic skills, while increasing the children's self-esteem is more important than winning games.
- Started in 1969, closing out our 50th year
- **Accomplishments**
 - Great value for the money
 - 15 Full Season Teams: We had 2 half-season Midget teams.
 - Had 3 middle school teams this year. 5/6th grade team was champion.
 - Board members ran a very successful fundraiser night for the 6th year in a row. With this year being the most successful yet!
 - 1 overall Valley League Champ-Bantam 1. We had the Squirt 2 and the Bantam 3 teams win their division before losing the crossover championship. Alex Dubow – Bantam 3 was Playoff MVP. And 4 teams made the finals!
 - 5 teams played in the State Championships with the Bantam 2's playing in the finals. Bantam 3's made semi-finals of their state tournament.
 - Purchased where needed.
 - Participated in the Bruins Learn to Play program for the 2nd time. With 60+ skaters.
 - This year with the Cheever Grant we were able to run a Girls Learn-to-Play program
 - Worked to align learn to skate and learn to play programs.

- Teams were able to maintain a practice schedule of two practices a week for the most part.
- New uniforms.
- **Challenges**
 - Practice and skills attendance as the season goes on does see a dip. Especially late in the year.
 - The pull of select hockey continues to have an impact on the program. As mentioned in past annual reports, the 2006 group moving into Bantams and losing players has created real challenges.
 - To help grow a girls program need to focus on the youngest ages.
 - The tryout process does put pressure on coaches.
 - The focus needs to continue to be about player skill development.
 - Need to continue to add new faces to board and encourage new members to be vocal participants.
 - Aligning the learn to skate and the learn to play programs while increasing the numbers of the youngest groups.
 - Tryout process and placements—continue to improve communication to parents in advance.
 - Improving scheduling and communication to members.
 - Improving our social media messaging.
 - We need to focus on the communication to increase the number of Wakefield families joining the Bruins Learn to Play. Then focus on that communication to improve our capture rate to LTP or I-Mite programs.\
- **Financially**
 - Income exceeded expenses for the year, refer to the Treasurer’s report.
 - Difficult decisions made by the board
 - Equipment purchases
 - Continued to run with smaller teams
 - Bad debt held to a minimum
- **USA-Mass Hockey**
 - The State Championship changes introduced a few years ago are definitely a positive. Aligning the program sizes fairly.
 - Mass Hockey is now going to include CORIs when coaches sign up
- **The Board – New faces for this season mixing with existing members**
 - New members this year and incoming
 - Meetings normally had strong numbers of attendees
 - Welcome new Members, filling many open seats
- **Objectives for the coming year**

- Run the association for the good of the members
- Continue to review and update our Bylaws and Policies
- Control costs with an eye towards running profitably without the fundraiser
- Continued focus on hockey operations
 - Oversee our coaches and our skills performance
- We have had successful fundraising events. Needs to continue.
- Continue to bring in new board members
- Work to run with transparency
- Grow the organization by focusing on ways to add kids at the youngest age groups

Discussion During President's Report:

Coach Involvement in Evaluations

- Parents who request feedback on evaluations – we don't share evaluation forms, but we should have age directors share general feedback with these parents
- Possibly consider reevaluating the process/role of coaches in future tryouts

Surveys for Players Leaving the Program

- Discussed possibly having age directors seek feedback from players leaving the program
 - Survey Monkey would offer a way to collect candid feedback
 - Bill Welch to investigate

Skills

- Discussed whether we should consider other options beyond Jamie/green guys
- For example, Lynda Murphy – [Edgeworks](#)
 - Probably wouldn't be able to handle the size of the league
 - Also, cost is an issue
- Need to address lack of feedback from skills coaches to players
- Possibly consider holding smaller skills groups, fewer times per month
- Possibly consider having coaches on the ice as well to assist with players
- Agreed to table this until June/July
- Possibly invite Jamie to coach's night
 - Brian Casey to reach out to him to discuss

Treasurer's Financial Update:

Frank Leone presented Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Functional Expenses, Statement of Cash Flows and three-year overview.

Other Business:

Shirt night will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Public Safety Building. Bill Welch will print up sheets.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Public Safety Building

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Treasurer's Financial Update:

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- Next year moving to QuickBooks online
- Total current revenues are \$133,998
- Total support and revenue without donor restrictions was \$339,095
- Total expenses were \$335,526
- We are owed \$2,150 dollars from three players
 - Only one of these is registered for 2019-2020, owes \$700
 - Remaining \$1450: one aged out and one is just leaving
- Three-year overview:
 - Uniforms/equipment expenses increased this year, we purchased more gear and goalie equipment
 - Banquet cost went up this year
 - Try to negotiate this cost down for next year
- We should be able to forecast for next year by July/August
- Hockey Town contract is signed in July
 - Paul Gilmartin has promised there won't be changes to our ice at Hockey Town for next year