

## **WYSA Monthly Meeting**

**12/9/19**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Amy Blain, Brian Casey, Bill Welch, Don Collins, Rob Guida, Rick Morris, Jeff McGann, Andy Reed, Steve Rubman, Ryan Burns

**Public Participation:** Jeff Timmins

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

A motion was made to approve the minutes and executive minutes from the November meeting. Motion passed.

#### **Heseltine Tournament:**

Mite 1s made it to Sunday and lost in the semi-finals.

#### **Player Updates:**

McKenzie Guilfooy staying on Mite 3. Three Imite skaters have been moved to Mite 4 and are doing well. Squirts are getting pulled to Pee Wee 3 quite a bit because the team needs the help. Goalie situation – mother is requesting tuition discount but we don't provide that until second year squirts.

#### **Midget Season:**

Rob Guida: Lower division team did better. They were around 500 or a bit lower. Rob's team played many games with 6-10 players. Sunday night captain's practices didn't help. They didn't want to go to Friday night practices. Some practices had 4-7 kids on the ice with a full sheet. Perhaps another night would be better next year? It was suggested that next year we have a try out so we can evaluate the players and tier the midgets by skills next year. Also try to get HS varsity coach to try to encourage participation in midgets for next year.

#### **Learn to Skate:**

Andy Reed: A couple of refund requests have come in. Numbers are good. 63 learn to skate. And 25-28 in learn to play. Makes sense to add the Imites in with the second hour. We can then more easily funnel the LTS kids into Imites.

Refunds: policy is if they're only there for a week or two and give up, we issue a refund. As long as they leave before Christmas they can be refunded.

#### **Middle School:**

First games were this weekend. Fifth grade teams did not do well. Jamboree was close for both teams. Sixth grade team did well. (8-0). Not sure how the seventh grade team did.

#### **Pee Wee 3s:**

Pee Wee 3s aren't doing well. They are 0-8-1. The last several games have been 7-0, 8-0 etc. We're going to request to move them down a notch. One player who signed up for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team has never played hockey. He went to a Pee Wee 3 practice and we asked that he keep going to practices, but he's

not ready for games yet. There is a 12 year old girl from learn to play who was just placed on Imites. She'll be moved to Pee Wee 3 eventually. Jeff will discuss it with the Valley League.

**Ideas to Retain Skaters:**

Numbers for next year:

Bantams potentially 15 skaters next year. Five 2006s, ten 2007s, plus two goalies.

Pee Wee - 49 skaters and five goalies.

Squirts - 39.

Mite - 33.

Discussed looking into merging Bantam programs with another town. Possibly Lynnfield-Saugus or Stoneham. Stoneham has a lot of ice in the beginning of the season but they lose a lot when high school starts. Brian will start having discussions with Stoneham and other local associations. It was decided that we can start spreading the word that we will do game only for Bantams again next year.

Should we start offering game only two second year pee wees? To be discussed further.

**Home and Away Jerseys:**

Lindsay sent a note. Mark at Dynamik would have to outsource jerseys, and the cost would be \$20 a shirt higher than what we're paying now. Mark thinks Dangle can get a better price. We need to get a couple more estimates. Mike Kelly has a contact at Sports Etc. in Arlington. Bill to also connect with Lindsay about costs with Dangle.

**Banquet:**

We have 149 skaters (not including Imites). Elks seats "250-300." Pricing TBD. High school last year was \$2750

Prince Pizza: Artruro Room: Seats 230, Giggles: Seats 160, Castraberti: Seats 60. Starts at \$17 a head. 35 adults minimum. Includes pizza and soda and pasta and salad. Just cheese pizza and soda is \$11/person plus tip. They could also do delivery.

High School costs: TBD

**Awards for Banquet:**

Brian to keep on top of coaches

**Try Out Registration:**

Will open at the end of January. Sports Engine cannot do tiered pricing for multiple kids. Should we do a fixed rate for families? Maybe only get one discount – either the pay in full discount or multi-player discount but not both? Further discussion needed. Steve to look into options.

**Mass Hockey Officials:**

It was discussed and decided that we do not need to warn parents that any infractions from kids against refs will become public record.

**Raffles:**

Steve to remind Lisa to pay out raffles.

**Functional Updates:****Imites:**

Providence Place and Patriots place are scheduled.

**Mites:**

Twos are doing Haverhill tournament in December.

**Squirts:**

All three teams are where they should be from a parity perspective.

**Pee Wees:**

Pee wee 1s are struggling with scoring. They may get moved to a different level.

**Bantams:**

1s had a couple of wins this weekend. 2s are happy

**Midgets:**

5:55 on Friday ice is now open now that midgets are done. Possibly put bantams in that slot.

**Valley League:**

Seems to be a lot of cancellations lately.

**Snow Cancellations:**

Brian, Jeff and Rick will be the weather "committee"

Meeting adjourned at 9:20