



## **WEYMOUTH YOUTH HOCKEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING**



### **MINUTES from January 14, 2025 – Tufts Library – 6PM**

- The meeting was called to order by President Harney at 6:21pm.
- Roll call of BOD members
  - President (Harney) – Present
  - Vice President (Kummerer) – Present (arrived late)
  - Secretary (Keller) – Present
  - Treasurer (MacNeil) – Excused
  - Registrar (Raulinaitis) – Present
  - Instructional Director (Gildea) – Present
  - Mite Director (Walsh) – Excused
  - Squirt Director (Russell) – Present (arrived late)
  - Peewee Director (Fortier) – Present
  - Bantam (McFarland) – Present
  - Midget (Mathews) – Present
  - Girls (Hajjar) – Present
  - Travel (Boudreau) – Present
  - Equipment (Patten) – Present (arrived late)
  - Fundraising (Manning) – Present
  - Snack Bar (Miller) – Present
  - House League (Zent) – Present
  - Skills (Whipple) – Excused
  - Goalie Skills (Bennett) – Absent
  - U6 Coordinator (Zbroinski) – Present (arrived late)
  - Ice Coordinator (Quieto) – Excused
  - Assistant Treasurer – Absent
  - Webmaster – Vacant
  - Members in attendance: none
- President's remarks:
  - President Harney welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Reading of the minutes:
  - MOTION to approve minutes: Offered by Zent, Seconded by Raulinaitis - Approve Minutes from December 10, 2024, meeting (PASSED – Unanimous)
- Financial Report: (provided by email, read by Secretary Keller)
  - Treasurer O'Neil shared that we are on track from last year with account balances. The snackbar did very well over week of school vacation in December and we have already grossed \$30K in the snackbar/skate shop so far this year.
- Level Reports:
  - Girls:

- Director Hajjar shared that the girls program is going to a Northeastern women's game on Saturday, January 18. They may be able to tour the locker room after the game. We are hoping to build a relationship with the Northeastern team and possibly have them come and help out at our practices/skills on occasion.
  - Midget:
    - Nothing to report.
  - Bantam:
    - Director McFarland had nothing to report, outside of a closed session item to be discussed at the end of the meeting.
  - Pee wee:
    - Director Fortier shared that the PeeWee A team attended the Sap Bucket tournament in Manchester, Vermont earlier this month and came home as the Champions of the tournament.
  - Squirt:
    - No report
  - Mite: Director Walsh shared a report via email, read by Secretary Keller:
    - Teams are doing well and enjoyed the relaxed skills/practice schedule over the holidays. Everyone loved Santa and the Santa Skate.
    - Two teams played in Bourne in the Great White Winter Classic with lots of fun at the hotel.
    - Mite Bs enjoyed playing home games in Connell for the first time.
    - We have a jamboree coming in February on the outer Cape with the Coyotes and other Cape teams.
  - Instructional:
    - Director Gildea shared that we are having a great season for Junior Wildcats. Planning to hold a jamboree to wrap up the season the first weekend of March.
    - Requested budget for the jamboree to purchase trophies, pizza, drinks. MOTION offered by Gildea for \$1000 for this event, SECOND by Raulinaitis (Passed – Unanimous)
- Ice Hours and Distribution Report:
  - No report.
- Travel Report:
  - Director Boudreau will be attending the next SSC meeting on January 27. A few members of the Board shared some frustrations with scheduling, for example the Bantam team playing against Hingham in the Alexio rink in Taunton.
- Equipment Report:
  - Director Patten has been looking at options for coach appreciation swag, we will get more details and send around an email vote once quotes/options are available.
- Fundraising Report:

- Director Manning reported that we raised \$9,515 on the raffle calendar fundraiser.
- Parents Night Out is coming up and we need some help to build excitement on this, if Level Directors could reach out to Coaches, etc.
- Discussion around updating our sponsorship tiers/getting a banner to recognize sponsors. Hajjar to confirm if we would be allowed to hang a banner in the rink.
- Snack Bar Report:
  - Director Miller shared that we had a very busy/successful school vacation week in the snackbar/skate shop.
  - We are trying to get rid of older skates so we would welcome donations of gently used skates, particularly sizes 7,8,9,10 but all sizes welcome.
  - Suggestion to update snackbar emails to add more details and recognize top and bottom teams in the email itself, not just the attachment.
- House League:
  - Director Zent plans to organize a committee meeting in the next few weeks to discuss ideas for next year.
- Registrar Report:
  - Registrar Raulinaitis shared that our SportsEngine annual renewal is coming up and asked if there's any feedback to share with our liaison. A few ideas/requests included: the ability to auto-load scheduled games from more than one conference, the option to have replies to emails go to a different address than the sender (i.e. if Secretary is sending something out on behalf of Fundraising Director), and request an update on SE App chat issues that they were supposed to be looking into.
  - Request for the master ice schedule and advertise open ice more widely, also need to do a better job of advertising goalie skills.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Discipline – we have one issue that we have been looking into.
  - Scholarship – no report.
  - By-Law – meeting on Thursday, January 16 to discuss changes needed.
  - Coaching – no report
  - Fundraising – no report
  - Tryout – we have sent out a request for non-Board member volunteers and will hold a meeting in late January with full committee.
- Old Business – None.
- New Business:
  - MA Hockey is considering redistricting. The current proposal to go from 10 districts down to 8 districts. Weymouth would be with South Shore/South Coast teams. There is a MA Hockey meeting on January 16 to discuss this further.
  - Purchase of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Square: given how much the first unit is being used in the snackbar and skate shop, it would be very helpful to have a second one. On busy

open skate days, they could use one for snackbar, one for skate shop. We could also use it for fundraising events, drop-in programs, etc. Cost of the Square is approximately \$300 (we have already made \$3600 in sales on the first one). MOTION offered by Keller to purchase the 2<sup>nd</sup> Square, Second by Zent. (Passed – Unanimous)

- Coach Appreciation: we are looking into possibly doing an event at Golf Lounge 18 at the South Shore Plaza. In the past, golf simulators were very popular and this is closer to Weymouth than our previous events at iGolf in Pembroke. Secretary Keller is awaiting a quote from them and will send a vote via email once details are known.
- Players coming from outside of Weymouth wishing to play. Need to follow our bylaws and MA Hockey guidelines, players are allowed to tryout and can play if we have space at the requested levels, providing that they do not have any financial obligations at another program.
- League discussion – there are ongoing discussions between many programs (both on the coed and girls side) about the leagues that towns are planning to enter teams for next year. We will continue to update as we know more, but general consensus with our BoD is that we are happy where we are now.
- Fire/Police Charity event in benefit of the Murphy family. MOTION offered by Hajjar, SECOND by Patten for all snackbar proceeds coming from that night to go to the Murphy family. (Passed – Unanimous)
- Open Forum –
  - No items
- MOTION: Offered by Hajjar, SECONDED by Boudreau – Adjourn meeting at 8:42PM (PASSED: Unanimous)