

## WYSA Meeting Minutes

6/14/21

### **Attendees:**

Brian Casey, Bill Welch, Rick Morris, Jeff Timmins, Lindsay Rocca, Amy Blain, Eileen Colleran, Eric Hubert, Kara Simoneau, Michael Morel, Michele Kelly, Ryan Burns, Sara Eriksen, Sean Guilfooy, Steve Boudreau, Liam McDonnell

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

### **Misc. Business topics**

- The donation for senior night was sent.
- Subcommittee volunteered by Bill to start and organize the 1st meeting. Motion passed
- Treasurer position still open
  - Potential viable candidate not looking likely, Item was included in the newsletter. Call out to the group to share and consult their own networks.
  - Mike Morel suggested some other non-profits boards offer stipend - should this be considered for the role?
- Girls hockey update-Steve
  - Steve Update > Meeting 2 high school girls that had previously reached out to get involved with the program. Brainstorm level and they are keen to be invited to LTS programs for visibility. With girls' team u8/10/12 and 14 - rotating free ice to help get girls involved
  - Girls remembered their experiences and want to give back
  - Rotating ice that becomes available - prioritize girls' groups to encourage engagement.
  - Idea > Every girl at HS level has a buddy - promoting the game with skating, warmups, games etc. Group of girls very receptive. (mentor / mentee)
  - Board should drive the initiative and provide a plan of attack.
- Bruins Learn to play
  - Following email from Bill on June 8th > limited program based on amount of equipment they have. We've used hours following on from Saturday mornings (iMites) - iMite coaches help with an extra set of hands with high School Kids.
  - Kids pay \$180 for ~\$500 worth of gear and 4-hours' worth of Ice time. Net zero cost to WYSA.
  - The ~50 kids come in as LTS, LTP - conversion has been typically 50%
  - Often times the program runs again in the spring (late Feb/March) usually focused on girls
  - Prior years we have been able to sign up for ¾ sessions - equipment availability may be an issue but unknown.
  - Provisional agreement in place between Bill and Bruins org.
  - Expected to run Month of November (post soccer and pre LTS/LTP)
  - Equipment turn in and swap possibly with shirt-night.
    - As we open up registration > learn to play equipment could be advertised as available to encourage sign ups.
  - Later date in November is during Thanksgiving weekend - concern but not show-stopper
  - Motion is Approved (subject to Ice time approval)

- Proposed by-law change

**Article IX Amendments**

A. These by-laws, or any section, thereof may be amended or repealed by a 2/3 vote of the general membership in attendance, followed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Director's in attendance at the June or January Board meeting. A special notice must be published in the Wakefield Daily Item no more than 14 days or less than 10 days prior to the meeting announcing proposed by-law changes.

- Board voted to advertise in the May meeting to move it forward
  - Bill reviewed the addition in the bylaw and explained the process in plain terms.
  - Voting for the General Membership
  - Motion Passed
- Shirt design/Warrior logo
    - Highschool logo was previewed by Lindsay and Bill
    - Aligning with the HS with a changed logo and still maintain a clean aesthetic.



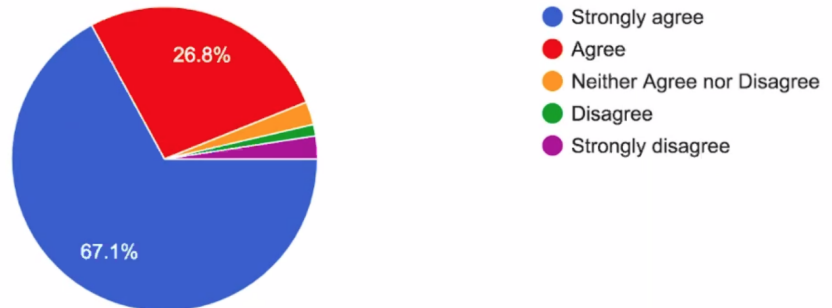
- Red and grey are kept and no major change
- Shirt Selection up for a vote - choice made
- Selections of Jerseys still slow and Bill to chase up age directors

- Distribution plan for trophies
  - Ready end of this week - can be picked up once ready.
  - Basic plan for Coaches to deliver to kids and take pictures for the Facebook page.
  - Eileen and Lindsay to work with each Age Director to make it happen.
- Survey results update
  - Actionable items presented by Mike Morel

## Overall Experience: Enjoyment

My child enjoyed playing within the WYSA program.

82 responses



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- Notable numbers include the low ~48% satisfied with Tier 1 hockey bi-weekly sessions.
- Conflict of interest subcommittee?
  - Will hold on discussing until Adam is present (Bill will proceed with planning meeting)
- Back to in person meetings?
  - Public Safety meeting needs to be investigated (Scheduling may be open)
  - Group voted to return to in-person meetings.
  - Question over making a dial-in option available – as ever, comes with technology issues.
  - Option to explore the meeting room at Wakefield Gas and Light - Sara to explore possibility.
- Coach meeting-August
  - Typically, in August, Jeff and Sean will review notes and previous plans from Brian C.
  - Rick M concern over the early communication to new coaches at younger levels to advance USA Hockey Training etc.
  - Jeff T would like to hold meetings with coaches after July meetings,

### Functional Reports:

- Spring Training
  - Good reports on keeping the kids on ice once a week.
  - Great feedback, but challenging matchups with teams not on par with each other.
- Girls (Steve B)

- Girls program for 2021/22
- Registration should be opened soon - regular sign ups have already happened.
- 1 or 2 U8 cross ice proposed in Malden. ~\$60 per game seems like good value.
- U10 team and enter for full ice games in Middlesex Yankee conference games.
- Squirts, u10 girls (15 girls)
- What do we need to gauge registration (in the item + website etc.)
  - Question over whether to seek small fee
- Liam and Amy to work on registration?
- Ryan Burns proposed July 31st as a close date to allow for votes and plan etc.
- Should allow for last minute shirt order for players without Wakefield jerseys from previous seasons.

**All other business (AOB)**

Brian Lynch raised questions around High School coaches - once a month clinic with HS team/coach.

- Executive Session Begins

Non-Executive Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

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