

WYSA Meeting Minutes

8/9/21

Attendees:

Brian Casey, Bill Welch, Rick Morris, Lindsay Rocca, Eileen Collieran, Ryan Burns, Sean Guilfooy, Steve Boudreau, Chris DeFeo, Lisa Stewart, Adam Krass, Liam McDonnell

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

Finance Update

- Balance sheet healthy with dues coming in pre-season.
- Contracts for ice-time expected in the coming weeks.
- League fees also to be confirmed and usually arrive close to season kick-off.
- Budgeting process
 - Tool available is less than intuitive. Until pricing for contracts is known, existing tool for budgeting is a cumbersome task.
- Goalie Registration is to be adjusted off skate rate – Brian C to action

Misc. Business topics

- Girls Mentor Program
 - Bill Keen to create a registration page to gauge interest in those wishing to contribute in a mentor/mentee style program.
 - Boys HS Team coach has already expressed interest in assisting where possible.
- Minutes of the previous meeting (7/11) accepted by the board.
- Coach Meeting next Monday 8/6 at Public Safety Building
 - Coaches, assistant coaches and on-ice helpers all invited to discuss upcoming season, rule changes and general responsibilities in relation to all teams.
- Following a recent injury, dues were approved to be refunded to Maeve Recene
- VHL Dates
 - 8/13 is the add/drop deadline for teams
- COVID
 - No updates had been received from Mass Hockey as of the meeting and we are expected at the very least some mask-guidance ahead of season start
- Girls Hockey
 - Lisa and Steve gave updates relating to advancing Girls hockey
 - Following previous outreach to Allston hockey U9
 - Plan is to register a team with a hybrid incl. members from Stoneham etc.
 - U18 HS Girls being encouraged to assist in Mentoring/ coaching at all levels
 - High School girls mentoring Middle-School girls
 - Plan proposed to invite u10 players to an open session to engage with current players and be exposed to a typical practice situation and speak with players/coaches
 - Bill proposed free/subsidized middle school with Jamie and Green Guys.
 - E.g. 4-weeks free and remaining 11 weeks heavily discounted

- Targeting the 9-13 age group.
- Communication required to include in existing channels to encourage donation of used equipment for use by WYSA – Bill will accept donations at his home.
- Bruins LTP
 - Promocode still expected and pre-registration page to be created.
 - Plan is to use the iMite practice time for the 4-week duration of Bruins LTP.
- Practice Schedule
 - Practice schedule was discussed and drafted with all age directors and board inputting.
 - Schedules will be published on associated *Sports Engine* pages by team in the coming weeks.
- Midget Registration
 - Another email blast expected 8/10 to remind parents of registration opportunity
- Middle-School Registration
 - Expected mid-September.
 - Age director may need to be appointed or advertised next month

Functional Updates

- iMites
 - Informal Coaches meeting planned for next week
- Mites
 - Official request for refund made by age director – Board approved
- Bantam Age Director role filled by Chris DeFeo – Welcome (back) Chris 😊
- U18 Girls
 - No Goalie as of 8/9
 - Team will register as is and additional members will be added
- Purchasing
 - Equipment incl pucks, cones, ice packs & medical kits are on order with vendor and expected in coming weeks
- Awards
 - Still waiting for 2021 awards
 - Action discussed on 2021 awards
 - Brian C actioning awards

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00pm
