



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



### **MINUTES from NOVEMBER 8, 2023 - TUFTS LIBRARY - 6PM**

- The meeting was called to order by President Keller at 6:23 PM.
- Roll call of BOD members
  - President (Keller) – Present
  - Vice President (Garcia) – Present
  - Secretary (Donovan) – Present (arrived late)
  - Treasurer (Buccigross) – Present
  - Registrar (Raulinaitis) – Present
  - Instructional Director (Gildea) – Present
  - Mite Director (D. Walsh) – Present
  - Squirt Director (Zerfoss) – Excused
  - Peewee Director (Moreland) – Present
  - Bantam (Quieto) – Present
  - Midget (Mathews) – Present (arrived late)
  - Girls (Hajjar) – Present
  - Travel (Doyle) – Excused
  - Equipment (Patten) – Present
  - Fundraising (Gates) – Absent
  - Snack Bar (K. Walsh) – Present
  - House League (Stevens) – Excused
  - ACE (Whipple) – Present
  - Goalie Skills – Vacant
  - Assistant Treasurer – Vacant
  - Webmaster (McGowan) – Excused
  - U6 Coordinator (Kummerer) – Present
  - Members in attendance – none
- President's remarks:
  - President Keller welcomed all board members in attendance.
  - Try Hockey for Free went very well, big thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who helped make it a success.
- Reading of the minutes:
  - MOTION: Offered by Hajjar, Seconded by Buccigross - Approve Minutes from October 10, 2023, meeting as read (PASSED – Unanimous)
- Financial Report:
  - Treasurer Buccigross reported healthy balances in both Savings and Checking.

- Collections and receivables running ahead of the prior year. Total collections for the current year and prior year(s) are just north of \$8K with about half of that from the prior season.
- Working on processing adjustments related to the Mite A team moving to full ice division.
- Level Reports:
  - Girls:
    - Director Hajjar shared that South Shore Conference is moving our U12B team to the “A” division to balance out the levels, which he is very concerned about. He has been in multiple conversations around this but has had no luck in persuading them to keep it as is.
    - U14B team still has a very small roster so continues to struggle with numbers.
  - Midget:
    - Director Mathews is working to schedule a conditioning session for players trying out for the high school team.
    - We need to get an email out to Midget families to gauge interest for a second half-season for lower JV/those not playing high school.
  - Bantam:
    - Director Quieto reported Bantam A team has been eliminated from playdowns.
    - Bantam A team will be moving up to the A Herman division; Bantam B and B2 will remain in Re division.
  - Pee wee:
    - Director Moreland reported that the challenges with locker room behavior at skills have significantly improved with the introduction of the signup asking for additional help.
    - All PeeWee teams will remain in their current divisions.
  - Squirts:
    - No report.
  - Mite:
    - Director Walsh reports that the U6 practice plans and participation have been great.
    - Bay State: The U6 Gold team will be moving up to the higher division; other teams will remain in the current divisions.
    - The Mite A team will be moving to full ice. We have had a few issues with conflicts from kids playing in club so he recommended keeping them in A Re. He is trying to get the B team moved up from Re to Herman if possible.
    - Mite A, B, and one U6 team are registered for the Lobster Pot, also trying to get a B2 team in as well if possible.
  - Instructional:
    - Director Gildea reports that Learn to Skate and Intro to Hockey each have two more weeks remaining.

- Junior Wildcats registration is open and about 2/3 full at this point, which will start the first weekend of December.
- Ice Hours and Distribution Report:
  - VP Garcia reports that we have Sundays at 7 pm open
  - Need to determine if we will do another session of Adult LTP – to be discussed at the December meeting, as we would not start until January (would continue Friday at 8 pm if we continue)
  - Playdowns – we have 12 teams entered (2 managed by Quincy). This is becoming a challenge to manage because other programs are now asking us to host when we are the “away” team. We need to enforce Mass Hockey guidelines around playdowns (i.e. Home team provides the ice) so that we are not unfairly impacting our own practice/skills hours.
  - Santa Skate will be on December 8 (we have confirmed that Santa is available)
- Travel Report:
  - Notes read by Garcia.
- Equipment Report:
  - Director Patten reported that Jr Wildcat shirts will be arriving before Thanksgiving.
  - Asked that we start to get some information on new boards for our cross-ice activities (i.e. 3v3). Our current boards are getting warped. To be discussed at a later time once we can get some estimates.
- Fundraising Report:
  - No report.
- Snack Bar Report:
  - Director K. Walsh reported that our current income is \$3700 with a cost of \$2200 (a net profit of approximately \$1500).
  - We are still struggling to get teams to volunteer. Appointed a smaller group to discuss ideas on how to encourage families to volunteer: Walsh, Quieto, Buccigross, Raulinaitis, and Donovan to meet on this and report back.
  - Girls U12 won the pizza party for most volunteer hours.
  - High School students have been a huge help in picking up shifts.
- House League:
  - No report
- Registrar Report:
  - Registrar Raulinaitis reports that all BOD members, coaches, and volunteers must be USA Hockey and MA Hockey compliant. All background, SafeSport, and USA Hockey registration/age-specific modules/coaching certification must be completed by the end of December. An audit will be conducted to determine non-compliance.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Discipline – Committee chair Quieto reports there have been suspensions.
    - MOTION: Offered by Donovan, Seconded by Hajjar – Adopt Discipline Guidelines as read. (Passed – unanimous)

- Scholarship – no report.
- By-Law – Committee Chair Donovan reports the By-Law Committee will meet in January.
- Coaching – no report.
- Fundraising – no report.
- Tryout – A discussion regarding the call for volunteers and email will be sent out in the month of November.
- Old Business
  - Banner for rink – MOTION: Offered by Donovan, Seconded by Quieto – Replace old sponsorship banner in Connell with Design Choice #1 (of 3) announcing WYH as Program of the Year for SSC and BSL. (Passed unanimously)
  - Discipline guidelines – motion offered and approved during Discipline report.
- New Business:
  - Santa Skate – scheduled for December 8.
  - Snack Bar Raffle – The discussion was tabled and moved to the Snack Bar group established earlier in the meeting.
  - Extra Stick and Puck – tabled for the December 12 meeting.
- Open Forum – no items
- MOTION: Offered by Hajjar, Seconded by Moreland – Adjourn meeting at 8:09 PM (PASSED: Unanimous)