

November WYH Meeting Minutes

11/1/22 @ 7:00

Mission: Woodstock Youth Hockey strives to promote the game of hockey and provide a welcoming environment to come together as a hockey community.

Vision: To create the best local hockey organization

Values: Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Fun, Community, Continuous Development, Welcoming to all Skaters

Attendees: Jess LaPerle, Heather Little, Jen Kirkman, Ashely Pedoty, Greg White, Nate Rand, Jeremy Freyer, Kevin Hughes, Kenneth Vikse, Alonzo Tapley, Bob Coates, Nicole McKeon, Michele Palazzo

Time	Agenda Item	Discussion/Decisions
7:00	Welcome and Introductions (as needed)	Introductions were made
7:05	<p>Start of Season Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify and vote on team parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Email addresses needed ○ Volunteer application needed ○ SafeSport completion ○ Possible orientation to the role?? ● Greg Carter Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite the displaced 14U's (vote needed) ● UVHA project groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1-2 people tournament talk ○ 1-2 people sustainability ● GSL applications due in Feb. 	<p>Vote on parent reps: 8U – Ryan Soos 10U T3 – Mary Alberty 10U T4 – Greg White will work on finding a rep 12U – Lisa Marks 18U – Michelle Palazzo Motion made, 2nd, unanimous approval of parent reps. Jess to reach out to parent reps. Ashley and Jen to reach out to parents reps about responsibilities.</p> <p>Feedback around Greg Carter clinics. Nate to ask Greg Carter reps how our coaches should participate. KV to communicate out to WYH coaches about providing assistance/ feedback, setting expectations.</p> <p>Discussion around Thursday 5:30 pm 10U/12U ice sessions being for skills vs. practice. Coaches mtg will take place and a decision will be made about the Thursday 4:20 pm ice sheet, then</p>

		<p>Heather will update SportsEngine. Vote to not discuss displaced 14Us for Greg Carter. All agreed.</p> <p>14U project groups. If we want to enter a team in GSL, then we need a new organization to do that or else move all of WYH to GSL. If we take this route, all members should participate in the vote. VSAHA has not given us options. If we move to GSL, it would create options with Storm and Hanover. KV has been speaking to Kevin from GSL. Hanover likely cannot collaborate next season due to their girls program. Storm has expressed a strong desire to collaborate. Jess and KV to reach out to GSL leadership group to setup a meeting.</p>
7:30	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Questions 	<p>Treasurer's report was provided prior to the meeting. No questions.</p> <p>Discussion related to put extra 18U preseason funds (beyond what is required to cover expenses) toward Varsity ice costs. 18Us have been helping with LTP and goalie clinics. Unanimous vote to approve.</p>
7:40	<p>Coaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Score reporting ● Locker Room and bench rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NO kids in locker rooms until there is a SS trained adult in the room ○ Only coaches and registered players on the bench ● Only 4 coaches on the bench & on roster <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ can/should we have a position for 	<p>Locker room and bench rules discussion. Only coaches and registered players allowed on bench. No players allowed in locker room until a safe sport trained adult is present.</p> <p>4 coaches allowed on bench</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">on ice coach volunteers? (vote needed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moving kids from LTP to 8U <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ can/should this be fluid? (vote needed) ○ Cost for session 2 ● Team Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Little bruins/LTP ○ 8U <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ House ■ Travel ○ 10U <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ T3 ■ T4 ○ 12U 	<p>and on roster. Discussion around additional coaches being allowed as needed for practice.</p> <p>Various LTP players are moving to 8U or 10U. Should they use loaner jerseys /socks for the entire season or should we order them jerseys/socks with nameplate? Decision to provide loaners for the season or if they want their names on them, they can order them.</p> <p>8U does not technically have a lower age cutoff. We generally want to keep 8Us to 6, 7, and 8 yr olds. Any 5-yr olds are generally not invited to 8U games.</p> <p>Swag store will be opened (date TBD) for holiday orders.</p> <p>Players are moving from LTP to 8U.</p> <p>Team reports: LTP Session 2 discussion: Registration fee for session 2 which begins on 1/1/23 should be \$100. Unanimous vote to approve. Open registration for LTP Session 2 on 12/1/22 and close current LTP session registration. Little Bruins is well staffed and many have transitioned to sign up for 8U and 10U.</p> <p>8U is going well, working on travel team vs House team placement. Good energy, good coaches, lots of enthusiasm.</p> <p>10U is going well, large</p>
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<p>8:00</p>	<p>Project Report Outs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Varsity Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Would we help gather signatures to petition the school board? ○ Finding a place to deposit \$\$ WYH or Booster?? ● Help selling raffle tickets ● Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tournament season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ POG ■ Girls 14U T2 Regionals ● Player Development ● Union Arena Relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint board meeting in the works ● Jerseys & Swag <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ordering extra jerseys ○ Holiday swag order ● 	<p>Bob Coates led the discussion around Varsity players and parents would like another conversation with the School Board around funding for Varsity hockey teams. Proposal to finance committee would be a systematic change to reduce the burden of ice time fees, (for example) private fundraising split ice time fees 50/50 with school district in addition to what is already in the budget (transportation/refs, etc..) (Cost for ice time for '22/'23 Varsity season is ~\$35,000) Timing for next year's budget is now. The effort would need WYH support to circulate petition. Topics related to "fundraise to play," hockey brings so many positives to the area. There is misinformation in the community about how Varsity hockey is paid for and this needs to be corrected.</p> <p>Gate fees and program raises ~\$15,000/year. Bob to consider account for this in the communication to the Finance Committee..</p>

		<p>Unanimous WYH vote to support Varsity parents.</p> <p>Varsity teams are currently selling Patriots football raffle tickets. WYH to support.</p> <p>Discussion around Varsity \$ going into a booster non-profit fund vs. WYH account. There may need to be a short term transition period until Varsity can set up their own non-profit. Afterward, Varsity should have their own booster account. WYH expressed thanks to Varsity players for their help. March '23 tournaments are volunteer opportunities. POG and Girls tournament to be added to SportsEngine as a volunteer opportunity.</p> <p>Player development on Thursdays with J. Chamberlin going forward. Tuesdays have gone well so far.</p> <p>Shared ice with skating club on Tuesdays is going well.</p> <p>Union Arena relations – need to keep doors closed during practice for safety, use benches. Goals need to stay on wood strips. Keep locker rooms cleared and cleaned. White boards needed in 2 out of 4 locker rooms. Request for signage with locker room rules by WYH.</p>
8:45	Adjourn	Adjourned at 9:35 pm

