

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
Minutes June 2012 – May 2013**

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
June 11, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Donohoe	Francene Harrington	Jim Sullivan
Don Dubuque	Ken Jenkins	Bill Welch
Kevin Haggerty	Tim Miller	Christine Wilson

Annual Meeting: A motion was made to continue the annual meeting until June 28th, so that the financial report could be reviewed. The motion was passed by the attendees.

Review of Previous Minutes: The May meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion passed by the attendees.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update: Jim Sullivan commented that there are still bills from the 2011-2012 season that need to be paid.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- Board Positions
A motion was made to appoint Ken as the WYSA treasurer for 2012-2014 seasons. The motion passed by the attendees.
- Open Board Positions
A motion was made to appoint people to the open board positions. The following nominations were made:
Don Dubuque was nominated as the Mite Age Director.
Tim Miller was nominated as the Squirt Age Director.
Marty Kane was nominated as the Midget Age Director.
Bill MacKay was nominated to the Kirk Award Committee.
Tim Miller was nominated as the purchasing agent.
Christine Wilson was nominated as the Communications Director.
All motions passed by the attendees.
- Level 4 training reimbursement
The board discussed reimbursement for level 4 training. The level 4 training is a 3 day class that currently costs \$325.00. A motion was made to create a policy and post it on-line, outlining the reimbursement for level 4 over 2 years, paying 50% each year. The motion passed by the attendees. The wording of the policy will be outlined and discussed at the next meeting.
- Website Enhancements- The website will be enhanced to include the following changes:

Multiple price points for tryout

Promo codes and multiple player discounts

The ability to customize forms for programs (camps and the learn to play programs)

Better tools for searching

Easier way to include attachments

A motion was made to allocate \$140.00 for coding time for the described enhancements to the website. The motion passed by the attendees.

○ Practice Ice Schedule-

WYSA has reserved 6 hours of ice, which accommodates 12 teams. 1 team or a rotation of one age group will need to practice on the weekend. The final practice schedule will be discussed in the coming months.

○ Pre-Season Skills

The skills program will run Monday through Thursday and will be held at the Malden rink from 8/27-8/30. The program will have 2 sessions with the kids overlapping for a half hour on the ice.

○ Calendar of important dates – Jim has asked Fran to put together a calendar of important dates for the summer and fall.

○ Next Years photos, apparel and skills -

On-line apparel has been suggested as a why to allow families to purchase items throughout the year instead of only at picture night. The group will review options for apparel and provide feedback on 6/28.

Tier 1 skills and Goalie training were discussed for next year.

○ Pre-Season off ice camp- the group discussed the options for how this camp can be organized. The preferred approach would be a few times a week over a month vs. every day for one week. The program would allow about 15 kids per session, the kids would be divided by age. Brian will bring a proposal to the June 28th meeting.

Functional Reports:

Clinics - Nothing to report

Learn to Skate - Nothing to report.

Goalie Clinic –Brian has spoken to Mike Geragosian about goalie clinics. The price will be going up this year.

Learn to Play Hockey – Nothing to report.

I-Mites: Nothing to report

Mites: Tim asked that team rosters for Mite 2 and Mite 4 be sent to the head coaches. Fran will send the rosters.

Squirts: Nothing to report.

Peewee: Nothing to report.

Bantam: Nothing to report.

Coaching Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Purchasing: Tim will review the current inventory, but a sock order will need to be made. A motion was made to purchase 220 pairs of socks, with a dollar amount not to exceed \$1,900. The motion was passed by the membership.

Equipment:

D10:

Valley League: By early August the final number of teams must be given to the Valley League.

Other Business

Some of the summer activities that need to be started:

Raffle tickets to be printed

Coaching forms and information for the coaches meeting.

The Next meeting is scheduled for June 28th, at 7:00 in the Americal Civic Center.

The Meeting Adjourned 9:25pm.

Action Items

- Christine to post on the website.
- Jim to draft the policy for Level 4 reimbursement.
- Fran to send Tim list of sock sizes from tryouts.
- Fran to send rosters to Mite 2 and 4 coaches.
- Review on-line apparel options and provide feedback on 6/28
- Brian will put together a proposal for off ice training.
- Fran and Christine to post teams on-line
- Send rosters to all coaches

Wakefield Youth Skating Association
June 28, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Don Dubuque

Ken Jenkins

Jim Sullivan

Mike Guarino

Marty Kane

Bill Welch

Kevin Haggerty

Tim Miller

Christine Wilson

Francene Harrington

Review of Previous Minutes: The June 11th meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion passed by the attendees.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Annual Meeting: A financial report was provided by Marty. All 2011-2012 bills have been paid except for Flynn (Thursday night skills) and a tournament payment to Mario Ippolito. The Wakefield Youth Skating Association has finished the year with a positive bank balance going into the next season. The financial report has been sent to the board through email. A motion was made to close out the annual meeting with the completion of the financial report.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- Practice Ice Schedule
The group reviewed the previous years practice schedule and the changes made to accommodate this year's schedule. The finalized times for each team will be shared with coaches. The age directors need to ensure that the coaches can make the assigned time.
- Calendar of Important Dates
The group reviewed the calendar for August and September with important WYSA dates listed. The calendar will be updated with additional information and sent out to the group again.
- Considerations for Next Year:
Picture Night – Crowley will be doing the photos this year. The tentatively scheduled date is Thursday, October 11th.
Apparel – Christine and Kevin has spoken to vendors about on-line apparel sales as well as having the apparel available the entire year. The group will review the vendor's prices and merchandise.
- Pre-Season off ice camp
Brian was not at the meeting. Brian is putting together a plan for this program, including pricing.

Functional Reports:

Clinics - Nothing to report

Learn to Skate - Nothing to report

Goalie Clinic –Nothing to report

Learn to Play Hockey – Nothing to report

I-Mites: Nothing to report

Mites: Nothing to report

Squirts: A motion was made to nominate Mark Dubiel as the Squirt 4 coach for next year's team. The motion was passed by the membership.

Peewee: Players Rossino and Roberts are going to help with the Peewee 3 goalie position. Tracey will determine how to roster the players so that they can be on their assigned team's roster and play goalie.

Bantam: Nothing to report.

Coaching Coordinator: A motion was made to nominate Mike Guarino as the coaching coordinator. The motion was passed by the membership.

Purchasing: Sock order has been made.

Equipment: A motion was made to nominate Mike Guarino as the equipment manager. The motion was passed by the membership.

The equipment from the Cheevers Grant will be delivered directly to Hockeytown. Bill has spoken to Hockeytown to make arrangements.

D10: A motion was made to nominate Tracey Coyne as the D-10 representative for 2012-2014. The motion was passed by the membership.

Valley League: Nothing to report

Other Business

The group discussed the policy for Level 4 reimbursement. A motion was made to approve adding a policy to the WYSA on-line policies for reimbursement. Jim will write up the policy.

The group discussed the increase in the cost of ice at Hockeytown. The increase is \$5 per hour for a sheet of ice, this will add approximately \$1,500 to the practice ice budget.

The group discussed the Meeting with the Coaches, which is tentatively scheduled for August 23rd. The following items were discussed:

- Code of Contact needs to be completed by all coaches, parents and skaters.
- Practice Schedule
- Valley League rules
- Login to Valley League website
- Every team should have a meeting with the parents at the beginning of the season to discuss expectations and coach's rules.
- Consider scheduling a second coaches meeting end of November. (Reminder of rules, check in on issues and discuss playoffs, D-10 and anything else that may come up).

The Next meeting is scheduled for August 13th, at 7:00 in the Americal Civic Center.

The Meeting Adjourned 9:42pm.

Action Items

- Write checks to Flynn and Ippolito and close books on 2011-2012.
- Marty and Ken to meet to enter accounts and payments for 2012-2013 season.

- Marty and Ken to provide Tracey and Fran with list of all payments and contracts.
- Jim to draft the policy for Level 4 reimbursement.
- Tracey to determine how to roster players Rossino and Roberts for Pee wee 3 goalie as well as their teams.
- Follow up by Kevin and Christine regarding on-line apparel companies.
- Brian will put together a proposal for off ice training.
- Tracey to resend rosters to all coaches
- Age directors follow up with coaches regarding practice schedule.

Wakefield Youth Skating Association
August 13, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Kevin Haggerty	Tim Miller
Tracey Coyne	Francene Harrington	Jim Sullivan
Mike Guarino	Ken Jenkins	

Review of Previous Minutes: The June 28th meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion passed by the attendees.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Ken provided a financial report for the 2012-13 season, reviewing the outstanding AR. Ken needs to apply goalie discounts to the accounts and will update the data. Outstanding AR by age group will be distributed to the age directors so that parents can be contacted before shirt pick up night.

Ken is working with the accountant regarding letters from the IRS due to late filing of the 2010 and 2011 non-profit tax forms.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- Practice Ice Schedule
The Squirt 3 coach was not able to make the assigned practice time slot. Kevin will speak to Mike Boudreau to see if the two teams can switch practice times.
- Flynn Rink – The board of directors for the Flynn rink has offered WYSA the 8:00pm and 9:00pm time slots on Thursdays for skills. The WYSA board felt that the times are too late for the younger players and this would reduce the amount of players that take advantage of skills.
A motion was made to eliminate the Thursday night skills and look for an alternative location for skills. The motion did not pass.
The discussion continued and alternative locations will be explored before eliminating Flynn all together. Peabody, Woburn and Cambridge rinks will be contacted to see if they have ice and the cost. If an alternative location can be secured the board will vote on a motion electronically.
- Initial Team Placement – One midget team has been dropped from the 2012-2013 season. The Valley League initial placement for the parity round was distributed and discussed.
The Valley League schedules will be available on August 28th. Once the schedules are picked up on the 28th, the information will be distributed to the coaches ASAP since there is little time between the schedules becoming available and the first week of games.
- Squirt player Merry is moving out of town and has requested a refund. After discussion, a motion was made to refund \$450 to the family. The motion carried.

Tim will speak to the family, if they are not leaving the immediate area they are welcome to continue to play for Wakefield next year.

- I-Mite buzzer league – Bill has sent an informational email regarding the buzzer league program. The -I-Mites will participate in the buzzer league program this year.
- Mite Cross Ice – the requirements for cross ice will continue to increase over the next few years. In order for programs to meet the requirement more jamborees will be needed. Jim will speak to the Valley League to see if they are planning more jamboree type events to meet this requirement.
- Patching Requirements – the requirements from last year have not changed. Once a coach registers with USA hockey they can enter their current coaching level and their patching requirements will be calculated for their review. Jim provided a policy for patching reimbursement. The group was asked to review and provide feedback in the next week or so. The policy will be made available on the website. A second policy for USA Hockey reimbursement of coaches will be drafted by Jim and discussed next month.
- Pre-Season camp
The pre-season camp registration is on-line and open. At this time there are enough players signed up so the camp will continue as scheduled.
- Coaching Appointments – All assistant coaching appointments need to go to the board. Age directors need to speak to the head coach to make sure that they have thought about people to submit as assistant coaches.
- Apparel Vendor – Christine provided an email update. She is still waiting for pricing from Stoneham Sports. Kevin is working on other apparel vendors. The goal is to have the merchandise available on-line for people to purchase directly throughout the year.
- Fundraising – A few options were discussed regarding fundraising, including practice jerseys and an advertising banner at Hockey Town. This topic will stay on the agenda to be discussed again in the future.

Functional Reports:

Clinics - Nothing to report

Learn to Skate - Nothing to report

Goalie Clinic –Nothing to report

Learn to Play Hockey – Nothing to report

I-Mites: Nothing to report

Mites: Nothing to report

Squirts: Two new players have been added to the squirts division, players Pinto and Latham. Tim will forward financial contract and paperwork to families. The two players will practice with the Squirt 4 team for evaluation by the coaches and age director.

Peewee: Tracey followed up with the Valley League and D-10 to determine how to roster the players that were going to share the Peewee 3 goalie responsibilities. There was discussion about goalies covering the next age bracket goalie position. The coaches need to determine how to roster the players for this purpose.

Bantam: Jim made a motion to appoint Joe Moscato as the Bantam 1 assistant coach. The motion was passed by the membership.

Coaching Coordinator: In preparation for the coaches' meeting next week, Mike and Kevin have prepared an agenda and documents that will be covered. Tracey will work with them putting together handout packets for the meeting.

Purchasing: Tim has requested funding for the following items:

2 cases of black pucks, 30 cones, 2 medical kits, 1 goalie pads set, 1 chest protector and 2 plastic chin protectors. A motion was made to purchase the items and the cost not to exceed \$525.00 before taxes. The motion was passed by the membership.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

D10: Nothing to report.

Valley League: A motion was made to appoint Brian Casey as the Valley League representative for the 2012-2013 season. The motion was passed by the membership.

Other Business

The following dates were reviewed.

Coaches Mtg. August 23rd 7:00pm at the Americal Civic Center

Shirt Pick Up Night, August 30th 7:00pm-9:00pm Americal Civic Center

Hockey Practice starts September 5th

The Next meeting is scheduled for September 10th, at 7:00 in the Americal Civic Center.
The Meeting Adjourned 9:35pm.

Action Items

- Distribute outstanding AR balances to age directors for follow up before August 30th.
- Kevin to follow up with Mike Boudreau regarding practice schedule.
Squirt 2 and 3 to switch if possible.
- Follow up with alternative locations for Thursday Night Skills.
Kevin to contact Peabody and Woburn, Tracey to contact Cambridge.
- Brian Casey will pick up the Valley League Schedules on August 28th.
- Tim to follow up with squirt player Merry's family regarding refund.
- Jim to speak to Valley League regarding cross ice jamboree requirements for mites.
- Tracey to follow up with player Curren, registration was turned in but the player was not at tryouts or on the registration list.
- Provide Jim feedback on the Patching reimbursement policy in the next week.
- Jim to work on policy for coaching USA Hockey reimbursement.
- Tim to speak with two new squirt players regarding paperwork and contracts to be turned in.
- Tracey to work with Mike and Kevin on the coaches' meeting documents.
- Age directors to speak to their coaches about assistant coach appointments.
- Follow up on Apparel vendors at next meeting.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
September 10, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Mike Guarino	Tim Miller
Tracey Coyne	Kevin Haggerty	Jim Sullivan
Patti Domingo	Francene Harrington	Bill Welch
Don Dubuque	Ken Jenkins	Christine Wilson

Review of Previous Minutes: The August meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion passed by the attendees. The action items from the last meeting were reviewed. The following information was shared.

- The group was not able to find another location for the Thursday night skills.
- Jim spoke to the Valley League about cross ice. They will continue to do the jamborees for the I-Mites and Mites.
- Jim had handouts of the USA Hockey coaches' registration and reimbursement policies; Jim did not receive any feedback. If anyone wants to comment, they should send information to Jim.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Ken provided a financial report for the 2012-13 season, reviewing the outstanding AR. Payments are still coming in and there are new players that have been added. Age directors will follow up with parents regarding payments. The list of overpayments was reviewed. Ken will send checks or credit card adjustments for the people that overpaid their hockey tuition.

Functional Reports:

Clinics – Brian was unable to attend and sent an email with his updates. The summer on-ice camp had 58 participants, there was a net profit of \$275 after paying Tier 1 instructors.

Learn to Skate – A motion was made to set the price for Learn to Skate to \$175 for 15 sessions. The motion was passed by the board. This program will begin The Sunday after Thanksgiving 10:00-12:00am.

Goalie Clinic – Brian is waiting for pricing and schedule from Mike Geragosian. They would like to extend the program to 14-16 sessions. The board asked, how many kids per session and is the cost going up? The questions and follow up information will be distributed through email. A motion was made to move the discussion to an email discussion and vote electronically if that is necessary. The motion was passed by the board.

Monday Night Skills – The mites were on the ice last night, the feedback was that there were approximately 40 plus kids on the ice. Tier 1 is running 5 stations on the ice.

Learn to Play Hockey – Bill gave an overview of the program. A motion was made to accept the 2 sessions of learn to play each session is 12 weeks, Fall and Winter sessions. The motion was passed by the board.

I-Mites: The group discussed the additions to the I-Mite program. Bill had the Buzzer League Contract and a check was written for the program.

Mites: Don asked questions about player movement specifically kids that have parents coaching. The answer was that options should be open and a child that deserves to be moved should be moved, regardless of their parent's position. The Mite 2,3,4 team practice schedule was discussed. At this time we are going to try to make the 3 teams on the ice work. It is approximately 36 kids on the ice for that hour.

Squirts: New players was discussed under Misc. #2.

Peewee: Nothing to report.

Bantam: Nothing to report.

Midgets: Midgets will be practicing this Saturday 9:00-10:00. Christine will update the web site.

Coaching Coordinator: Mike Guarino was not present during this discussion. Jim commented on coaches' meeting and the group discussed a second meeting to be held with the coaches in early November in preparation for District 10 playdowns and Valley League play offs.

Purchasing: Tim has requested funding for the following items:

An on-ice parachute at the cost of \$119. A motion was made to purchase 1 parachute and determine if it will meet the needs. Additional parachutes may be purchased after the investigation. The motion was passed by the board.

Tim has been asked to purchase goalie chin guards, so that they can be placed with the WYSA goalie sets. A motion was made to purchase 2 chin guards and the price should not exceed \$100. The motion was passed by the board.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

D10: Tracey introduced Patty Domingo, Patty will be shadowing Tracey this year. The first D10 meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11, 2012. At this time there are only 3 players USA Hockey #s that have not been turned in. Tracey is working on the CORI forms for coaches.

Tracey reminded the group that you cannot have more than 3 players from out of town in a division.

Valley League: Brian asked for help collecting the rosters and the jersey numbers for the Valley League website. The Valley League uses the jersey numbers to help write the Round Up section.

Communication Coordinator: Christine has been updating the website with skills and practice dates. She will work with Brian Donahoe to download the Valley League schedule into the WYSA website calendar.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- Practice Ice Schedule
Don brought up the issue of Mites practice schedule. This was discussed above.
- New Players and Movement – There were 2 new squirts added to the division.
Player 1 –Pinto has been placed on the Squirt 3 team after attending the Squirt 4

practice and Squirt 3 practice.

Player 2 – Latham has practiced with Squirt 4 and Squirt 3 and played a game with Squirt 2 and 1. The player will play another game at the squirt 2 level and will be evaluated by the age director and coaches.

Jim read the procedure for player movement to remind everyone of the process that needs to be followed.

- Possible Refunds – Two players have dropped from the WYSA program.
Player 1 - Lopez is potentially moving out of state due to a job transfer. A motion was made to refund all of the money paid except for \$200 for the registration and tryout fee. The motion was passed by the board. Tim Miller will follow up with the family. Ken Jenkins will issue a refund check.
Player 2 Brissette is leaving the program to play exclusively for a select team due to a practice time conflict. A motion was made to not refund the \$300 from the registration and tryout fee and the money would not be applied to other children in the family. The motion was passed by the board.
- I-Mite to Mite Moves - A few I-Mites may be moving up to the Mite level; Bill needs another practice or two to determine the players that meet the criteria.
- I-Mite buzzer league – This was discussed above. The I-Mite contract has been signed for the Stoneham Buzzer League.
- Picture Night – the date has been set for October 4th. Jim will speak to Brian D. to see if we can do this later in October. The set up for apparel vendor and picture vendor needs to be worked out.
- Equipment at Hockey Town – new bumpers have been purchased and are being stored under the bleachers at each rink.
- Valley League waivers – Tracey believes the only waiver is for the Bantam goalie.
- Mite Cross Ice Requirements – The jamborees will be scheduled to meet the requirement for cross ice.
- Patching Requirements – Tracey will follow up with any coach that needs to fulfill patching requirements this year.
- Coaching Appointments – A motion was made to accept the following assistant coaches, the motion passed by the board.
I-Mite – Kevin Martin and John Champa
Mite 1 – Steven Fata and Kevin Wesley
Mite 2 – Chris DeFeo and Mike Mondello
Mite 3 – Brian Casey and Joe Gaffney
Mite 4 – Paul Timmins and Scott Cappella
Squirt 1 – Howie Melanson and Matt Penney
Squirt 2 - Peter Burns and Erik Domingo
Squirt 3 – Shawn Linehan and Dennis Riley
Squirt 4 – Mark Quinn and Frank Lanzarone
Bantam 2 – Nick Bassett
- Apparel Vendor – a motion was made to proceed with using a new vendor that offers a website for sales throughout the season.
- Try Hockey for Free – This event will take place on November 3rd. A motion was made to participate in the event using the 9:00am skills ice slot. The motion was passed by the board.

- Coaches Meeting follow up – discussed under Coaching Coordinator Report.

Other Business

Bill brought up the idea of investigating building an outdoor rink this winter. He wanted to know if people were interested or thought it was a good idea. Bill will start to investigate the cost of the rink, the location and officials that will need to be involved and ask North Reading about their experience last year.

Tracey is working on the list that Maureen requested for the High School skills that is held in the fall.

The WYSA board has received a request to make a donation to the Boys Hockey Booster Book. A motion was made to make a donation to the Boys Hockey Booster Book for the same amount that was made last year. And a matching donation will be made to the Girl's Hockey program. Motion was passed by the board.

The Next meeting is scheduled for October 8th, which is Columbus Day. The board will look into finding an alternative date for the meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned 9:35pm.

Action Items

- Goalie Clinic follow-up – if additional information comes in regarding price per session and number of kids per session. Pass it along through email.
- Follow up with Mite 2, 3 and 4 teams about practice after a month.
- Christine update website about Midgets practicing Saturday, September 15th.
- Mike Guarino needs to pick a date and plan for a second coaches' meeting in early November.
- Tracey to follow up on outstanding USA Hockey registrations and CORI forms.
- Tracey to determine patching modules needed for each coach.
- Board to work on collecting jersey #s for Valley League, WYSA website and shirt returns at end of season.
- Christine to update website with Valley League schedule with Brian Donohoe's help.
- Player Lopez – Tim to follow up with family. Ken to write check.
- Player Brissette - Follow up with family
- Jim to speak to Brian about picture night date.
- Christine to work with apparel vendor to have website up and running and samples by picture night.
- Bill to investigate outdoor rink.
- Tracey to put together the player list for Maureen. (request for H.S. hockey coach practice)
- Jim to determine date of the October meeting.
- Fran to book room based on October mtg. date decision.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
October 3, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Tracey Coyne
Don Dubuque
Mike Guarino

Francene Harrington
Ken Jenkins
Marty Kane

Tim Miller
Jim Sullivan
Christine Wilson

WYSA Board Meeting was held to confirm player movement.

This year's hockey pictures will be held on 10/4. In order to have children appear in the correct team picture, a meeting was held to confirm player movement.

The following player movement was addressed:

I-Mite

- Motion made to move player Jaena from I-Mites to Mite 4.
Motion was passed by the board.

Mites

- Motion made to move player Yardumian from Mite 4 to Mite 3.
And to move player Jenkins from Mite 3 to Mite 2.
Motion was passed by the board.

Squirts

- Motion was made to move player Buckley from Squirt 4 to Squirt 3.
And to move player McGann from Squirt 3 to Squirt 2.
Motion was passed by the board.

Peewees

- Motion was made to move player Coggsell from Peewee 3 to Peewee 2.
Motion was passed by the board.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

1. Assistant Coach Appointments

A motion was made to accept the following assistant coaches, the motion passed by the board.

Peewee 1 – Mike Foley and Mike Guarino

Peewee 2 – David Corso and Steve Farrell

Peewee 3 – Mike Coombs and Mario Ippolito

2. Player Refund

A motion was made to refund midget player Buckley \$160. The player is out for the rest of the season and the season has been pro-rated based on tuition and number of games played.

The motion was passed by the board.

3. Injury Policy

Motion was made to update the injury refund policy to include midgets. For midgets the refund will be pro-rated and will exclude the 30 day elimination period since the entire season is 3months. The motion was passed by the board.

4. Pee wee Director

Kevin Haggerty has stepped down as the pee wee director. Mike Guarino and Tim Miller will address any questions/issues that come up for the pee wee age group.

The Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th; the date was changed because of the Columbus Day.

The Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
October 16, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey
Tracey Coyne
Patti Domingo

Brian Donohoe
Don Dubuque
Fran Harrington

Ken Jenkins
Jim Sullivan
Christine Wilson

Review of Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from September 10th and October 3rd were reviewed. A motion was made to approve both sets of the minutes and the motion passed by the attendees.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Ken provided a financial update. A/R reports have been given to the age directors for follow up. Refunds have been given to players that required an adjustment. Fran sent Ken a list of 6th grade players so that he was aware of registration and credit card activity. The 6th grade team will be provided to Mike Guarino in a few weeks with outstanding payments.

Functional Reports:

Clinics – Nothing to report

Learn to Skate – New session will be starting in November.

Goalie Clinic –The clinic should be starting next week. Mike Geragosian has extended the sessions to 15, no additional charge to the organization. Brian will get a list of full time goalies from the age directors.

Monday Night Skills – Nothing to report.

Learn to Play Hockey – A motion was made to purchase 40 red jerseys for the 2 sessions of LTPH. The motion was passed by the board. The new session will be starting in November.

I-Mites: The I-mite team has 15 players. A motion was made to divide the team into 2 teams, the teams will have 7 and 8 players. And approve the amount of \$1200 for registering the second team. After discussion, an amendment to the motion was made to purchase goalie equipment and jerseys for the 2nd team if these items are needed. The motion was passed by the board.

Mites: Don has received questions from parents regarding the three teams practicing together on Wednesday evenings. Don explained that they are receiving an extra hour of practice every 3 weeks to make up for the shared ice. The group is still looking for another sheet of ice for cross-ice.

Squirts: Nothing to report.

Peewee: Discussed Peewee 3 team's goalie issue. The squirt 1 goalie can not play for this team.

Bantam: Timmy Jordan was the Valley League player of the week for the Bantams, congratulations to him. The D-10 play downs for this division will begin in November.

Midgets: Midgets season goes until November. They will have one more skills session.

Coaching Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Purchasing: Nothing to report.

Equipment: Nothing to report.

D10: Tracey gave an update regarding ADM. Next season all mite teams will need to participate in cross ice games exclusively. Any program that does not comply will be ineligible from participating in play downs and states. At this time no group is forming a league for the Cross Ice format. Tracey will follow up with the D10 representatives to see what other towns are planning. The group agreed that they would prefer to have the Wakefield Mite teams participate in a cross ice league instead of having to set up a house league for cross ice.

Rosters were distributed for review, rosters are due November 15th. Midgets and Bantams will be turned in this month.

Tracey suggested the Red, White and Blue tournament for Mites in Marlborough. Other D10 reps said that it was a good tournament, it is held in February.

Out of town players – A number of children in the Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey programs are from out town. Before tryouts in the spring these families need to be notified that if their town has a hockey program they need to play for their town. This information will be passed on to Bill to address before tryouts.

Valley League: Brian has updated the Valley League rosters with all changes including the moves from Oct 3rd.

Communication Coordinator: Christine has been updating the website with skills and practice dates. She will work with Brian Donahoe to download the Valley League schedule into the WYSA website calendar.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

1. 6th grade team – Tryouts took place on 10/13. 14 skaters and 2 goalies will make up the team. USA hockey #s are needed for players and coaches for the roster.
2. I-Mite Buzzer League – Discussed above
3. Picture Night – Jim thanked the people that attended and help out at the table. The night went very smooth. It was suggested to add picture night to the agenda for November or December to discuss next year. The photographer needs to be booked in March, if the board wants to make any changes they need to be done soon.
4. Valley League rosters and waivers – the group discussed the two waivers that have been allowed for the Bantam goalie and the Pee wee 2 player who is covering the Pee wee 3 goalie position.
5. Coaches Reimbursement – Jim shared the policy with the board. There were some comments on the section for the on-ice help reimbursement for USA Hockey registrations, changes will be made and shared at a later time.
6. Cheever Grant – Bill has circulated some ideas for this year's grant. The grant is due the end of December. Review the document and provide feedback to Bill.
7. Learn to Skate – the announcement was in the paper for the start of the LTS and LTPH programs. The group discussed added some bullets on the registration form to

illustrate the fundamentals that are expected for the LTPH program. The group discussed an evaluation period at the beginning of the session to place children in the correct group. A follow up conversation will take place with Bill regarding this. The Galvin Middle School has formed a Girl's Ice Hockey Team – Jim was approached to see if there was room in the LTPH program for some of the girls. The LTPH program registration has just starting, if there is room to accommodate the middle school girls on the ice, Jim will reach out to the Ladies General Team.

8. Mite Cross Ice Requirements – Jamborees will be scheduled to meet the requirement for cross ice this year.
9. Patching Requirements – Tracey will follow up with any coach that needs to fulfill patching requirements this year. The requirements for mites has changed, you do not need take additional courses following the level 1 patching.
10. Apparel Vendor – the new vendor and on-line website is working very well. If there is anything that people want added to the WYSA selection they should speak to Christine.
11. Raffle Tickets – Directors received envelopes for each team. Christine will post a message on the website that the tickets should be returned to their coaches.
12. Try Hockey for Free – A motion was made to hold the Try Hockey for Free event on November 3rd, using the 9:00-10:00 time slot. Accept Pure Hockey's 40 goodie bags for the participants and allow Play it Again Sports to set up a table during the event. 10 signs have also been made available as part of the "kit". The discussion of posting signs was discussed. Bill will need to follow up on by-laws regarding posting signs around town. The motion was passed by the board.
13. ADM Day – A motion was made to hold an ADM day with Roger Grillo, Northesat Regional ADM coordinator on January 12th 2013. This event is for all coaches, Mite players/parents and Squirt players/parents to demonstrate the ADM model. The motion was passed by the board.
All participants on the ice must wear a helmet.
14. Coaches Meeting follow up – was not discussed.

Other Business

Fundraiser event with the Bruins was discussed. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Bruins, each ticket sold under the WYSA organization will be entered into a raffle to have Coach Julien coach a WYSA team. The proceeds from Wakefield participants will be split, 50% will go back to WYSA and 50% will go to the Bruins Foundation. An email will go to the organization explaining the details.

The Next meeting is scheduled for November 12th, which is Veteran's Day.

The Meeting Adjourned 10:05pm.

Action Items

- Tracey to follow up with Nick Bassette regarding ass't coach for Bantam 2.
- Ken to provide Mike with a list of 6th grade team AR in a week or so.
- Tracey to follow up with Malden and Everett regarding available ice. (Price and availability)

- Tracey to follow up with D10 representatives regarding cross ice league for Mites.
- Brian Casey to follow up with Valley League regarding plans for next year's Mite program.
- Fran & Mike to follow up with Peewee 3 coach about goalie options.
- Bill to follow up with town regarding the sign by law and where the signs can be posted.
- Fran to forward to Bill information about Out of town players.
- Fran send Tracey a list of the 6th grade players for USA hockey #s.
- Brian Donohoe to follow up with Bill Welch regarding the LTS and LTPH programs.
- Age Directors to find out the names of full time goalies and anyone else interested in participating in the goalie clinic.
- Jim to follow up with Ladies General regarding LTPH after registration is complete.
- Brian Casey to speak to Valley League – do not schedule games on January 12th in the morning.
- Christine to send out email to WYSA team lists.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
November 5, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey
Tracey Coyne
Patti Domingo

Fran Harrington
Ken Jenkins
Tim Miller

Jim Sullivan
Bill Welch
Christine Wilson

Review of Action Items Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from October 16th were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was passed by the board. The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Bill will follow up with the Bruins fundraiser to see if any people put Wakefield on their raffle ticket.
- Tracey will follow up with Everett Rink regarding available ice time.
- Brian Casey has contacted the Valley League about Mite cross ice for next year, and is waiting for a response.
- Brian Casey will follow up with the Valley League regarding the Pee wee goalie. Two different answers were given regarding the waiver.
- A summary of the D-10 and Valley League rules regarding kids from out of town playing for Wakefield was provided to bring Bill up to speed on the potential issue. This issue is not for Learn to Skate or Learn to Play Hockey participants, the issue is when the kids move into the Mite level.
- The group discussed the Learn to Skate program and available space for a few Lady Generals. A motion was made to offer beginner lady generals 6-8 sessions for \$75. The girls would be placed into Learn to Skate or Learn to Play depending on skills. The motion was passed by the board.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Ken provided a financial update, focusing on charged income. The number of players and expected income is approximately \$20,000 less than last year. Ken will research each division to identify the changes. This number represents approximately 15 players. It was pointed out that WYSA added one new team this year. While income is down, the costs for the year have increased.

Functional Reports:

Clinics – Brian Donohoe emailed Jim with an update.

Learn to Skate – There is some concern with the Learn to Skate numbers being low this session. Brian recommends cutting back Tier 1 instructions from 4 to 2. This cut back will impact the skills that take place on Saturday morning. In order to break even, the Learn to Skate program needs to have approximately 32 kids participate.

Goalie Clinic –The cost of the goalie clinic is \$3,000. The clinic will consist of 14 sessions. Brian has asked the age directors for a list of full time goalies. Pass that information on to Christine so that she can set up a mail distribution list. A motion was made to approve the goalie clinic cost of \$3,000. The motion was passed by the board.

Monday Night Skills – Nothing to report.

Learn to Play Hockey –15 kids have signed up. 40 shirts were ordered for the program.

I-Mites: A motion was made by Bill to have the I-Mite teams participate in the Winter Classic in Foxboro. The cost is \$250 and this event will take place in January. The motion was passed by the board. (The I-Mites to not attend a tournament, this event is in lieu of using money toward a tournament).

Mites: Brian Casey reported, a mite jamboree took place two weeks ago. All 4 WYSA mite teams participated. Not all of the other teams showed up, for some of the sessions there were only 3 teams.

Squirts: Congratulations to Kris Wheeler who was the Valley League squirt player of the week. The group discussed player Green who missed 6 weeks of hockey due to an injury. The injury policy was reviewed. Ken will determine refund amount based on length of time away from hockey.

Peewee: Nothing to Report.

Bantam: The D-10 play downs for the Bantam division took place. Both teams had a good showing. Bantam 1 lost in a shoot out and Bantam 2 won their first game and lost the second game. A complaint has been sent to the Valley League following a fight that took place during a Bantam 2 game.

Midgets: Midgets have two games left.

Coaching Coordinator: Nothing to report.

Purchasing: A Mite goalie stick was purchased.

Equipment: New lock and keys have been purchased for the Hockey Town lock up.

D10: Tracey needs the rosters from Peewee and Squirts returned. Jim will follow up with peewee coaches. Patti will be attending the D-10 meeting next week and will ask about Mite cross ice for next year. Tracey will remind coaches about D-10 play downs and cost associated with each game after the first round. WYSA pays for the first game, the team divides the cost for any additional game.

Valley League: Waiting for emails regarding follow up questions.

Communication Coordinator: Christine is working with Brian Donahoe to download the Valley League schedule into the WYSA website calendar. Christine will add Try Hockey for Free article and photos to the website. Christine will follow up with Main Street Stoneham apparel regarding dead line for ordering for the Holidays.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- 6th grade team – Received all USA hockey #s for players. Still waiting for approximately 7 kids to register on line. Fran to provide Mike with an update.
- Valley League waiver – Brian will follow up with league regarding goalie waiver.
- Goalie Clinic – Age directors will pass on names to Brian Donahoe.
- Coaches Reimbursement Policy – Jim updated the policy and distributed it to the group for review. A motion was made to accept the two new policies for coaches'

registration and patching reimbursement. The motion was passed by the board.

Tracey pointed out that on-ice help can be registered as volunteers.

- Mite Cross Ice Requirements – Brian is addressing with Valley League and Patti will address with D-10 group.
- Raffle Tickets – The majority of the raffle tickets have been turned in and the first 5 days were drawn. The winners will be posted on the Website. Checks will be written out in December.
- Second Coaches Meeting – Jim will discuss this with Mike Guarino.
- Banquet Planning – The group needs to start to think about the banquet. The high school awards nomination committee will be head up by Bill McKay.
- Fundraising – Christine has been spear heading the practice jersey, helmet decals and car decal fund raiser. The group discussed the practice jerseys, a warrior head will be on the front of the jersey, name will be on the back, no numbers, the shirts will be red, the retail cost is \$25.00 per jersey. Main Street Stoneham sports will manage the jersey orders. The shirts will be available on line for two weeks.
The helmet decals have already been ordered. A motion was made to move forward with ordering the car decals and bundle the two items together. The cost will be \$10.00 for the set of decals. The motion was passed by the board.
- Try Hockey for Free – The Try Hockey for Free event took place on November 3rd. 13 children participated. One new player will be added to I-Mites. A motion was made to reimburse Bill \$43.00 for Dunkin Donuts coffee and munchkins. The motion was passed by the board.
The next Try Hockey for Free event will be February 16, 2013. If any kids from the Try Hockey for Free Day wanted to join LTS and LTPH their tuition would be pro-rated based on number of lessons left.
- Cheever Grant – Bill reviewed some ideas for the grant. The group was asked to pass on any ideas they have to Bill before the December meeting. An intent to file summary must be submitted by the end of December. The ideas discussed were:
 - Learn to Play Hockey for older kids (Boys and Girls)
 - Outdoor Rink
 - Outdoor Street Hockey Rink
 - Board for cross ice

Other Business

ADM Day – Brian informed the Valley League to not schedule games for Wakefield the morning of 1/12. Coaches and families will be notified of the event.

The Next meeting is scheduled for December 10th.

The Meeting Adjourned 9:35pm.

Action Items

- Bill to follow up with the Bruins fundraiser to see if any people put Wakefield on their raffle ticket.
- Tracey to follow up with Everett Rink regarding available ice time.
- Jim to follow up with Lady Generals regarding LTS, LTPH.

- Age directors provide Christine with goalies names. She will create an email distribution list.
- Jim and Tim to follow up with Peewee and Squirt coaches about rosters. They are due on 11/13.
- Christine will add Try Hockey for Free article and photos to the website.
- Christine will follow up with Main Street Stoneham apparel regarding dead line for ordering for the Holidays.
- Fran to send Mike a list of 6th grade team members that have not registered.
- Christine to post raffle winner's names.
- Jim to follow up with Mike regarding second coaches meeting.
- Board to provide Bill with ideas on the Cheever's Grant by December 10th.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
December 17, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey
Tracey Coyne
Patti Domingo
Brian Donahoe

Don Dubuque
Mike Guarino
Fran Harrington

Tim Miller
Jim Sullivan
Christine Wilson

Review of Action Items Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from November 5th were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was passed by the board. The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Tracey contacted the Everett Rink regarding available ice time; they do have ice available on Thursday nights. The board discussed and decided to keep this in mind for next season, but do not add more ice for this year.
- Jim spoke to the Lady Generals about LTS, LTPH, Jim has spoken to one parent and one child participated in the program. He was hoping for more girls to take advantage of the program.
- Goalie list for email distribution has been set up by Christine
- Rosters for Squirt and Peewee teams were due on 11/13. All set
- Raffle winners were posted each week on the website.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update:

Ken was unable to attend the meeting. Ken will send A/R reports to the age directors.

Functional Reports:

Clinics –

Learn to Skate – 33 kids are signed up to date/ 1 drop. Nearly all of the kids are off of the crates. Santa visited the program on Sunday.

Monday Night Skills – The sessions are running well, the groups are broken into small stations using the American Development Model.

Learn to Play Hockey – Nothing to report.

I-Mites: Nothing to report.

Mites: Don reported, the 2nd cross ice jamboree was held. It was more organized than the first jamboree and 6 teams for the event. Each team played 3 – 20 minute games. Some of the mite teams will be participating in a tournament after the New Year.

Squirts: Nothing to report.

Peewee: The peewee 3 team will be participating in a tournament. Tracey reminded the coaches that if your team is traveling out of state you need a permit from D10. The permit was included in the coaches' handouts and can also be found on the Mass Hockey website.

Bantam: Both Bantam teams are playing very well this season.

Midgets: Nothing to report

Coaching Coordinator: Tracey provided Mike with updated patching requirements that need to be included by the end of the year. Mike will speak to coaches that need to finish on-line work by January 1. A second coaches meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 17. Fran to confirm Civic Ctr. Room.

Purchasing: Pucks are low at Hockey Town. Tim was made aware of additional buckets and he will check again when he is at Hockey Town. Also, additional shirts in larger sizes may need to be purchased. This will be determined once all shirts are turned in at the end of the season. Bill requested that 2 pair of socks be sold to a LTP participant. The cost is \$12 per pair; money will be collected and given to Ken.

Equipment: The closet at Hockey Town needs to be organized.

D10: The play down schedule for Squirts and Peewees is the weekend of January 14-16.

Valley League: The Valley League responded to Brian's question about the peewee 3 goalie: Rossino can play as the peewee goalie, and Roberts cannot.

Communication Coordinator: The Valley League schedule is on the WYSA website calendar. 50 practice shirts were purchased through the fund raiser.

Miscellaneous Business topics:

- Valley League team placement – some teams have been moved around different divisions. Let Jim know if you feel that there are teams that are not in the correct division. The Wakefield teams seem to be in the correct divisions.
- Goalie Clinic – The attendance is driven by the Valley League game schedule and other activities. Per Mike Geragosian: It is going well, and if there are conflicts with the schedule let Mike know and he will try to fit the goalies into another training session.
- Raffle Winners – All winners have been posted on the website. Ken has written out checks and all checks were mailed or distributed through the coaches.
- Open Family Skate 12/23 – There will be a family skate on Sunday 12/23. This information will be posted on the website.
- Second Coaches Meeting – discussed on Coaching Coordinator activities.
- Cheever Grant – Bill was not present, if anyone has suggestions please forward them to Bill.
- Banquet Planning – The banquet is typically held the week before April vacation. This would be April 9-11. Ken and Mike will sit on the planning committee. Jim suggested that we think of a way to recognize the kids that are celebrating their last year of Wakefield Youth Hockey.

Other Business

ADM Day – January 12th is on the calendar for American Development Model (ADM) Day. Bill has been working with Brian and he will need to notify the coaches and parents about the event, as well as plan for on-ice help.

The Meeting Adjourned 8:50pm.

Action Items

- Ken to provide A/R reports for age directors and Jim.
- Age directors follow up with coaches regarding traveling out of state for tournaments and completing the necessary form.
- Bill forward money for 2 pair of socks to Ken.
- Follow up with Bill regarding the ADM Day preparations.
- Mike email coaches that still have patching requirements for 2012.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
January 14, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Don Dubuque	Jim Sullivan
Tracey Coyne	Fran Harrington	Bill Welch
Patti Domingo	Ken Jenkins	Christine Wilson
Brian Donohoe	Tim Miller	

Review of Action Items from Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from December were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was passed by the board. The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Ken sent A/R report to age directors following the last meeting.
- Bill gave Ken money for socks that were purchased by parent.
- Coaches have been emailed about patching requirements.
- Jim spoke to Gary Hill about Ladies Generals signing up for skills.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update: Ken provided a current outstanding A/R report. The group reviewed outstanding balances. Ken provided a Profit and Loss worksheet. The organization has done very well collecting outstanding balances and spending has been in check. The organization will finish the year with a profit for the season.

Clinics:

Learn to Skate: Nothing to report

Skills: the new format has been introduced to Sunday skills, the kids are enjoying the changes to skills.

Learn to Play Hockey: (Bill Welch) currently between the two sessions for LTPH. Sign ups are taking place for the 2nd session.

I-Mites: (Bill Welch) the 2 teams are doing very well.

Mites: (Don Dubuque) 3 out of the 4 mite teams have participated in tournaments. The Mite 4 team participated in the Bruins tournament. The Mite 2 team participated in the Reading tournament over winter break; they made it to the championship game. The Mite 1 team participated in the Hooksett NH tournament; they won the tournament defeating the Providence Junior Bears. The Mite teams seem to be in the right groupings for the valley league, appropriate adjustments took place after the first round of parity.

Squirt: (Tim Miller) The district playdowns start this weekend (1/19-20).

Peewee: An issue was brought to Jim's attention through email regarding the PW1 team. The PW1 incident was discussed in executive session.

Bantams: Nothing to report

Midgets: Nothing to report

Purchasing: Tim requested that numbers and safety pins be purchased in preparation for tryouts. The group requested that a larger font size be purchased, 6 packets of 1-100 will be purchased.

Valley League: (Brian Casey) Brian has spoken to the valley league regarding plans for next year's Mite cross ice format. At this time, there are still multiple scenarios for the Mite format. The valley league is looking to see what towns are interested in before making a final decision.

Communication Coordinator: (Christine Wilson) Articles have been added to the website for those teams that submitted them. The valley league games have been added to the WYSA calendar.

Miscellaneous Business

- Tryouts for 2013-14:
 - Schedule:
 - The group discussed holding midget tryouts in late February. The goal is to fit tryouts in after the high school season ends and before spring sports start. Jim will follow up with Marty regarding the suggestion.
 - For I-Mites the date would be 3/16 followed by Mites through Bantams 3/18-3/30. Mites through Bantams require 3 tryouts. Mites can be on individual nights, where Squirt through Bantam should have session 2 and 3 held back to back for scrimmaging.
 - Evaluators:
 - There should be one head evaluator and 2 additional evaluators for each age group. On ice help will also be needed. Jim will bring up coaching applications and evaluators for tryouts at the coaches' meeting on Thursday.
 - Process:
 - Jim will document the process that needs to be followed during tryouts, evaluation forms and team selection.
 - The age directors need to submit names of the tryout evaluators for the next meeting, so that they can be voted on.
- Pricing for 13-14:
 - The group discussed next year's expenses. The largest expense to the organization is practice ice and valley league games. These costs may go up slightly, but if the organization keeps the current enrollment numbers, the current tuition should be able to cover the expenses. The group decided that the tuition for next year should stay the same.
 - The group discussed putting a cap on the initial registration payment for those families with multiple players. The families will be responsible the entire tuition, this would only allow people to spread out their payments instead of having a \$900 registration fee for 3 children in March.
- Coaches Meeting 1/17/13:
 - An email has gone out reminding the coaches about the meeting, each team should have one representative present. Jim will discuss the coaching application for next year and the coaches' evaluations of each player; the evaluations should be done before tryouts.
- Mite Cross Ice:
 - The ADM day demonstrated the benefits of cross ice and small group skills for the players. The board discussed the options that may be available for the Mite program. At this time, there isn't enough information to make an educated decision on the

format of the Mite program. The group needs to investigate more what the valley league is offering and what Mass Hockey will mandate.

- Coaches Patching: Tracy has been working with coaches on their patching requirements. Unfortunately, if a coach has not completed their required patching, they can not be on the bench during District playdowns.
- Cheevers Grant: Bill has submitted a preliminary grant proposal for an Introduction to Hockey for Middle School aged girls.
- Banquet Planning: The banquet will be held at the Elks on either April 9th or 11th. Patti will follow up with the Elks on the date and availability.

All Other Business

- Bill made a motion to propose Learn to Skate participants that have the skill set can move to Learn to Play Hockey. The offer is that they will participate in both programs with no additional cost to the families. The motion was passed by the board. Brian Donohoe will speak to parents regarding the expectation that they attend both sessions.
- The ADM day had positive feedback. Bill plans to gather all of the feedback and comments and provide a summarized analysis of the date. Bill suggested that older children participate in the skills to demonstrate how the drill should be done.
- Bill suggested that the organization think about sponsoring a Pee wee/Bantam Day with USA Hockey.
- Bill made a motion to submit a bill for \$31.86 for hockey balls. The motion was passed by the board and Bill will be reimbursed.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm

Action Items

- Jim to follow up with Marty regarding Midget tryouts in late February.
- Tracy to produce a D-10 report to show projections for tryout numbers for each group.
- Brian Donohoe will work on registration and a cap for registration fee.
- Brian Donohoe to speak to parents about those who can participate in both LTS and LTPH.
- Patti to follow up with Elks regarding banquet.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
February 11, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Tracey Coyne
Patti Domingo
Brian Donohoe

Fran Harrington
Ken Jenkins
Tim Miller

Jim Sullivan
Bill Welch
Christine Wilson

Review of Action Items from Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from January were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was passed by the board. The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Jim to speak to Marty about Midget tryouts. The tryouts will take place in the spring, no date has been set.
- Tracey sent D-10 report for hockey tryout projection numbers
- Brian to work on registration form and cap for registration fee.
- Brian to speak to parents of LTS about attending LTPH as well.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update: Ken provided a current outstanding A/R report. The group reviewed outstanding balances. Ken provided a Profit and Loss worksheet. The group discussed the need for A/R to be cleared up before tryouts.

Jim received an email from the Nadolny family. The player has been playing for the girl's varsity team. According to the WYSA contract, varsity players that are unable to play for WYSA because of conflicts are entitled to a reimbursement for a portion of the season. A motion was made to waive \$200 to the Nadolny family because she plays hockey on the high school varsity team. The motion was passed by the board.

Clinics:

Learn to Skate: New players have been added to LTS.

Skills: Monday and Sunday skills have been going well. The new format will be evaluated and updated based on feedback. The new format may make a larger impact regarding attendance next season when the season begins with the new format. Goalie clinic has been taken place, there have been conflicts with games, but Mike is willing to work with individuals to offer additional times for skills.

Learn to Play Hockey: Nothing to report

I-Mites: (Bill Welch) The I-Mites were scheduled to play at Patriot's Place last weekend, due to the snow storm the event was postponed, it will be rescheduled.

Mites: Nothing to report

Squirt: (Tim Miller) Squirt player Collins broke his arm during the D-10 playdowns. Incident report has been emailed to the parents and needs to be completed. Squirt 1 team is going to the state tournament.

Peewee: The peewee 1 and 3 teams will be going to the state tournament. Peewee 1 is also participating in a tournament over February vacation at Cape Cod.

Bantams: (Jim Sullivan) The bantam 1 team is participating in the same tournament over February vacation.

Midgets: Nothing to report

Purchasing: Tim will order the numbers for tryouts this week.

Valley League: (Jim Sullivan) The paper work for next year's teams has been received by the organization. WYSA will continue to sign up for the 45 game schedule. For the mite level, the new format will be 25 cross ice games and 10 full ice games. The board had a list of questions for Brian to follow up with the Valley League.

Communication Coordinator: (Christine Wilson) Congratulations to Tyler Pugsley for being named player of the week by the Valley League. Articles have been in the newspaper and placed on the website.

Miscellaneous Business

- Mass Hockey State Tournament:
3 teams will be attending the state tournament, Squirt 1, Peewee 1 and Peewee 3. WYSA will pay for each team to attend. The dates, schedules and cost have not been published yet. Tracey and Patti will receive this information from the D10 meeting. This information will be forwarded to the board.
- On line registration
The registration for tryouts will be opened in the next few days.
- Coaching Applications
Coaches and all parents were notified about coaching positions for next year. The list of applicants as of 2/11/13 was shared with the age directors and the entire group during the meeting. The list was necessary to ensure that each age group had evaluators for next season's tryouts.
- Tryouts for 13-14
 - Schedule:
Brian will work on a preliminary schedule for tryouts. The tryouts will take place over two weeks, 3/18-3/30. Coaches need to be informed that practices will not take place during that time period.
 - Head Evaluators: For each age group a motion was made, each motion was discussed and was passed by the board.
I-Mites: Patti Domingo was nominated as the head evaluator for the I-Mite tryouts.
Mites: Don Dubuque was nominated as the head evaluator. Mike Mondella, Dave Doherty and Brian Casey were nominated as evaluators for the Mite level.
Squirts: Peter Burns, Erik Domingo and Mike Boudreau were nominated as the evaluators for the Squirt level.
Peewees: Mike Guarino was nominated as the head evaluator for the peewees. Brian Callahan was nominated as an evaluator for the Peewee level.
Bantams: Jim Sullivan was nominated as the head evaluator for the bantams.
 - Coaches Ratings/Rankings:
The forms for this year coaching evaluations have been sent to each head coach. The forms are to be completed and returned to Tracey Coyne by March 1, 2013. Tracey and Patti will be responsible for tallying the tryout results.

- **Coaching Meeting:**
Jim held the coaching meeting on January 17th. Jim reviewed playdowns, evaluations and asked the group for feedback. The group did not have any questions or concerns to share with Jim.
- **WYSA Summer Camp:**
The WYSA pre-season camp will take place in late August. The sessions will begin at 6:50pm, which is 30 minutes later than previous years. The session will be 90 minutes with the younger group starting first followed by the older kids. A motion was made for a check for \$198 to reserve the ice for the camp. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Mites Cross Ice:** was discussed under the Valley League section
- **Ice dividers:** Bill, Jim and Brian C. attended a demonstration of the hard boards for cross ice. The cost is \$8000, Mass Hockey is reimbursing organizations \$5000 if you purchase them now. Bill is going to find out how long that reimbursement will be available. The group was not willing to vote on purchasing the boards at this time.
- **ADM feedback:** Bill did not receive a ton of feedback. He is recommending a second date for the older age groups. This may not happen this season.
- **Street Hockey:** Bill would like to hold another street hockey event at Hockeytown. A motion was made for \$200 to cover the cost for street hockey. The motion was passed by the board.
- **WYSA bulletin board:** The bulletin board needs to be repaired. Bill would like to speak to Kelly from Hockeytown to see if another location can be used for Wakefield to post articles and possibly display trophies.
- **Cheevers Grant:** Bill submitted a grant proposal. No update.
- **Banquet Planning:** The banquet will be held at the Elks on either April 9th or 11th. Patti will follow up with the Elks on the date and availability. Award nominations and trophies need to be discussed at the next meeting. Fran to send out email to the coaches that need to nominate trophy recipients.

All Other Business

- Water bottle fundraiser – Christine is going to look at other vendors for price comparison.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Action Items

- Patti to follow up with Elks regarding banquet.
- Jim and Marty to set a date for the midget tryouts.
- Tim to follow up with Collins family and squirt 1 coach to make sure the incident report is completed.
- Tim to order numbers and pins for tryouts
- Age directors to finalize evaluators for tryouts
- Bill to speak to Mass Hockey about the reimbursement time period for the hard boards.
- Bill to schedule street hockey event with Hockeytown

- Bill to speak to Kelly at Hockeytown regarding WYSA bulletin board.
- Fran to email coaches about WYSA awards

Wakefield Youth Skating Association
March 12, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Brian Casey
Tracey Coyne
Patti Domingo
Don Dubuque

Mike Guarino
Fran Harrington
Ken Jenkins
Marty Kane

Jim Sullivan
Bill Welch
Christine Wilson

Review of Minutes and Action Items from Previous Minutes: The meeting minutes from February were reviewed. Two clarifications were made; the squirt evaluators were left off of the February minutes, the information will be corrected and Marty asked for clarification on the reimbursement policy for varsity high school players. A motion was made to approve the minutes and the motion was passed by the board.

Patti suggested that we create a survey for the organization to ask about the new skills sessions and street hockey. Patti will work with a small group to create the survey and bring it back to the group.

The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Patti to follow up with Elks regarding banquet. – Done banquet date 4/9, contract has gone to Jim.
- Jim and Marty to set a date for the midget tryouts. – Done tryouts will be 4/7.
- Tim to follow up with Collins family and squirt 1 coach to make sure the incident report is completed. – Done Tracey has paperwork.
- Tim to order numbers and pins for tryouts - Done
- Age directors to finalize evaluators for tryouts - Done
- Bill to speak to Mass Hockey about the reimbursement time period for the hard boards. - Done
- Bill to schedule street hockey event with Hockeytown – Done and event took place on 3/9.
- Bill to speak to Kelly at Hockeytown regarding WYSA bulletin board. - Done
- Fran to email coaches about WYSA awards - Done

Public Participation: None

Financial Update: Ken provided a current outstanding Profit and Loss report & A/R report. The group reviewed outstanding balances. Ken also had copies of the tax report from last year. There was a question about a balance that involved a player that dropped out of the program after tryouts. Fran will forward Ken the voted on reimbursements.

Clinics:

Learn to Skate: New players have been added to LTS.

Skills: Monday and Sunday skills have been going well. The new format will be evaluated and updated based on feedback. The new format may make a larger impact regarding attendance next season when the season begins with the new format. Goalie

clinic has been taken place, there have been conflicts with games, but Mike is willing to work with individuals to offer additional times for skills.

Learn to Play Hockey: Nothing to report

I-Mites: (Bill Welch) The I-Mites were scheduled to play at Patriot's Place last weekend, due to the snow storm the event was postponed, it will be rescheduled.

Mites: Nothing to report

Squirt: (Tim Miller) Squirt player Collins broke his arm during the D-10 playdowns. Incident report has been emailed to the parents and needs to be completed. Squirt 1 team is going to the state tournament.

Peewee: The peewee 1 and 3 teams will be going to the state tournament. Peewee 1 is also participating in a tournament over February vacation at Cape Cod.

Bantams: (Jim Sullivan) The bantam 1 team is participating in the same tournament over February vacation.

Midgets: Nothing to report

Purchasing: Tim will order the numbers for tryouts this week.

Valley League: (Jim Sullivan) The paper work for next year's teams has been received by the organization. WYSA will continue to sign up for the 45 game schedule. For the mite level, the new format will be 25 cross ice games and 10 full ice games. The board had a list of questions for Brian to follow up with the Valley League.

Communication Coordinator: (Christine Wilson) Congratulations to Tyler Pugsley for being named player of the week by the Valley League. Articles have been in the newspaper and placed on the website.

Miscellaneous Business

- **Mass Hockey State Tournament:**
 - 4 teams will be attending the state tournament this year, Squirt 1, Squirt 2, Peewee 1 and Peewee 3. the squirt 2 team and peewee 3 team have already played.
 - Congratulations to the teams for making it to the tournament.
- **On line registration**
 - The registration period ended on 3/12. Approximately 175 kids were registered as of the meeting.
 - Squirt player Barrett needs to be made aware of trying out for the goalie position. Tim Miller to follow up with family.
- **Coaching Applications**
 - Each age director will receive a list of the people that submitted a coaching application. Tracey sent an email to each person that submitted a coaching application. An email will be drafted and sent to the coaching applicants to explain the tryout process and how coaches are selected.
- **Tryouts for 13-14**
 - The outstanding Evaluators were voted on: For each age group a motion was made, each motion was discussed and was passed by the board.
 - I-Mites: Robert Guida and Kevin Martin were nominated as evaluators for the I-Mite tryouts.
 - Peeweewees: Mario Ippolitto was nominated as an evaluator for the peeweewees.
 - Bantams: Mike Foley and Matt Penney were nominated as evaluators for the bantams.

Midgets: Dan Flynn was nominated as the coach and lead evaluator for the midgets. Gary Hill was nominated as an evaluator for the Midgets.

- Coaches Ratings/Rankings:
All forms have been turned in to Tracey.
- Preparations: The pinnies are needed for Monday night. Jim will get the pinnies from the locker. An email will be sent to the age group before the first night of their tryouts to explain the check in process. Christine to contact age groups.
- Process: The tryout process was reviewed. The evaluators will receive the forms at the beginning of the night, and the forms will be turned back in to the administrator who is checking in the skaters. Every skater must be evaluated by the time that the third tryout is complete.
- New skaters: there are two skaters that have never played hockey before and are trying out for the first time. The head evaluators will be made aware of the children so that they can be instructed in the drills.
- Valley League Team Placement for next season
Each year the organization must submit the number of teams for each age division and the level for the team to start during parity. The group finalized the list:
Midgets: 1 team AA
Bantam: 2 teams AA south and A south
Peewee: 3 teams AA south, AA east, A east
Squirts: 4 teams AAA south, AA south, A south, A west
Mites: 3 teams AA north, AA west, A west
- Mites Cross Ice
Following the last meeting a list of questions was sent to Brian for follow up with the Valley League. Wakefield Mites will be participating in the Valley League 15 half ice/10 full ice program. This league will follow the ADM model, score will be kept, referees will be used and hard boards will separate the ice. Each team will play one team during the 1 hour of ice time. There was only one family that was impacted by the change in Mass Hockey rules. Children with the birth year of 2007 must participate in the half ice program, without full ice games. Birth year of 2007 or younger will participate in the WYSA I-Mite program out of Stoneham arena. An email will be sent to current IMite and Mite participants explaining the program design. The cost per child has not been determined yet.
- Ice dividers: Bill has been speaking to the Lynnfield/Saugus board regarding splitting the cost of the boards. Lynnfield/Saugus use the Hockeytown ice the two hours following Wakefield on Saturday morning. It would be convenient to leave the boards up for Lynnfield/Saugus. The outstanding items that Bill noted were: repairs, warranty, and a written contract with Lynnfield/Saugus regarding splitting maintenance and upkeep costs in the future. Bill made a motion to allocate \$3000 for the ice divider boards with the expectation to split the cost with Lynnfield/Saugus. The motion was amended to \$4000, so that if Lynnfield/Saugus does not agree to split the cost, Wakefield can proceed on the purchase. The board approved the amended motion of \$4000.
- Street Hockey: Bill organized and held a street hockey session on 3/9. There wasn't a charge for the facility. Bill suggested that the teams rotate into a street hockey session along with skills.

- Off-ice development: Fran shared a flyer from Jen Foley. Jen is a personal trainer and certified nutritionist. She is running a program Kid's Edge at the Reading Athletic Club. She wanted WYSA to post her flyer on the WYSA website. The group discussed the proposal and decided that while the program is appropriate for the age group, they did not want to open up free advertisements for other business endeavors.
- WYSA Trophy case at Hockeytown: Bill has spoken to Kelly at Hockeytown about installing a trophy case. There were two options, bulletin board with the cost approximated at \$150-400 or a trophy case with the cost of \$700-1800. The trophy case would be 12" deep and would be 4' X 8'. A motion was made to pursue purchasing and installing a trophy case but the cost is not to exceed \$1800.
- Cheevers Grant: Wakefield is the recipient of a \$3000 grant to be used to promote ice hockey in middle school aged girls. Jim will work with the coaches for the Lady Generals to determine potential interest in this program. The program will run next fall.
- Banquet Planning: The banquet will be held at the Elks on April 9th. Patti will follow up with caterers regarding cost per person. There weren't any volunteers to work on raffle items.

All Other Business

- 2nd year Bantams aging out - The group discussed a way to recognize the players that are aging out of the program. The organization is going to host a Bantam vs. coaches' game. Jim will work on date and location.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm

Action Items

- Patti to work with Christine on survey. Share with group for additional feedback.
- Fran to send Ken list of dropped players with reimbursements that were voted on.
- Jim to draft email regarding tryout process and selecting coaches.
- Jim to bring pinnies and pins to Monday night tryout.
- Christine to create email and distribute to each age group before the day of the first tryouts for the division.
- Tim Miller to follow up with Barrett's regarding commitment of the goalie position.
- Christine to create an email and distribute to I-Mite and Mite families regarding the program for next year.
- Jim to follow up on location and date for 2nd year Bantams vs. coaches' game.
- Patti to work on banquet caterers.
- Bill to continue to work on trophy case.
- Jim to follow up with Lady Generals coaches regarding grant.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
April 8, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Mike Guarino	Jim Sullivan
Tracey Coyne	Fran Harrington	Bill Welch
Patti Domingo	Ken Jenkins	Christine Wilson
Don Dubuque	Tim Miller	

Review of Minutes and Action Items: The meeting minutes from March meeting were reviewed, the minutes were accepted.

The following items were discussed as part of last month's action items.

- Patti to work on a survey regarding skills. – Distributed through email. There will be a place for people to enter their name if they so choose.
- Jim to schedule hockey game 2nd year Bantams vs. coaches, tentatively scheduled for April 20th at Hockeytown.

Public Participation: None

Financial Update: Ken provided a current outstanding & A/R report, the group reviewed outstanding balances. A list of coach reimbursement was distributed by Tracey. Ken will write out the checks and distribute as many as possible at the banquet. A motion was made to reimbursement the following player's families for money associated with tryouts. In accordance with the boards' reimbursement policy for leaving WYSA, the following refunds will be made. The motion was passed.

-Charlotte Rossicone Mite Player – did not attend tryouts will be reimbursed \$300.

-John Adragna Bantam Player – attended 2nd and 3rd tryout will be refunded \$100.

Clinics:

Learn to Skate:

Skills:

Learn to Play Hockey:

I-Mites: (Bill Welch)

Mites:

Squirt: (Tim Miller)

Peewee:

Bantams:

Midgets:

Equipment: An email has gone out to all of the coaches regarding turning in the game jerseys. On Wednesday, April 11th Tim will be at the Civic Center to collect all jerseys.

Valley League:

Communication Coordinator:

Miscellaneous Business

- **Mass Hockey State Tournament:**
Jim shared with the board an issue that came up during the Pee wee 1 state tournament during the weekend of March 15-17 in Haverhill. The host district did not follow the correct rules for team advancement to the semi-finals. Jim and Tracey have been in contact with the District 10 director and the Mass Hockey President. At this time there hasn't been a resolution, Jim will reach out to Mass Hockey again. Jim will draft a letter to the parents/families from the pee wee 1 team to let them know what steps have been taken so far.
- **Team Projections from Tryouts – 13 teams will be created at this time, if any skaters drop out of the program, the teams will be examined again.**
I Mites – 14 children 2 teams
Mites – 32 children 3 teams (10, 11, 11)
Squirts – 50 children 4 teams (12, 12, 13, 13)
Pee wees – 41 children 3 teams including goalies (13, 14, 14)
Bantams – 35 children including 2 goalies (11, 11, 11)
- **Coaches for next year – the following motions were made and the motions were passed by the board.**
Nomination of Brian Casey and Kevin Martin as the I Mite head coaches.
Nomination of Mike Boudreau as the Squirt 2 head coach for next year.
Nomination of Brian Callahan as the Pee wee 2 head coach for next year.
Nomination of Matt Penney as the Bantam 1 head coach for next year.
-Jim will work with age directors and coaching coordinators to ensure that a head coach is in place for each team before the placement letters go out.
-The board will formally vote on all head coach positions during the May meeting.
- **Pricing for Mite Program**
Based on the Valley League cost per team, the group discussed reducing the cost per player for the mite division. A motion was made to change the Mite per player cost to \$1050, if that amount covers the cost of the program (games, skills and equipment). This is \$150 less than this year's tuition of \$1200.
- **Valley League Team Placement for next season**
Tim asked that the squirt 1 team starting division for parity be changed to AAA central instead of south.
- **Ice dividers:** Bill has been coordinating efforts with the Lynnfield/Saugus board regarding splitting the cost of the ice dividing boards. Lynnfield/Saugus board is not ready to make a decision on purchasing the boards. This discussion will continue next month.
- **Cheevers Grant:** Bill made a motion to run the Middle School Girls Learn to Play Hockey program for 12 weeks in the late fall/early winter time frame. The program will not cost the players anything. The \$3000 grant will cover the cost of the ½ sheet of ice for 12 weeks and the instructors. Bill has a budget and plan for this program. Bill will reach out to the elementary schools and middle school to promote the program. Girls between the ages of 10-14 can participate; the program will be capped at 35 skaters. If participation is low, the program objectives and goals will be discussed and modified to ensure a successful program. The motion was passed.

All Other Business

- Banquet – the group discussed miscellaneous last minute details for the banquet set up.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Action Items

- Jim to draft email/letter to Peewee 1 families regarding Mass Hockey State tournament.
- Jim to verify the cost per player for the Mite division before finalizing the new tuition.
- Brian Casey to update Valley League on changing Squirt 1 team division to AAA Central.
- Bill to work on Cheevers grant publicity and planning for the fall.

Wakefield Youth Skating Association
May 13, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Patti Domingo
Brian Donohoe
Don Dubuque

Fran Harrington
Ken Jenkins
Tim Miller

Jim Sullivan
Bill Welch
Christine Wilson

Public Participation: Nancy Buckley, parent of a 2nd year squirt attended the meeting. Nancy pointed out that the association's bylaws point out self-esteem and player development is the goal of the program, and winning is not the goal. The tryout evaluation policy discusses the ability to move a participant down to a lower team. She found that these two points were contradictory and she wanted the board to address cleaning up the discrepancy between the bylaws and policy. The board will set up a committee to review bylaws and policies.

Review of Minutes and Action Items: The meeting minutes from April meeting were reviewed, the minutes were accepted.

Financial Update:

- Ken provided a review of the current A/R. An in-depth financial report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.
- A motion was made to reimburse Mrs. Sullivan \$150 to cover the cost of pizza and paper products for the coaches vs. 2nd year bantam player game. The motion was passed.
- A motion was made to reimbursement the following player's families for money associated with tryouts. In accordance with the boards' reimbursement policy for leaving WYSA, the following refunds will be made. The motion was passed.
 - Nick Lamberti – attended second night of tryouts (2 hrs) will be refunded \$100.
 - Jake Nardone – attended both nights of tryouts (3 hrs) will be refunded \$100.

Miscellaneous Business

- Feedback from placement announcements:
Jim shared with the board a summary of the feedback that he has received since the placement letters went out. The group discussed some potential resolutions to eliminate future issues. This included:
 - Add to the evaluation form last year's team and the year of birth of the player to available when assigning teams.
 - Change the evaluation procedure to spell out the number of head coach picks based on the size of the team.
 - Change the evaluation procedure for goalies
 - Add the number of players in each division and the number of teams on the placement letters.
- Planning for 13/14 Teams per division
Based on players dropping from the bantam division the teams will be collapsed to 2

teams. Motion made to send out a notification to the bantam families explaining the situation. Motion was passed by the board
The group discussed the size of each bantam team. Jim will speak to the coaches regarding the numbers.

All Other Business

- Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, May 20th
Christine to send out email to organization reminding families that they can vote for the board positions.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Action Items

- Jim to chair a sub-committee to review and clean up bylaws and policies.
- Jim to speak to bantam coaches about size of each team.
- Christine to send out email reminding families about voting for board positions.

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association
May 20, 2013
Annual Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brian Casey	Don Dubuque	Tim Miller
Tracey Coyne	Mike Guarino	Jim Sullivan
Patti Domingo	Fran Harrington	Bill Welch
Brian Donohoe	Ken Jenkins	Christine Wilson

WYSA Officers Voting:

Between 7:00pm-7:30pm, ballots were distributed and collected from all members. The following people were appointed:

Vice President – Mike Guarino

Secretary – Fran Harrington

I-Mite Age Director – Bill Welch

Voting was closed at 7:30pm and the following positions were discussed:

- Motion was made to make Don Dubuque the Squirt Age Director for the term of 2 years. The motion was passed by the board.
- Don resigned from his responsibilities as the Mite Age Director. Motion was made to make Brian Casey the mite age director for the remainder of the term (1 year). The motion was passed by the board.
- Motion was made to make Fran Harrington the Bantam Age Director for the term of 2 years. The motion was passed by the board.

The following positions are 1 year appointments.

- Motion was made to make Tim Miller the Equipment Manager and the Purchasing Agent for the next season. The motion was passed by the board.
- Motion was made to make Christine Wilson the Communications Director for the next season. The motion was passed by the board.
- Motion was made to make Christine Wilson the Valley League representative for the next season. The motion was passed by the board.
- Jim will speak to Bill McKay to see if he would like to chair the Kirk Award Committee.

The following positions (Peewee Age Director and Coaching Coordinator) will be advertised on the website and newspaper and will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ken provided a summary for the past season, May 2012-April 2013. The current financial status has the organization with a preliminary \$4,000 net income for the year. There are still a few outstanding bills that need to be paid from last year's income. This does not include the registration fees collected toward next year's budget.

Jim provided a summary of the past year.

The Association Objective -

- Shall be to implant firmly in the youth of the community, both boys and girls, the ideals of good sportsmanship, while attaining quality skills for the safe and healthy execution of ice sports.
- The objective will be achieved by providing supervised competition and instruction in games applicable to Ice sports. The supervisors and personnel of the association shall bear in mind that at all times the attainment of good sportsmanship, athletic skills, while increasing the children's self esteem is more important than winning games.
- Started in 1969, closing out our 43 year
- Accomplishments
 - Great value, no price increase, lower for Mites for new cross ice
 - 17 Teams (Includes Midgets and 6th grade) 199 players down from 207
 - Cheever Grant – Third year in a row
 - Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey
 - State Tournament - Squirt 1 & 2 and Pee wee 1 & 3, great showing
 - New on line apparel vendor
 - Purchased where needed
 - Ran ADM day in January, included a street hockey component
- Challenges
 - Too many teams and not enough practice ice
 - Loss of the Flynn rink skills ice
 - Keep it about the players
 - Tryout process and placements
 - Quality coaches
 - ADM model and the leagues available
- Financially
 - Equity grew again, refer to the Treasurers' report
 - Ran the association with sound fiscal responsibility
 - Difficult decisions made by the board
 - Tuition fee unchanged
 - Trophy case coming
 - Didn't buy the ice divider boards (would have cost close to \$6,000)
 - Equipment purchases
 - Continue to run with small teams
 - Bad debt held to a minimum
- USA-Mass Hockey
 - Finally set the rules and enforcement for Mite cross ice
 - Ran try hockey for free days
 - Miss managed the Pee wee 1 State Tournament
- The Board – Several changes
 - Welcome new Member – Brian Casey

- Opens seats – Pee wee and Bantam
- Concern with a lack of board members and participation
- Objectives for the coming year
 - Run the association for the good of the members
 - Review our By Laws and Policies
 - Control costs
 - Conduct some fundraising
 - Continue to bring in new board members
 - Work to run with transparency
 - Grow the organization

Following the annual report the group continued with normal business

- Skills Survey will be discussed next month.
- The board has decided to not purchase the ice dividing boards that Mass Hockey was offering because the reimbursement amount changed.
- Cheevers Grant – The group needs to start working to get the girl’s program off of the ground. This includes advertising, registration, determining ice rink/times and coaches/on-ice helpers.
- The WYSA organization policies will be reviewed in a sub-committee over the summer. Jim will be looking for volunteers to work on the committee.
- A motion was made to increase the funding for the 4’ x 6’ trophy case by \$30 to give a total of up to \$1830 to be spent. The motion was passed by the board.
- A motion was made to reimburse Bill Welch \$317.00 for the I-Mite t-shirts. The motion was passed by the board.
- A motion was made to reimbursement the following player’s family for money associated with tryouts. In accordance with the boards’ reimbursement policy for leaving WYSA, the following refunds will be made. The motion was passed.
-Colin Jaena – attended both nights of tryouts (3 hrs) will be refunded \$100.
- As a reminder to age directors, head coaches need to think about picking their assistant coaches soon so that Tracey and Patti can determine their patching requirements.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Action Items

- Jim to chair a sub-committee to review and clean up bylaws and policies.