

## **2016-2017 Meeting Minutes**

### **Wakefield Youth Skating Association June 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Erik Domingo Patti Domingo Brian Casey

Don Collins

Fran Harrington

Jeff McGann Don Dubuque

Frank Leone

Bill Welch Joe Gaffney

Kevin Martin

**Public Participation:** No participation.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The annual WYSA board meeting minutes from May 23<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank has been receiving and processing the payments for the 2016-17 season. There are 3 accounts from 2015-16 season that Frank is still working on.

#### **Miscellaneous Business topics:**

- Two action items from the last meeting were discussed. Patti has not heard from the District 10 representatives if they have kids that are interested in the non- checking league. Patti will reach out again and Don Collins will email the Valley League. Bill has received the majority of the shirts/numbers for next year. Bill has asked Stoneham for recommendations on how to make the process better. Stoneham Sports said that other organizations take care of the sizing and give Stoneham a list for ordering. The board will discuss this in the future.
- Peabody Overtime Ice- Brian reached out to Overtime ice and they have 3 hours available for next season. Thursday 7:30pm-8:20pm and 8:30pm-9:20pm Friday 6:30pm-7:20pm The board discussed the additional cost of the ice, and agreed it would be used for additional practices and skills. The high school boys team plans to run Thursday night skills for a period of time in the fall. A motion was made to purchase the additional 3 hours of ice for the 2016-17 season. The motion was passed by the board.
- The schedule for practice times was reviewed; each age director had individual requests from their coaches. The draft schedule is included at the bottom of the minutes.
- Helmet Decals – Ellen was unable to attend and sent an email asking if additional Helmet Decals should be purchased this summer? There are approximately 80 sets left from the last order. The board decided to hold off on purchasing additional decals at this time.
- Bantam Coach – discussed in executive session.
- Assistant Coaches – A motion was made to allow electronic voting for assistant

coaches. The motion was passed by the board.

### **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Nothing to report.
- **Imites** – Nothing to report.
- **Mites** – Nothing to report.
- **Squirts** – Nothing to report.
- **PeeWees** – Nothing to report.
- **Bantams** – Nothing to report
- **Midgets** – Nothing to report.
- **Purchasing** – Bill made a motion to spend no more than \$1,500 for the following items: cones, First Aid Kits, and pucks. The motion was passed by the board. Bill requested that he purchase 2 sets of adhesive numbers to see if they hold up and can be used for tryouts. A motion was not made and will be discussed in the future.
- **Coaching Coordinator** – Nothing to report
- **D10** – Patti needs up dates registration with drops for the USA hockey list. Email will go out to organization about USA hockey numbers. Pattie needs coaching list for module and patching requirements.
- **Valley League** – Don will speak to VL about non-checking league and ask if VL will accommodate Mite 4 games because of Saturday morning practices.
- **Middle School** – Nothing to report.

### **All Other Business**

### **Practice Ice Schedule for 2016-17 season**

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The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday July 11, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm

**Action**

**Items:**

- Patti Domingo to follow up with D10 on non-checking league participants
- Don Collins to speak to Valley League about the non-checking league.
- Don Collins to speak to Valley League about limited Saturday morning games for Mite 4 team.
- Brian Casey to speak to the owner of Peabody Overtime Ice about storage or lock up for WYSA

equipment.

- Erik Domingo to email organization about open board positions if anyone is interested.

- Brian Casey to follow up with Deangelis family about peewee goalie, medical form needs to be completed. **Monetary Motions:**

- 3 hours of additional ice each week Peabody Overtime Ice. The cost to be included in the contract.

- \$1,500 for equipment and First Aid kits

### **Wakefield Youth Skating Association August 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike Boudreau Brian Casey Erik Domingo

Patti Domingo

Fran Harrington

Ellen Riley Don Dubuque

Kevin Martin

Jim Sullivan Joe Gaffney

Jeff McGann

Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** No participation.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board meeting minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank was not able to attend.

#### **Miscellaneous Business topics:**

- Brian shared a letter from Coach Gianatassio, it included a recap from last year and some things that he would like to accomplish this year in conjunction with the WYSA program. This includes: Skill Camp 8/22-23 8am-11am Overtime Rink, Peabody for kids in grades 5-8. Street Hockey Clinic 10/1 10am-12am Fall Skills for WYSA on Thursdays 10/13-11/17 7:30pm and 8:30pm sessions Will invite middle school teams to practice and have water boys for games Would like to schedule a WYSA night at a home game

- Fundraiser location for next year – The Crystal Community Club asked if WYSA would be interested in holding a fundraiser at their facility. Don is going to find out more information regarding capacity of the facility. We will also have a Fuddrucker's dinner night out in October or November. Ellen is working on that.

- Board Contact Information – the board members should review the on-line contact information and let Erik know if there are edits.

- Coaches Meeting is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Brian and Joe are working on the handouts.

- **Shirt Pick Up night** – this will take place the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> and we will hold a food drive at the same time. Once the date is confirmed the information will be sent out to the organization.
- The raffle tickets are in and Ellen will have them ready for shirt pick up night.
- **Pre-Season Camp** – the skills camp is set to run the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>. Jim will work on opening up the registration. Erik will post information once the registration is open.

### **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Nothing to report.
- **Imites** – Added one new player.
- **Mites** – Nothing to report.
- **Squirts** – Nothing to report.
- **PeeWees** – Nothing to report.
- **Bantams** – Nothing to report
- **Midgets** – Tryout will take place 8/22 7:20pm at HT. Jim will open up registration. Shirts will need to be ordered next season for midgets.
- **Purchasing** – Nothing to report
- **Equipment** – all purchased equipment will be next week, except the First Aid kits.
- **Coaching Coordinator** – Joe and Brian to work on coaches meeting material
- **D10** – Patti shared emails and some changes that have been passed on from Mass Hockey. CORIs need to be done, Cheryl will be available at the coaches meeting and shirt pick up to collect information.
- **Valley League** – Brian to follow up with Don regarding the Mite 4 team no games on Saturday mornings.
- **Middle School** – Mike Parent was not present, the board discussed which middle school league WYSA should register with and the goals of this program. Mike to reach out to the two middle school programs to conduct a comparison.

**All Other Business** – Don Dubuque was part of a small group of residents that met with Steve Maio to discuss the future plan to build a rink. The selectmen voted on hiring a consultant to conduct a study of the land and the building process for a rink. Bill brought up a few items that Mass Hockey was offering. Quick change goalie pads for younger kids, Mass Hockey will reimburse 50%. A motion was made to allocate \$100 for the quick change goalie equipment. The motion was passed by the board. There is also a subsidy being offered for the Positive Coaching Alliance services. And look up line subsidy if you install the orange line at the boards.

Tryout Hockey for Free day – motion was made to host (2) try hockey for free days using the Saturday morning 9:00am time slot and \$160.00 for refreshments. The motion was passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday September 12, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 9:25pm

## **Action**

### **Items:**

- Jim to open registration for Pre Season Skills and Middle School Program
- Brian Casey to follow up with CCC for Shirt Pick Up Night.
- Erik to send email blast, facebook post and tweet with shirt pick up date and food drive.
- Ellen to organize raffle tickets and helmet decals for shirt pick up night.
- Brian to follow up with VL regarding Malden Rink the week of 8/29.
- Brian Casey to follow up with Wyner and Deangelis families about peewee goalie, medical form needs to be completed.
- Age directors to remind coaches of coaches meeting and CORI forms
- Mike Parent to provide a comparison of the VL and Martian middle school programs
- Dates to be aware of
  - 8/22-23 High School hockey clinic (Overtime Ice)
  - 8/23 Midget tryout 7:20
  - 8/29-9/1 WYSA Pre-Season Skills (Malden)
  - Week of 9/29 Shirt pick up
  - First Practice 9/7 (Hockeytown), no HT ice on 9/9 through 9/11
  - Ice at Overtime Peabody begins 9/8

### **Monetary Motions:**

- \$100 allocated for the quick change goalie equipment
- \$160 for Try Hockey for Free refreshments

## **Wakefield Youth Skating**

**Association September 12, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**



Sullivan  
Bill Welch

**Attendees:**

Mike  
Boudreau  
Brian Casey  
Erik Domingo  
Patti  
Domingo  
Kevin  
Martin Jeff  
McGann  
Mike Parent

Ellen Riley  
Jim  
Sullivan  
Bill Welch  
Ellen Riley  
Jim

**Public Participation:** Robert Guida and Chris  
Gianatassio

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board meeting minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A correction was made to minutes to change the Try Hockey for Free refreshment budget to \$160. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with the edit and it was passed by the board. The executive session minutes from August 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank has been working with families on payment.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**topics:**

- Coach Gianatassio asked to address the group. The High School team will be running skills for WYSA, on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm and 8:30pm time slots. This will run for 5 weeks. There were 30 kids that attended the street hockey rec program and the high school will run another free street hockey day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chris would like to continue having the middle school age kids attend a high school practice and participate in a WYSA night. Last year the kids were able to be

water boys/girls and he would like to start that earlier in the season this year. Chris is hoping that next summer he can run a summer skills for the WYSA kids one night a week. He is hoping to have an alumni game the week of winter vacation.

- Middle School Program – the board reviewed the pros and cons of each program. Mike Parent distributed a document outlining the major points. In order to register the teams and get shirts, the registration needs to be completed by October 9<sup>th</sup>. The group needed to decide on which program to sign up for in order to know the cost per player. A motion was made to place the middle school teams in the Martian League for this year. The motion was passed by the board. The cost per player will be the same, \$225 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, \$325 for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and the girl's teams. It was pointed out that coaches need to be aware of the Monday call that the Martian league holds for scheduling. Erik will write up a release for the Newspaper and for Karen Fitzpatrick (Wakefield Superintendent's Office), the write up should include if interested in coaching contact Mike Parent.
- Biscoe family had not attending shirt pick up or answered any emails. Bill has been able to get in contact with them and the children are playing this year.
- Club Excellence – there is a program that Bill and Brian are reviewing to set up a successful non-profit brand and the best practices for disseminating information to the board. Brian will be inviting people to different work groups.
- There was discussion about the Monday night skills and the breakdown of the teams. Erik has tried to create 3 equal groupings so that each team has skills 2 out of 3 weeks. There may be some adjustments to the groupings.
- Picture Night is 10/6, volunteers needed for check in. The next WYSA board meeting will be October 3<sup>rd</sup> all player movement needs to be completed at that meeting so that the players are on the correct team for pictures. Fran to work on list of times for each team and rosters will be needed for check in.
- Fundraiser Fuddruckers – Ellen has scheduled a Fuddruckers fundraiser for November 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-8:00pm.

## **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Discussed skills on 10/31. The age directors will speak to their coaches to see if anyone will attend. Otherwise they will cancel skills that night. Erik mentioned that Saturday and Sunday ice time will be listed as cross ice. But the coaches can think about how they want to use the ice. The Thursday skills will be one team per hour and things can change based on attendance.
- **Imites** – Three new players have been added and Bill is going to break up the kids into 3 teams. A motion was made to spend \$300 for an additional set of Imite jerseys.
- **Mites** – Kevin made a motion to nominate Erik Hubert as an assistant coach for the Mite 2 team. The motion was passed by the board.

- **Squirts** – Nothing to report.
- **PeeWees** – Nothing to report.
- **Bantams** – One play dropped and one new player was added.
- **Midgets** – One player injured over the weekend. Jim and Jeff will let us know if there is a refund for lost time.
- **Purchasing** – Nothing to report
- **Equipment** – all purchased equipment will be next week, except the First Aid kits.
- **Coaching Coordinator** – Joe and Brian to work on coaches meeting material
- **D10** – Patti mentioned that Bantam play downs will most likely be the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Valley League** – Nothing to report
- **Middle School** – Discussed above.

**All Other  
Business –**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday September 3, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm

**Action**

**Items:**

- Jim to open registration for Middle School Program
- Erik to send information about Middle School Program to newspaper and Karen Fitzpatrick
- Fran to work on Picture Night Schedule and produce rosters for check in

- Age directors reach out to coaches about skills on 10/31.

**Monetary**

**Motions:**

- \$300 allocated for additional Imite jerseys

**Wakefield Youth Skating Association October 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

- Mike Boudreau
- Brian Casey
- Don Collins
- Kevin Martin
- Jeff McGann
- Mike Parent

- Sullivan
- Bill Welch

- Ellen Riley
- Jim Sullivan
- Bill Welch
- Ellen Riley
- Jim

**Public Participation:** Anne Santos, Robert Guida and Saritin Rizzuto

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board meeting minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A correction was made to minutes to the next meeting date. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with the edit and it was passed by the board. The executive session minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Public Participation:** Saritin Rizzuto joined the meeting and is offering to help with the winter fundraiser. The fundraiser committee has her contact information and will reach out to her.

**Financial Update:** Frank has 37 A/R accounts and he is addressing 3 accounts from last year.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

### **topics:**

- Anne Santos joined the meeting and provided an update on the town's progress regarding building a hockey rink on Hemlock Road.
- Peewee Age Director – A motion was made to nominate Robert Guida as the peewee age director for the remainder of the 2 year term. The term will go to 2018. The motion was passed by the board.
- Middle School Program – 42 children have signed up for the program. Mike needs 4 weeks to ensure that the uniforms are delivered on time. It isn't clear if there will be one or two teams at each age division. Mike Boudreau asked the board if 6 girls from Stoneham that do not have a middle school team to play on can play for the Wakefield team. Based on the current numbers for the girls program, they can register and play for the Wakefield team. This request originated with the Martian League so it will not be an issue to have non-Wakefield residents on the team.
- Player movement – a motion was made to move Imite player Michael Leahy to the Mite 4 team. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to move Jared Green from the Bantam 2 team to the Bantam 1 team. The group discussed that he did not attend tryouts and was placed on the lowest team as the policy states. The bantam 1 team lost one player in September and was looking to add one player to have 15 skaters. Following the policy the coaches discussed player movement after evaluating the players during games and practices, both team coaches and the age director have made their recommendation on player movement. The motion was passed by the board.
- Picture Night – picture night is this Thursday, have Bill check if Stoneham Sports will be on site. Brian needs rosters for check in.
- Little Bruins Learn to Play – the bruins are sponsoring a program for new players. The paperwork would be due in April and the event will take place in September/October. There were some questions about how the program's work, registration and retention numbers from other groups that have participated. Bill will conduct additional follow up.
- Positive Coaching Alliance – Bill made a motion that the board sponsors a seminar for parents regarding the positive coaching alliance frame work. Mass hockey would pay \$1000 and the organization would pay 350 for the program. The board discussed the merits of the program and the parent participation. The motion did not pass.
- Cheevers Grant – ideas and suggestions for next year's grant should be submitted to Bill before the November meeting.
- Club Excellence – there is a program that Bill and Brian are reviewing to set up a successful

non-profit brand and the best practices for disseminating information to the board. Brian has invited a few people to join the group and review the documentation on line.

- Discussed tournaments and raffle tickets. Age directors to follow up with their coaches about this information.
- Fundraiser Fuddruckers – Ellen has scheduled a Fuddruckers fundraiser for November 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-8:00pm. Ask Erik to send out a save date the reminder.

## **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Learn to Skate/Play registration is ready to be opened. We are looking for someone to take over the lead on the LTS/P day to day operations. Bill has someone in mind for the role.
- **Imites** – Discussed above player movement.
- **Mites** – The 1,2, and 3 team plan to participate in the Heselton Tournament in Andover. Erik please do not schedule cross ice for the three teams the week of Thanksgiving.
- **Squirts** – Squirt 2 team plans to go to Hurricane Tournament at Cape Code Feb 17-19
- **PeeweEs** – Peewee 1 are planning to go to the same Hurricane Tournament. Four kids are participating in the Bruins one on one.
- **Bantams** – playdowns will be taking place in October, there are still modules to be completed by the coaches.
- **Midgets** – 2 new players added to the team.
- **Girls** – 4 U10 girls will be participating in the Bruins one on one for District 10.
- **Purchasing** –Bill has not received the goalie equipment from Mass Hockey and the red Imite shirts are ready to be picked up.
- **Equipment** – nothing to report
- **Coaching Coordinator** – nothing to report
- **D10** – nothing to report
- **Valley League** – Nothing to report
- **Middle School** – Discussed above.

## **All Other Business –**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday November 14, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm

### **Action**

#### **Items:**

- Erik to update website with Robert Guida's contact information.
- Erik to send out a reminder email blast about signups for Middle School Program.
- Patti to update rosters based on the two player moves, Mite 4 and Bantam 1
- Erik to update the on-line rosters
- Frank to adjust the payment plan for the imite to mite player
- Bill to verify if Stoneham Sports will be on site for Picture Night
- Fran to send rosters to Brian for Picture Night
- Bill to follow up on additional questions regarding Little Bruins Learn to Play
- All members – submit Cheevers Grant ideas to Bill Welch by November meeting.
- Age directors to remind coaches if attending tournaments send Don Collins dates so VL is informed of availability. Reminder to coaches to collect raffle tickets and turn them in by October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Erik to send out a save date reminder for the Fuddrucker fundraiser. Flyers will be distributed at picture night.
  - Erik media blast about Learn to Play

registration open **Monetary Motions:**

### **Wakefield Youth Skating Association November 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike Boudreau Brian Casey Don Collins Erik Domingo  
Patti Domingo

Fran Harrington  
Andrew Reed Don Dubuque  
Frank Leone  
Ellen Riley Joe Gaffney  
Jeff McGann  
Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** N/A

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board meeting minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board. The executive session minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup> were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Public Participation:**

**Financial Update:** Frank provided the A/R report and current balances. The age directors discussed follow up on specific accounts.

**Miscellaneous Business topics:**

- Picture Night – the group discussed the schedule for picture night. The event ran late and the last group finished up around 9:30. Brian will follow up with Roy regarding the schedule or organization of the evening.
- Fuddruckers Fund Raiser – Ellen confirmed the date/time with Fuddruckers, everything is set.
- February Fund Raiser – The date is Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Nothing to report from the sub-committee. Erik to send out a media blast, save the date.
- Patching for coaches – Patti distributed a list with the current status of the coaches' patching requirements. Patti and the Age directors have follow up with the coaches regarding what they need to complete.
- Middle School Refund – Brian has been working with the parents of one member of the girl's team. At this point she isn't ready to skate with the team. Brian made a motion to either refund the family \$50 and move \$175 to Learn to Skate or the second option is to refund the entire amount paid, \$225. Brian will follow up with the family and proceed according to their wishes. The motion was passed.
- New Skills schedule – Brian and Erik have worked to reorganize the skills schedule to include more teams on the ice. Skills is not getting a large attendance and the new schedule will give the teams 3 weeks on and 1 week off for skills.
- Attendance Policy ideas – the group discussed the issue with low attendance and asked for suggestions on how to encourage more kids to participate.
- Try Hockey for Free – Bill reported that 17 kids attending the Try Hockey for Free day and he is reaching out to families to see if any will convert to LTS or I-mites. The second Try Hockey for Free date is in February. Bill will work with the high school teams for on



ice volunteers.

- Lynnfield/Saugus scrimmage and ice time – The Lynnfield/Saugus I-mites have approached Bill to participate in 3 scrimmages over the season on Saturday mornings. This would leave a 1/2 sheet of ice available to another team. After discussion, the proposal is to offer the ice to the Mite 4 team first and if the team isn't available it would be given to another mite team.

- Learn to Skate – A motion was made to nominate Andy Reed as the LTS director for the remainder of the 2016-17 season. The motion was passed by the board. The LTS program begins on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:50am. There are 28 kids signed up for the program. Erik to send out a media blast regarding LTS.

- Cheevers Grant – The board discussed ideas for next year's grant. The general feeling was to continue with encouraging new girls to participate in hockey. The group discussed the target age group and it was

suggested to reach out to girls in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to try hockey. The issue with focusing on middle school age only is that you have 2 years of girls for a team and then a void in the program when they go to high school. We really need to focus on the younger age group to provide a feeder program.

- Raffle Drawing – Ellen has been receiving the raffle tickets and the winners will be posted on the website. Ellen will provide Erik with the daily winners.

- Things to think about – Banquet and Tryouts – The board was asked to think about ideas for this year's banquet and the age directors should begin to think about their evaluators and on-ice help for tryouts.

## **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Learn to Skate/Play registration is open, 28 people signed up already.

- **I-mites** – One new player added to I-mite Red. The three I-mite teams will be participating in a skate at Patriot's Place in Foxboro. Bill made a motion for \$500 to be budgeted for the I-mites' games at Patriot's Place, this will include 2 sheets of ice. This is in lieu of the I-mites attending a tournament and the banquet. The motion was passed by the board.

- **Mites** – The 1,2, and 3 team plan to participate in the Heselton Tournament in Andover. The 4 team is participating in the Bruin's tournament.

- **Squirts** – The teams are still being moved in the VL following parity. Squirt 2 team plans to go to Hurricane Tournament at Cape Code Feb 17-19.

- **PeeWees** – Peewee 1 and 2 teams are planning to go to the same Hurricane Tournament.

- **Bantams** – Bantam 1 team also going to the Cape Cod tournament. It was suggested that another checking clinic be held for the bantams.
- **Midgets** – the season is coming to an end.
- **Girls** – The girls are participating with the Stoneham program and they are looking at attending tournaments as well.
- **Purchasing** – Bill has not received the goalie equipment from Mass Hockey. Bill wanted to make people aware of the battle rings and orange pucks in lock up.
- **Equipment** – nothing to report
- **Coaching Coordinator** – nothing to report
- **D10** – Patching for coaches continues and Hold Martin Luther King weekend for playdowns.
- **Valley League** – Some movement of teams has taken place.
- **Middle School** – The girl's jamboree took place they had 20 skaters and the goalies. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team will have 4 groups of kids and they will rotate. Both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade teams participated in the jamboree. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders haven't started yet.

### **All Other Business –**

- A few days were suggested for a WYSA Night at a High School game – the group settled on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm game at Stoneham. The group also discussed reaching out to the coaches about the kids participating at the high school games as water boys/water girls. Erik will email coaches and Mike Parent will coordinate the effort.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday December 12, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm

### **Action**

#### **Items:**

- Brian to follow up with Roy – regarding picture night.
- Erik to send out a social media blast for save the date – February 11<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser
- Brian to follow up with Middle School girls' player regarding

refund.

- Erik to send out a social media blast regarding LTS sign ups.

- Ellen to provide Erik with a list of the daily winners. At the end of the month provide Frank with a list of winners that need to receive checks.

- Brian to come up with proposed dates for tryouts.

- Age directors to speak to coaches about this year's awards. (Mite 2, Squirt 2, Peewee 2 and Bantam 1)

- Age directors to start to address evaluators and on-ice help for tryouts.

- Brian to speak to Jamie Tier 1 regarding a checking clinic for the bantams.

- Don Collins to reach out to VL regarding MLK weekend.

- Erik to send out email to the coaches about kids participating with the high school games at water boys/ water girls.

## **Monetary**

### **Motions:**

- \$500 for I-mites to participate in skate at Patriot's Place.

### **Wakefield Youth Skating Association December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Don Collins Erik Domingo

Patti Domingo

Frank Leone

Andrew Reed Don Dubuque

Kevin Martin

Jim Sullivan Fran Harrington

Jeff McGann

Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** N/A

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board meeting minutes from November 14<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank wasn't available at the beginning of the meeting and did not provide an update.

### **Miscellaneous Business topics:**

- LTS Refund – a motion was made to refund the Davidson family \$350.00 from LTS. The father has been volunteering with the LTS program, but the children would not take the ice. The motion was passed by the board.
- Middle School Refund – A motion was made to refund the LeBlanc family approximately \$260 for the remainder of the middle school program. (The full season is 325, minus 20% for games played. The family will be charge the cost of the jersey unless Mike Boudreau was able to get the shirt back. The motion was passed by the board.
- Middle School Teams – 4 of the 5 teams (6, 7, 8, and Girls teams) have very large rosters, but there weren't enough players to have 2 teams at the levels. The cost of the program is based on an estimation of number of the participants and the number of teams. Due to large size of the teams the kids have been rotating games and each skater will play approximately 75% of the games. A motion was made to purchase warrior jackets at the cost of \$62.50 per jacket (which includes embroidery of the last name) for each member of the middle school teams. The board discussed how to address new players coming in next year and whether the cost is built into the tuition. Also discussed were the injured players that will not be participating any longer. The motion was passed.
- WYSA Policy Change – a proposal was made to change the wording on the tryout/registration fee policy. In accordance with the by-laws a notice will be posted in the newspaper and the policy change will be discussed in January and the policy will be voted on in February.
- Patching for Coaches – Patti has been sending emails to the age directors and the coaches regarding their outstanding obligation for patching. Patti reminded the group that Safe Sport needs to be completed by every coach before they have their first practice. The board needs to work on enforcing the patching requirements.
- February Fund Raiser – The date is Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. The sub-committee met and the event will take place at the Crystal Community Center. Don has contacted Matt Lane about memorabilia for the silent auction. They are still looking for additional raffle items. Jay Buckley and the band are set for the date.
- Idea – Stop Patches on Jersey – The group discussed the idea of adding the Stop patch to the back of the uniforms next year. This is a patch that is available to remind players to stop the hit from behind. Bill will work with Stoneham Sport to see if the patches can be added before the uniforms are distributed.
- Sub-committee for Award Nominations – Don D. Jeff M, Bill W. and Erik D. have volunteered to sit on a sub-committee to discuss if changes should be made to the awards that are handed out at the banquet. The group will report back in January.
- Cheevers Grant – Bill is proposing that we submit a grant proposal to try to grow the

hockey game for girls. The target audience is age 5-10. The Sunday 1pm ice could be used for the program. Bill to submit the grant proposal idea by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

- **Banquet** – Brian is proposing the banquet take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. The group discussed the dates and the venue and agreed that WYSA can continue to hold the banquet at the High School if they can accommodate them. Fran to follow up with the HS on the availability of the cafeteria for that date.
- **Tryout Schedule** – Brian shared a first draft of the proposed tryout schedule. The dates and groups will shift as the VL league schedule is completed for the March time frame.

## **Functional Report**

- **Clinics** – Learn to Skate/Play there are over 40 kids on the ice with 6 helpers. There are only a few on crates, the program is going well.
- **I-mites** – The three I-mite teams will be participating in a skate at Patriot's Place in Foxboro.
- **Mites** – The mite 4 team is participating in the Bruin's tournament over the holidays.
- **Squirts** – The SQ1 is planning to go to the Cape Cod tournament along with the 2 team. The SQ3 is looking for a tournament.
- **PeeWees** –No updates
- **Bantams** – There was an injured player and Brian is looking for the paperwork from the physician before the player returns to game play.
- **Midgets** – the season is coming to an end.
- **Girls** – No updates
- **Purchasing** –Bill has orders to boxes of pucks.
- **Equipment** – nothing to report
- **Coaching Coordinator** – nothing to report
- **D10** – Patching for coaches continues. Try Hockey for Free was recognized by D10.
- **Valley League** – There are still some players that need to register for the VL. Don C. to send out a reminder to the age directors.
- **Middle School** – Discussed

above.

**All Other  
Business –**

- The WYSA Night at a High School game – is Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm game at Stoneham.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday January 9, 2016 at 7:00pm** at the Public Safety Building. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm

**Action**

**Items:**

- Don D. and Mike P. to work with Frank and the Middle School coaches on the jackets for the middle school teams.
- Erik D. to publicize the policy change proposal that will be discussed in February.
- Erik to send out a social media blast for save the date – February 11<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser
- Bill W to work with Stoneham on the Stop Patch proposal.
- Sub-committee on Awards to meet – Don D, Jeff M., Bill W. and Erik D to report back to board in January.
- Bill W. to submit Cheevers Grant proposal idea by December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Fran to follow up with high school on cafeteria for banquet (April 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Don Collins to follow up with age directors on VL registrations.
- Age directors to speak to coaches about this year's awards. (Mite 2, Squirt 2, Peewee 2 and Bantam 1)
- Age directors to start to address evaluators and on-ice help for tryouts.

**Monetary**

**Motions:**

- Refund \$350 to the Davidson Family from LTS

program.

- Approximate refund of \$260 for Middle School LeBlanc family. (Frank and Mike B. to discuss actually number of games played and returning the jersey)

- Cost of the middle school

jackets.

## **Wakefield Youth Skating**

**Association January 9, 2017**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Mike Boudreau Erik Domingo Joe Gaffney Jeff McGann  
Brian Casey Patti Domingo Rob Guida Ellen Riley Don Collins Don  
Dubuque Kevin Martin Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** Charlie Festel participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board minutes from December 14<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank will send an up to date expenditures sorted by category in a separate email later this week. All tournament reimbursements have been paid up to date.

**Miscellaneous Business Topics: Fundraiser update** - Fundraiser is set for Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at the 3C's in Wakefield, Band is all set and donations and silent auction items are coming in and on track. We will set up a sign up sheet for board volunteers to help at the door in shifts throughout the night. Tickets were printed and given out to all board members to sell. This year selling tickets individually (not by table) - \$20 before event, \$25 at door. If anyone has pictures from last year's event please submit for website. **Mite moves for full ice** - Mites will move to full ice in 2 weeks. Have to realign the teams right now it stands M1 = 10 players M2 = 10 players M3 = 11 players M4 = 10 players Will need more kids per team – 2 full lines and will make call ups from IMites to join Mite 4 team. Have extra shirts to do so. Motion made to do electronic ballot on team placements moving players from IMites to Mites 4 with no additional fees. Motion passed. **Refund policy proposal:** Table until next board meeting **VHL rosters:** Need to have the rosters set soon on VHL website. Concerned that VHL may not let players participate in playoffs if missing from online roster. Age Directors will work on team rosters. **Shirts for next Season:** Looking into new custom designed shirts. Will check out prices for light weight and heavy weight shirts – existing costs of shirts approximately \$33. Will get pricing with a budget of \$40 per shirt. Bill Welch will start the process. A motion to set up a subcommittee to choose the shirt/weight/color/price with a target price of \$40 per shirt. Motion

approved.

**Quick change goalie pads:** Bill showed a set of the quick change goalie pads that were previously purchased. Bill gave a set to the Mites and the other set to the IMites. Will give feedback at next Board meeting. Will consider to order more for next season if possible. **MA Hockey Goalie Clinic:** Part of a MA Hockey initiative. Goalie clinic for all goalies and coaches. Clinic is designed to help coaches with instruction of goalies. Want to set up before March tryouts. Possible ice at Overtime Rink in Peabody with 2 nets and approximately 10 goalies. Would cost WYSA \$250 for one hour of ice. Will need more info on time and space. Bill to find out if there is availability from MA Hockey to run clinic.

Motion made to electronic ballot with dates and schedule made by Bill Welch.

**Tryouts – Schedule, evaluators, open registration:** Set for week of March 12<sup>th</sup> Age Directors need to set up elevators and work on the schedule. Next meeting to vote on elevators. Open registration in the beginning of February (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week)

**Awards – Subcommittee** A subcommittee was set up to discuss current awards and if it makes sense to give out more award. Subcommittee recommendation was to keep current team awards and not make any changes.

**Cheever Grant** Grant information has been submitted by Bill Welch.

**Banquet 4/12** High School Café  
booked Banquet Awards to be  
decided by coaches

**Donation Box set up for Hockey Stuff** Look into an on-line inventory program for used hockey equipment. Want to investigate and create a market place for a peer to peer swap (donation only and supply pictures for WYSA members only.

## **Functional Report**

Clinic/LTP – No updates I-Mites – No Updates Mites – No Updates Squirts – No Updates PeeWees – No Updates Bantams – Bantam 1 lost game this weekend with Bantam 2 won their game Midgets – No Updates Girls – went to Tournament in VT and was a great time Purchasing – Bill will look into ordering more pucks and new shirts. Also order a back up key for lock-up Equipment – Nothing to



report Coaching Coordinator – Nothing to report; just to double check on # of pucks D10 – Nothing to report – playdowns this weekend for PeeWees and Squirts – coaching certificates are ok Valley League – all caught up with tracking cancellations Middle School – jackets to be ordered just for players of all middle school teams sizing set for this week Tues & Fri and order will then go out.

The next meeting is schedule for Monday February 13, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

**All Other  
Business:**

The WYSA Night at the High School game on December 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success.

**Action  
Items:**

- Frank to send updated expenditures
- Bill to work on electronic ballot for placements of players from IMites to Mites
- Age Directors to work on rosters
- Bill to set up subcommittee to work on investigating new shirts with a target price of \$40 per shirt
- Bill to work on Mass Goalie Clinic schedule
- Bill will look into ordering more pucks and extra set of keys for lockup
- Age Directors to work on evaluators and on-ice help for tryouts
- Open Registration for next season 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February
- Fran to set up evaluators
- Coaches need to decide to Banquet Awards

- Bill & Erik to do some research on an online hockey swap shop for members

**Wakefield Youth Skating  
Association February 13, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Rob Guida Kevin Martin Erik Domingo Fran Harrington Ellen Riley Patti Domingo Frank Leone Jim Sullivan Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Bill Welch Joe Gaffney

**Public Participation:** Coach Chris Gianatassio participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from January's meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank provided a financial report outlining the current cash balance, outstanding bills and outstanding A/R. A/R reports were given to the age directors. The board discussed the issue of how to address tryouts with families that have open balances from this year. The policy states that all balances must be up to date before tryouts. Patti and Fran will work with Frank to make sure that people are notified before tryouts.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Topics:**

- **Coach Gianatassio** – Chris provided a summary of the activities that the boy's high school team participated in last year and the activities that they plan on running this year. This included a checking clinic for peewee and bantam divisions, summer skills on Monday nights and Street Hockey during the day.
- **Fundraiser update** - Fundraiser took place on Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success. Over 175 people attended. There were a few raffle ticket items not collected, an email with the winning numbers has gone out to the organization.
- **Refund Policy changes** – The board discussed a motion to modify the tryout registration language for lmites. The policy text was reviewed and the motion was passed. The full text is below: **G. Tryout/Registration Fee:** There is a \$200 per player fee. Following tryouts and placement, this fee will be applied to the total tuition cost. The registration fee is non-refundable if a player attends any of the tryouts (except instructional mites). Refunds for instructional mites will be allowed for skater who are dropping out of hockey, but not allowed for instructional mite skaters who will be playing for another

hockey program outside of Wakefield Youth Hockey. All other refunds will be handled on a case by case basis as recommended and identified by an age director and approved by the Board. There will be a family tryout fee cap of \$600 per family.

- **VHL rosters** – The majority of the rosters have been completed online, Brian wanted to remind everyone that this needs to be done.
- **Coach voting** – In the summer/fall the following motion were never made official. A motion was made nominate George Carino as the peewee 3 assistant coach. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Mass Hockey Goalie Clinic** – Bill brought up a goalie clinic that Mass Hockey is offering for coaches. This clinic will include an off-ice presentation and on-ice drills for goalies. Based on the time of year the board has asked that we table this discussion until the summer and decide if we would like to run something like this either using Mass Hockey or Mike Geragosian.
- **Try Hockey for Free** – the date event will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bill is unable to attend, Brian will be on the ice along with members of the HS boys hockey team. Bill will ask Imite parents to help with check in. The refreshments of coffee, hot chocolate and munchins has already been approved. Brian will pick them up.
- **Shirts** – this subject has been tabled until next month. Bill is currently working on designs for the new shirts.
- **Tuition for Next Year** – Brian has been pulling together the budget for next year, based on ice costs going up and the potential for the VL to increase their team cost, the board discussed the need to increase tuition. The tuition has not gone up since 2014-2015 season. A motion was made to increase the tuition by \$25 for the age divisions Mites through Bantams. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Tryouts** – The schedule for tryouts has been circulated and reviewed. Bill will order the sticker type numbers for tryouts. (4 sets of numbers 1-99 are needed for the tryouts. Age directors to reach out to their coaches to collect pinnies for tryouts. This year's coaches received the evaluation form for their players and they are to return them to the age directors by March 1.
- **Evaluators** – A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Imite tryout. Brenden Forest, Christian Jason, Kevin Martin, Andrew Reed. And to have Patti Domingo and Erik Domingo available as alternates. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Squirt tryout. Joe Gaffney, Marc Simoneau, Kevin Martin, Rob Kimball and Chris Gianatassio. The motion was passed by the

board. A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Bantam tryout. Howie Melanson, Don Dubuque and Glen Seabury. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to use survey monkey for the mite and peewee evaluators. The motion was passed by the board.

- **Banquet** – The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school cafeteria. Brian will work with Jim to ensure that the WYSA guests are invited. Delia Guiffries, Jean Ann Nigro, Jamie Boyle. The high school girl and boy's coaches and varsity teams and the award selection. Fran to follow up with mite 2, squirt 2, peewee 3 and bantam 1 coaches about the awards.

- **Donation of Equipment** – We have been granted a \$1,000 gift in equipment. The group discussed how the money should be used. A motion was made to purchase 1 Imite size goalie set of equipment and the remainder of the money would be used for pucks, cones and medical kits. The motion was passed by the board.

**Functional Report** Clinic/LTP – No updates I-Mites – The team participated in games at Patriot's Place. There is a new player joining the program. Mites – Next year the Mites will not play full ice games at the end of the season. 2 questions were discussed, does the cost per VL mite team go down with the elimination of the full ice games and can younger mites (that have been forced to play imites) now play mites since there won't be full ice games? Imite to Mite and Mite movement took place through electronic voting in order to increase the mite team size for the full ice games. Squirts – No Updates PeeWees – No Updates Bantams – Jeff brought up an issue that he had to deal with regarding a peewee player that has played up in a few games. He has dealt with the issue and just wanted to make the board aware in case parents bring this up. Midgets – No Updates Girls – No updates Purchasing – Nothing to report Equipment – Nothing to report Coaching Coordinator – Nothing to report; just to double check on # of pucks D10 – Patti has a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, she will confirm the 3 teams going to states and speak to the coaches about the kids committing to the weekend tournament. Valley League – nothing to report. Middle School – Don showed the group one of the jackets that the middle school kids received. jackets to be ordered just for players of all middle school teams sizing set for this week Tues & Fri and order will then go out.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

**All Other  
Business:**

Update on the future Wakefield Rink – Brian attended a meeting with Steve Maio, Brenden Kent

and the consultant conducting the feasibility study. It looks like the study will not be ready in time for the April Town Meeting, so it is more realistic that this article will be brought up in November.

## **Action**

### **Items:**

- Patti to follow up with D10 regarding whether younger mites will be eligible to play mites instead of lmites next year.
- Brian to keep on future agenda to discuss goalie clinic for coaches
- Try Hockey for Free – 2/25 Bill to line up volunteers to help with check in Brian to pick up refreshments HS Boys team has been invited to help out. Send a reminder to Coach G.
- Jim to work on opening up the registration form with the new tuition costs listed.
- Bill to order tryout out sticker numbers.
- Age directors to collect pinnies for tryouts.
- Mite and Peewee age directors to supply names of evaluators to Bill Welch for survey monkey approval.
- Bill to work on \$1,000 in donations

## **Wakefield Youth Skating**

### **Association March 7, 2017**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Don Collins Joe Gaffney Kevin Martin Patti Domingo Fran Harrington Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** Charlie Festel participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from February's meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board. Discussed follow up from the action items. Bill is still working on the \$1,000 donation. And Bill will go to lock up to look for clipboards.

**Financial Update:** Frank was not available. The current A/R is below \$10,000. Brian will work with age directors on this.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

### **Topics:**

- **Try Hockey for Free** – there were approximately 20 participants and there were volunteers from the HS girls and boy's teams as well as parent volunteers.
- **Imite Tryouts** – The first imite tryout took place on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The second tryout is Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Bill will work with Kevin on moving kids from Imites to Mites. The numbers were lower than normal; Bill will send a follow up email to the LTP group.
- **New Shirt Selection** – The shirt sub-committee proposed 4 different designs for the new jersey. The reason that we are looking at a new shirt design is because the maker of the current shirt was sold and the cost of the current jersey has gone up. With new technologies a new design is more cost effective than previously thought. The price range for the shirt is \$38 - \$43.20. Bill made the following proposal based on the groups feedback. The shirt design will have the circle logo on the front, remove the feathers from the current sample logo, 3 strips at the bottom of the shirt, of equal size and spacing. The number, name and shoulder emblems need to be outlined in either black or a darker gray. The company designer should be able to help with the width of the outline. The jersey color should be a darker red than what was shown in the sample. The socks are going to be mesh instead of the knit variety. The socks will be red with 3 stripes, no logo on the socks. The board has approved this design and the sub-committee will go forward to collect 3 bids.
- **Little Bruins** – tabled until next month
- **Tryout numbers and significant challenges** – The projected numbers for this year were discussed and Brian noted that he already heard from 7 people that they are not returning. Patti will pass along the registration numbers to the age directors before each division tryout.
- **Tryouts** – Brian made a motion to nominate the following people as evaluators for the peewee division. Brian Casey, Mark LoCoco, Glenn Seabury and Don Dubuque. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to nominate Steve Fata as an evaluator for the squirt division. The motion was passed by the board. The following mite evaluators were approved through Survey Monkey – Mark Pothier, Bill Welch, Rick Defeo and Ryan Burns. There is a conflict with the squirt division tryouts, 2 games have been added to the squirt division. Don Collins is trying to work with the VL to change the games.
- **Banquet** – the banquet will take place on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school at 7:00pm. Fran has been working with the high school cafeteria regarding the food. Brian has reached out to the h.s. coaches and the Athletic Director regarding inviting the teams and trophy award recipients. Brian has

also reached out to Mite 2, Squirt 2, Peewee 2 and Bantam 1 coaches about their award recipients. Bill needs the names by

March 13<sup>th</sup> in order to have the trophy name plates ready. An invitation has been passed on to Jamie Boyle. Patti will reach out to Jean Ann Negro. Kevin will reach out to the youngest mite.

• **Annual Meeting** – the annual meeting is in May and voting will take place at that time for next year's board.

**Functional Report Clinic/LTP** – Andy reported everything is going well. The kids had a scrimmage against the Burlington program. **I-Mites** – No updates **Mites** – 3 of the teams have finished up their season. The Mite 4 team is still in the VL playoffs. Patti is waiting for confirmation on next year's ruling on 1/2 ice all season. This change will impact the younger mites that had to play Imites because of the full ice games that were played at the end of the season. **Squirts** – No Updates **PeeWees** – PW3 is in the state tournament in Foxboro starting this weekend 3/10. **Bantams** – The B1 team will be playing in the state tournament in Stoneham and the B2 team will playing in Springfield. **Midgets** – No Updates **Girls** – No updates **Purchasing** – Bill will pick up pucks. **Equipment** – Nothing to report **Coaching Coordinator** – No Updates **D10** – Patti waiting to confirm that there are no restrictions on the of the youngest mites with the new 1/2 ice requirement for the entire season. **Valley League** – Don working on the late added squirt games that interfere with tryouts. **Middle School** – Season is over.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

## **All Other Business:**

### **Action**

#### **Items:**

- Shirt Sub-committee to move forward on bids from three vendors
- Bill follow up email to LTS participants about Imite tryouts
- Brian to work with age directors on AR
- Patti to keep age directors informed of tryout numbers
- Tryouts – bring clipboards and pinnies if you have

them

- Banquet – Brian follow up with coaches on awards (names needed by March 13). Patti invite Jean Ann and Delia. Kevin to reach out to the youngest mite to say grace. Bill to work on slide show.
- Bill to order trophies.
- Erik send out a news blast, looking for pictures for the banquet. Pictures can go to Bill.
- Erik send out a news blast, anyone interested in being considered as a coach next year needs to fill out the on-line application.
- Erik send out a news blast, looking for volunteers for next year's board, open positions and descriptions of the positions.
- Don raffle items not claimed from Fundraiser – bring to banquet.
- Ellen bring raffle tickets to banquet.
- Erik add to website and media blast, good luck to the teams playing in states. (PW3, B1 and B2)

**Wakefield Youth Skating  
Association February 13, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Rob Guida Kevin Martin Erik Domingo Fran Harrington Ellen Riley Patti Domingo Frank Leone Jim Sullivan Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Bill Welch Joe Gaffney

**Public Participation:** Coach Chris Gianatassio participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from January's meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank provided a financial report outlining the current cash balance, outstanding bills and outstanding A/R. A/R reports were given to the age directors. The board discussed the issue of how to address tryouts with families that have open balances from this year. The policy states that all balances must be up to date before tryouts. Patti and Fran will work with Frank to make sure that people are notified before tryouts.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Topics:**



- **Coach Gianatassio** – Chris provided a summary of the activities that the boy's high school team participated in last year and the activities that they plan on running this year. This included a checking clinic for peewee and bantam divisions, summer skills on Monday nights and Street Hockey during the day.
- **Fundraiser update** - Fundraiser took place on Sat. Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and it was a great success. Over 175 people attended. There were a few raffle ticket items not collected, an email with the winning numbers has gone out to the organization.
- **Refund Policy changes** – The board discussed a motion to modify the tryout registration language for Imites. The policy text was reviewed and the motion was passed. The full text is below: **G. Tryout/Registration Fee:** There is a \$200 per player fee. Following tryouts and placement, this fee will be applied to the total tuition cost. The registration fee is non-refundable if a player attends any of the tryouts (except instructional mites). Refunds for instructional mites will be allowed for skater who are dropping out of hockey, but not allowed for instructional mite skaters who will be playing for another hockey program outside of Wakefield Youth Hockey. All other refunds will be handled on a case by case basis as recommended and identified by an age director and approved by the Board. There will be a family tryout fee cap of \$600 per family.
- **VHL rosters** – The majority of the rosters have been completed online, Brian wanted to remind everyone that this needs to be done.
- **Coach voting** – In the summer/fall the following motion were never made official. A motion was made nominate George Carino as the peewee 3 assistant coach. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Mass Hockey Goalie Clinic** – Bill brought up a goalie clinic that Mass Hockey is offering for coaches. This clinic will include an off-ice presentation and on-ice drills for goalies. Based on the time of year the board has asked that we table this discussion until the summer and decide if we would like to run something like this either using Mass Hockey or Mike Geragosian.
- **Try Hockey for Free** – the date event will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bill is unable to attend, Brian will be on the ice along with members of the HS boys hockey team. Bill will ask Imite parents to help with check in. The refreshments of coffee, hot chocolate and munchins has already been approved. Brian will pick them up.
- **Shirts** – this subject has been tabled until next month. Bill is currently working on designs for the new shirts.
- **Tuition for Next Year** – Brian has been pulling together the budget for next year, based on ice costs going up and the potential for the VL to increase their team cost, the board discussed the

need to increase tuition. The tuition has not gone up since 2014-2015 season. A motion was made to increase the tuition by \$25 for the age divisions Mites through Bantams. The motion was passed by the board.

- **Tryouts** – The schedule for tryouts has been circulated and reviewed. Bill will order the sticker type numbers for tryouts. (4 sets of numbers 1-99 are needed for the tryouts. Age directors to reach out to their coaches to collect pinnies for tryouts. This year's coaches received the evaluation form for their players and they are to return them to the age directors by March 1.
- **Evaluators** – A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Imite tryout. Brenden Forest, Christian Jason, Kevin Martin, Andrew Reed. And to have Patti Domingo and Erik Domingo available as alternates. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Squirt tryout. Joe Gaffney, Marc Simoneau, Kevin Martin, Rob Kimball and Chris Gianatassio. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to have the following people act as evaluators for the Bantam tryout. Howie Melanson, Don Dubuque and Glen Seabury. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to use survey monkey for the mite and peewee evaluators. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Banquet** – The banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school cafeteria. Brian will work with Jim to ensure that the WYSA guests are invited. Delia Guiffries, Jean Ann Nigro, Jamie Boyle. The high school girl and boy's coaches and varsity teams and the award selection. Fran to follow up with mite 2, squirt 2, peewee 3 and bantam 1 coaches about the awards.
- **Donation of Equipment** – We have been granted a \$1,000 gift in equipment. The group discussed how the money should be used. A motion was made to purchase 1 Imite size goalie set of equipment and the remainder of the money would be used for pucks, cones and medical kits. The motion was passed by the board.

**Functional Report** Clinic/LTP – No updates I-Mites – The team participated in games at Patriot's Place. There is a new player joining the program. Mites – Next year the Mites will not play full ice games at the end of the season. 2 questions were discussed, does the cost per VL mite team go down with the elimination of the full ice games and can younger mites (that have been forced to play imites) now play mites since there won't be full ice games? Imite to Mite and Mite movement took place through electronic voting in order to increase the mite team size for the full ice games. Squirts – No Updates PeeWees – No Updates Bantams – Jeff brought up an issue that he had to deal with regarding a peewee player that has played up in a few games. He has dealt with the issue and just wanted to make the board aware in case parents bring this up. Midgets – No Updates

Girls – No updates Purchasing – Nothing to report Equipment – Nothing to report Coaching Coordinator – Nothing to report; just to double check on # of pucks D10 – Patti has a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, she will confirm the 3 teams going to states and speak to the coaches about the kids committing to the weekend tournament. Valley League – nothing to report. Middle School – Don showed the group one of the jackets that the middle school kids received. jackets to be ordered just for players of all middle school teams sizing set for this week Tues & Fri and order will then go out.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

## **All Other**

### **Business:**

Update on the future Wakefield Rink – Brian attended a meeting with Steve Maio, Brenden Kent and the consultant conducting the feasibility study. It looks like the study will not be ready in time for the April Town Meeting, so it is more realistic that this article will be brought up in November.

## **Action**

### **Items:**

- Patti to follow up with D10 regarding whether younger mites will be eligible to play mites instead of Imites next year.
- Brian to keep on future agenda to discuss goalie clinic for coaches
- Try Hockey for Free – 2/25 Bill to line up volunteers to help with check in Brian to pick up refreshments HS Boys team has been invited to help out. Send a reminder to Coach G.
- Jim to work on opening up the registration form with the new tuition costs listed.
- Bill to order tryout out sticker numbers.
- Age directors to collect pinnies for tryouts.
- Mite and Peewee age directors to supply names of evaluators to Bill Welch for survey monkey approval.
- Bill to work on \$1,000 in donations

**Wakefield Youth Skating  
Association March 7, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Don Collins Joe Gaffney  
Kevin Martin Patti Domingo Fran Harrington Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** Charlie Festel participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from February's meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board. Discussed follow up from the action items. Bill is still working on the \$1,000 donation. And Bill will go to lock up to look for clipboards.

**Financial Update:** Frank was not available. The current A/R is below \$10,000. Brian will work with age directors on this.

**Miscellaneous Business**

**Topics:**

- **Try Hockey for Free** – there were approximately 20 participants and there were volunteers from the HS girls and boy's teams as well as parent volunteers.
- **Imite Tryouts** – The first imite tryout took place on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The second tryout is Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Bill will work with Kevin on moving kids from Imites to Mites. The numbers were lower than normal; Bill will send a follow up email to the LTP group.
- **New Shirt Selection** – The shirt sub-committee proposed 4 different designs for the new jersey. The reason that we are looking at a new shirt design is because the maker of the current shirt was sold and the cost of the current jersey has gone up. With new technologies a new design is more cost effective than previously thought. The price range for the shirt is \$38 - \$43.20. Bill made the following proposal based on the groups feedback. The shirt design will have the circle logo on the front, remove the feathers from the current sample logo, 3 strips at the bottom of the shirt, of equal size and spacing. The number, name and shoulder emblems need to be outlined in either black or a darker gray. The company designer should be able to help with the width of the outline. The jersey color should be a darker red than what was shown in the sample. The socks are going to be mesh instead of the knit variety. The socks will be red with 3 stripes, no logo on the socks. The board has approved this design and the sub-committee will go forward to collect 3 bids.
- **Little Bruins** – tabled until next

month

- **Tryout numbers and significant challenges** – The projected numbers for this year were discussed and Brian noted that he already heard from 7 people that they are not returning. Patti will pass along the registration numbers to the age directors before each division tryout.
- **Tryouts** – Brian made a motion to nominate the following people as evaluators for the peewee division. Brian Casey, Mark LoCoco, Glenn Seabury and Don Dubuque. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to nominate Steve Fata as an evaluator for the squirt division. The motion was passed by the board. The following mite evaluators were approved through Survey Monkey – Mark Pothier, Bill Welch, Rick Defeo and Ryan Burns. There is a conflict with the squirt division tryouts, 2 games have been added to the squirt division. Don Collins is trying to work with the VL to change the games.
- **Banquet** – the banquet will take place on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the high school at 7:00pm. Fran has been working with the high school cafeteria regarding the food. Brian has reached out to the h.s. coaches and the Athletic Director regarding inviting the teams and trophy award recipients. Brian has also reached out to Mite 2, Squirt 2, Peewee 2 and Bantam 1 coaches about their award recipients. Bill needs the names by March 13<sup>th</sup> in order to have the trophy name plates ready. An invitation has been passed on to Jamie Boyle. Patti will reach out to Jean Ann Negro. Kevin will reach out to the youngest mite.
- **Annual Meeting** – the annual meeting is in May and voting will take place at that time for next year's board.

**Functional Report Clinic/LTP** – Andy reported everything is going well. The kids had a scrimmage against the Burlington program. **I-Mites** – No updates **Mites** – 3 of the teams have finished up their season. The Mite 4 team is still in the VL playoffs. Patti is waiting for confirmation on next year's ruling on 1/2 ice all season. This change will impact the younger mites that had to play Imites because of the full ice games that were played at the end of the season. **Squirts** – No Updates **PeeweEs** – PW3 is in the state tournament in Foxboro starting this weekend 3/10. **Bantams** – The B1 team will be playing in the state tournament in Stoneham and the B2 team will playing in Springfield. **Midgets** – No Updates **Girls** – No updates **Purchasing** – Bill will pick up pucks. **Equipment** – Nothing to report **Coaching Coordinator** – No Updates **D10** – Patti waiting to confirm that there are no restrictions on the of the youngest mites with the new 1/2 ice requirement for the entire season. **Valley League** – Don working on the late added squirt games that interfere with tryouts. **Middle School** – Season is over.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

**All Other**

## **Business:**

### **Action**

#### **Items:**

- Shirt Sub-committee to move forward on bids from three vendors
- Bill follow up email to LTS participants about Imite tryouts
- Brian to work with age directors on AR
- Patti to keep age directors informed of tryout numbers
- Tryouts – bring clipboards and pinnies if you have them
- Banquet – Brian follow up with coaches on awards (names needed by March 13). Patti invite Jean Ann and Delia. Kevin to reach out to the youngest mite to say grace. Bill to work on slide show.
- Bill to order trophies.
- Erik send out a news blast, looking for pictures for the banquet. Pictures can go to Bill.
- Erik send out a news blast, anyone interested in being considered as a coach next year needs to fill out the on-line application.
- Erik send out a news blast, looking for volunteers for next year's board, open positions and descriptions of the positions.
- Don raffle items not claimed from Fundraiser – bring to banquet.
- Ellen bring raffle tickets to banquet.
- Erik add to website and media blast, good luck to the teams playing in states. (PW3, B1 and B2)

### **Wakefield Youth Skating**

**Association April 10, 2017**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Don Collins Joe Gaffney Kevin Martin Erik Domingo Fran Harrington Ellen Riley Patti Domingo Frank Leone Jim Sullivan

Bill

**Public Participation:** Kerrie Melanson participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from March meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank provided a treasurer's report for the year. As of now the organization has a net balance of \$7,400. The 2015-16 audit will be finished and Frank will begin to work with the accountant on the 2016-17 audit.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

#### **Topics:**

- **Playoff updates** – The Bantam 1 team won their VL division.
- **Rink** – The board of selectmen are moving forward and working on the preliminary rink project. It appears that they are looking at 2 sheets of ice. This will most likely be on the November town meeting agenda.
- **Banquet** – The group reviewed the final list of things necessary for the banquet.
- **Shirt Fitting Nights** – the board will organize a few evenings for the kids to come down and try on jerseys and select their number. Kevin has provided a few dates and Fran will work with the Public Safety building staff to schedule the dates. The shirt pick up night will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>
- **VHL Registration** – The board discussed the option of 35 games vs 45 games. At this time, we are placing Wakefield in the 35-game schedule and this will be discussed at the May meeting. If the organization decides to change to the 45-game schedule, it will not be a problem to increase the game number. 13 teams will be registered. 1 midget, 3 bantams, 3 peewees, 3 squirts and 3 mites.
- **Cheevers Grant Idea** – the Wakefield organization did not receive a grant this year. Bill shared his grant idea to see if the board would be willing to move forward with the grant idea. The idea is to offer a 15 week girls only (ages 5-8) to participate in a girl's only learn to play clinic. The Sunday, 1pm ice would be used. The program would include: using 1/2 a sheet of ice at 1pm on Sunday. This is the least attended used ice. The Tier 1 skills team would work with both groups on the ice. The cost to the organization would be minimal, reusing the ice and the resources. The discussion was tabled and will be discussed next month.
- **Annual Mtg** – The annual meeting will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If people plan on running for their

current or an open position, they should let Fran know before the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Functional Report**

**Clinic/LTP** – No

updates **I-Mites** – No

updates **Mites** – No

updates **Squirts** – No

Updates **PeeWees** –

No Updates **Bantams**

– No Updates **Midgets**

– No Updates

**Purchasing** – No

Updates **Equipment** –

No Updates

**Coaching Coordinator** – No Updates **D10** – No Updates **Valley**

**League** – Don working on the VL registrations, discussed above.

**Middle School** – No Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

### **All Other**

#### **Business:**

### **Action**

#### **Items:**

- Fran to follow up with Linda (Public Safety Bldg.) to confirm times for shirt fitting nights.
- Frank to book the Crystal Community Club, Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Don Collins to complete VL registration and deposit. (13 teams)
- Board Members to let Fran know if they plan on running for re-election
- Erik to publicize annual meeting and board openings.

### **Wakefield Youth Skating**



## **Association May 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Fran Harrington Andrew Reed Don Collins Frank Leone Ellen Riley Erik Domingo Jeff McGann Jim Sullivan Patti Domingo Kevin Martin Bill Welch

**Public Participation:** Kerri Melanson participated in meeting.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from March meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes with a spelling error correction. The motion and was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank is in the process of pulling together the yearly statement for the organization. It will be ready for the Annual Meeting on May 22.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

#### **Topics:**

- **Banquet feedback** – We did not receive any feedback. The food was good; the event ran smoothly (approximately 1 1/2 hours). Suggestion was made to remind the kids to clean up after themselves before leaving. The food was ordered based on 275 attendees. There were approximately 8 pizzas and a few dozen cookies left over.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> year bantam game** – The game was a great success, both the kids and the coaches said they won. Thank you to Jeff McGann for organizing the pizza and drinks. Pictures will be posted on the website and FB.
- **Board Members for next year** – The annual meeting will be held Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. the board positions that are open for re-election are: Vice President, Secretary, Coaching Coordinator, Middle School director, Bantam age director, Squirts age director, I-mites and clinics director. The positions will be advertised and if you are interested in representing the organization for one of these positions please contact Fran Harrington so that you name is placed on the ballot.
- **I-mite shirts** – The I-mite tradition has been that that the I-mites do not attend the banquet, and instead they receive t-shirts to commemorate their season. Bill Welch made a motion to spend \$641 for the I-mite end of season t-shirts. The motion was passed by the board.
- **Practice times preferences** – The age directors were asked to speak to the coaches regarding next year's practice times. The schedule will be discussed next month. Brian has spoken to Hockeystown about the ice times.
- **Shirt Fitting night** – The new vendor will be on-site on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to size the kids for next

year. An email and social media blast has gone out to the organization. Kevin Martin will be heading up the evening.

- **VHL Games (35 vs 45)** – The final decision will be made at the annual meeting regarding how many games the organization should sign up for. Erik will publicize that business regarding next season will be discussed at the meeting.
- **Annual Mtg** – The annual meeting will take place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. If people plan on running for their current or an open position, they should let Fran know before the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Functional Report**

**Clinic/LTP** – No

updates **I-Mites** – No

updates **Mites** – No

updates **Squirts** – No

Updates

**PeeWees** – No Updates **Bantams** – No Updates **Midgets** – No Updates **Purchasing** – Bill made a motion to spend \$300 for the purchase 2 boxes of pucks (1 black, 1 blue). The motion was passed by the board. **Equipment** – No Updates **Coaching Coordinator** – No Updates **D10** – No Updates **Valley League** – Don to follow up with VL regarding no-check Bantam division. **Middle School** – No Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building.

Meeting adjourned at  
8:20pm

**All Other Business:** The group discussed the tryout process and the feedback that has been received by the board and the coaches. Bill is going to put together an end of year survey that will be discussed at the next meeting.

## **Action**

### **Items:**

- Board Members to let Fran know if they plan on running for re-election.
- Erik to publicize annual meeting, discussion about next season and board openings.
- Age directors to speak to coaches about practice ice for next season.

- Don Collins to follow up with VL about non-check bantam division.
- Bill to put together an end of year survey.

### **Monetary**

#### **Approval:**

- \$641 for Imite T-shirts
- \$300 pucks

### **Wakefield Youth Skating Association Annual meeting May 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Brian Casey Don Dubuque Jeff McGann Don Collins Joe Gaffney Kevin Martin Erik Domingo Fran Harrington Bill Welch Patti Domingo Frank Leone Jim Sullivan

**Voting for upcoming year:** Took place from 7pm to 730pm. Vice President—Don Dubuque Secretary—Keri Melanson Squirt Age Director—Don Collins Middle School director—Mike Parent Bantam Age Director—OPEN Coaching Director--OPEN Clinics Director—OPEN

Don Collins resigning from VL rep.

A motion was made to appoint Jeff McGann as the VL rep for the remainder of the term. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to appoint Andy Reed to stay on as interim clinics director. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to appoint Erik Domingo as the communications director. The motion was passed by the board. A motion was made to appoint Bill Welch as Equipment/Purchasing director. The motion was passed by the board.

**Review of Previous Minutes:** The board reviewed the minutes from the May 8 meeting. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes and it was passed by the board.

**Financial Update:** Frank provided a profit/loss and balance sheet thru April 30, 2017. Net balance at this time is 11,280.88. The 2015-16 audit will be finished and Frank will begin to work with the

accountant on the 2016- 17 audit. Our player count for 2017-2018 stands at 194 layers. Frank is looking for someone to assist in book keeping tasks for upcoming year.

## President's report given by Brian Casey WYSA Annual Meeting May 22nd, 2017 **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 48<sup>th</sup> year

- Accomplishments

- Great value for the money ○ 16 Full Season Teams: We had 1 half-season Midget team. ○ Had 5 middle school teams this year. ○ Board members ran a very successful fund raiser night for the fourth year in a row. Each year increasing

- the revenue! ○ 1 Valley League Champ-Bantam1 and 3 State Tournament teams. ○ Purchased where needed. ○ Ran two Try Hockey for Free days. ○ For the second year the tryout process and placement incorporated more robust coach feedback into

- process. ○ In partnership with Boys Varsity coach ran skills with PW and Bantams on Thursday nights in the fall. ○ Boys Varsity team also invited middle school players to serve as water boys for games. ○ Worked to align learn to skate and learn to play programs. ○ Were able to add additional practice time to each teams schedule throughout the year.

- Challenges

- Practice and skills attendance as the season goes on does see a dip. Especially late in the year. ○ As the Islanders added 5 new teams we saw a number of kids exit the program. ○ To help grow a girls program need to focus on the youngest ages. ○ The new tryout process does put pressure on coaches.

- The focus needs to continue to be about player skill development. ○ Need to continue to add new faces to board. ○ Aligning the learn to skate and the learn to play programs while increasing the numbers of the youngest

- groups. ○ Tryout process and placements—improve communication to parents in advance. ○ Increasing USA Hockey patching achievement for our coaches.

- Financially

- Income exceeded expenses for the year, refer to the Treasurers' report.

- Difficult decisions made by the board

- Equipment purchases

- Continued to run with smaller teams

- Bad debt held to a minimum

- USA-Mass Hockey
  - Mite cross ice continued with hybrid schedule. Next season going from 6 full ice games to full season 1/2 ice.
  - Ran try hockey for free days.
  - Last year's concerns about State Tournament teams were addressed this past season by Mass Hockey.
  
- The Board – New faces for this season mixing with existing members.
  - New members this year and incoming: Rob Guida, Andy Reed, Keri Melanson.
  - Meetings normally had strong numbers of attendees.
  - Welcome new Members, filling many open seats.
  - Board retirements—Jim Sullivan, Fran Harrington, Mike Boudreau, Joe Gaffney.
  
- Objectives for the coming year
  - Run the association for the good of the members
  - Continue to review and update our By Laws and Policies
  - Control costs
  - Continued focus on hockey operations
    - Oversee our coaches and our skills performance
    - We have had 4 successful fundraising events. Needs to continue.
    - Continue to bring in new board members
    - Work to run with transparency
    - Grow the organization by focusing on ways to add kids at the youngest age groups.

I thank all of you for the work and effort that each of you do or have done on behalf of the Association. The hours that each of you dedicate to the kids is vital to our success. For the kids you help it is unlikely that any of your work will be recognized by those kids. But someone did it for each of us somewhere along the line. And because someone continued that work your kids had a place to start playing hockey in town. The work that you do will continue to be paid forward to the kids of Wakefield. I thank all of you for being a part of this Board.

Miscellaneous Business Topics:

- **Shirt fitting night:** 3 players outstanding for shirt fitting-1 squirt and 2 bantam. Age directors to contact families for shirt sizes for players. Information is need by June 1<sup>st</sup>. First 45 min of night was very busy, but well organized. The rest of night was quiet. Organizers did a great job!
- **Game season:** WYSA is on par with other local programs, running a 35 game season.
- Leadership conference: Bill Welch attended. WYSA is one of only 6 associations to have Gold 2x2 challenge level.

**Functional Updates:** **Clinic/LTP** – No updates **I-Mites** – No updates **Mites** – Motion passed to move 3 mite players within Mite teams **Squirts** – No Updates **PeeWees** – No Updates **Bantams** – No updates **Midgets** – No Updates **Purchasing** – No Updates **Equipment** – No Updates **Coaching Coordinator** – No Updates **D10** – No Updates

**Valley League** – No updates **Middle School** – No Updates

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7pm at the Public Safety Building. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

**All Other Business:**

None

**Action**

**Items:**

- Fran to transfer secretary position to Keri Melanson
- Frank to book the Crystal Community Club, Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Age directors will contact players who need shirt sizing done