

**Highgate Recreation Commission  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 15, 2019**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:29pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena Office. Board Members in attendance were:

Ty Choiniere, Chairman	Brian Fortin, Director
Mark Gilbert, Co-Chairman	Ryan Maskell, Director
Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary	Brian Spears, Director
Dan Beauregard, Recreation Director	Lucas Tatro, Director

Guests: Randy Connelly, Selectman

**Public Comment:** None

**Secretary's Report:**

The secretary's report from the April 1, 2019 meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell, to accept the minutes. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

**Director's Report:**

Dan stated that he has been having internet issues since Friday.

Dan stated that he has been in touch with Union Arena and Middlebury about Live Barn. He is still waiting to hear back from Northshire. He added that Middlebury was able to amend the Live Barn contract to meet their needs.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ty presented the check warrants for review. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell, to accept the check warrants. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**HRC Indoor Soccer:** Dan stated that there is currently 17 registered. No coaches as of yet. Ty sent out a message to all that were registered asking for volunteer coaches. Soccer will begin the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> and end prior to Memorial Day weekend (8 sessions) Dan added that he has spoken to Jim Hubbard about the soccer. Karen stated she will reach out to Braylen Parent to see if he would be interested in helping again this year.

Lucas suggested putting the turf in earlier so soccer can start earlier. Karen stated that we couldn't take out the ice prior to the High School hockey season ending. This year the last practice was on March 11<sup>th</sup> and Spring Thaw ended on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Ice was sold that week for practices for regionals as well. Lucas also suggested forming a league with teams from each town. Dan suggested a camp especially at the younger ages.

Karen stated that there was discussion in the past to set up a bubble barn just for turf. Dan stated he will contact Castleton College as they have a bubble barn in storage they have never used.

**High School Locker Rooms:** Mark asked if the high school locker rooms have been emptied. Brian F. stated that he would like to discuss that further as the high school has never had to store the hockey equipment since the locker rooms were built 18 years ago and needs to find space for storage. Ryan Maskell suggested charging \$200 for both teams to store equipment in the Girls Varsity locker room. Brian stated the he is meeting John Lumsden on Friday.

**E-Gauge Update:**

Eric Rainville installed the monitoring for the engage monitoring. Tom and Cheryl from Efficiency VT will monitor the usage for a year.

**Walking Path:**

Ty stated he went to the school board to discuss the walking path. The school board asked if Rise VT would be helping with the cost. There is currently a \$1500 grant from Rise VT, it was suggested we apply for the painted mural for the front of the building.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Dan stated the eggs have been ordered. He has 1000 eggs with candy and 500 eggs with toys. Dan plans on being at the arena at 8am and weather will determine if it will be held inside or in the ball fields. Karen stated she will contact Heather Daudelin to remind her of the bunny suit.

**Building Construction Committee:** Discussed the size. Tabled until the next meeting

**By-Laws:** Tabled

**New Business:**

**Turf:** Dan stated that he is waiting on some quotes for turf (rolls vs squares) to cover the entire surface.

**Nets:** Steve Dexter will pick up the nets on Wednesday. He will be charging \$275 each to sand and powder coat each game net.

**Boards:** Dan stated that he is waiting on more prices for the board panels. He received one at \$85 per sheet. Mark suggested the predrilled panels to go over the signs.

**High School Game Times:** Tabled

**Ballfields:** It was suggested that future little league registration be run through our website. Lucas stated he would have to run that by Highgate Little League. Karen suggested adding the Little League practice and home game schedules to our calendar so people can have a place to check where and when games and practices are.

**Summer programs:** Karen suggested pickle ball since we have the equipment. There are currently leagues in St. Albans, Enosburgh, Franklin and Montgomery.

Other programs suggested included Floor Hockey, Roller Skating, Women's Self Defense Class, Pelkey's Archery, Summer Camp, and Flag Football. Mark suggested putting out a survey asking the community what they would like to see in the future.

**Ice Making:** There will be an Ice Making Clinic on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Union Arena. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to approve Dan to attend the ice making clinic. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

**Outside To Do List:** Mark stated that the front needs to be raked, the monument needs to be washed in the park prior to Memorial Day and the trash barrels need to put out around the ball fields.

**Skating Passes:** Ty stated that the Highgate 6<sup>th</sup> grade class has asked for a Public Skating pass to give to each of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at graduation. There would be 35 passes at \$2 each.

A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to move into executive session. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to exit executive session. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

The next Highgate Recreation Commission Meetings will be held on Monday, April 29th at 5:30pm and then on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Brian Spears to adjourn the Highgate Recreation Commission meeting. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by

Karen Fortin  
Highgate Recreation Commission Secretary