

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 4, 2021**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:34pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Ty Choiniere, Chairman
Ryan Maskell, Vice Chairman
Mark Gilbert, Director
Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary

Brian Fortin, Director
Shari Rainville, Director
Lee Barrett, Recreation Program Director

Absent: Brian Spears, Director

Guests: John Lumsden and Randy Connelly

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the December 21st meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. Karen will need to amend the minutes to remove Mark Gilbert as attending. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to amend and accept the minutes. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor, motion carried.

The secretary's report from the December 28th special meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Ty reviewed the check warrants with everyone. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to appoint Ty Choiniere to sign pages 1, 2 and 3 of the check warrants on behalf of the HRC board. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

Ty welcomed Lee on his first day as Recreation Programs Director. Lee stated that he cleaned the office and sent emails to the Swanton and Franklin Recreations. Karen stated that she has added Lee to the Highgate Recreation Facebook account. Lee asked about Instagram. Karen asked Mark to check with Abbey Gagne as she believes Abbey had created the account when helping the HRC. Karen will meet with Lee on Friday to begin going over the scheduling of the facility. Ty will bring Lee around to show him what we have available for equipment.

Karen stated tonight is the first night of youth practices. MAHA will have a screener at the door for each practice taking temperatures and completing attendance for screening purposes.

Spring Programs:

Ryan Maskell stated that we need to begin planning for Spring Programs at the next meeting.

Highgate Little League:

It was suggested to meet with the Highgate Little League. It was suggested to invite their board to our next meeting.

Old Business:

John Lumsden attending our meeting the MVU high school teams are scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 7th. John stated that there are 28 players and 3 coaches on the MVU boys team. Karen stated that following the 9.1 rules we can only have 25 players/coaches on the ice at one time. Brian Fortin suggested the team practice be split in half and hold two practices. Karen stated that Saturday morning would be an option to hold two additional practices for tryouts. John stated he would follow up with Chris.

Ty asked John who would be allowed in the building for games. John stated he is going to allow two parents for penalty boxes. Pete Roach and one additional person will run the clock and game sheets. Ty asked about photographers. John said on those who work for the County Courier or St. Albans Messenger would be allowed. Channel 15 will be setting up to Live Stream all the home games. The first game is tentatively scheduled for January 20th. Players will have to bring equipment home as locker rooms will not be used.

Zamboni:

Brian Spears has asked that the board brush needs to be looked at. Brian stated he will need to use it after the varsity practices.

Live Barn:

We have received a few complaints tonight as Live Barn is not up and running. Ty stated that he does have an email into them to have it up and running.

Household Skating:

Karen stated that \$3750 was raised for the household skates. We do have one family interested in skating on Saturday, January 9th.

Mite Nets:

Mark stated that Mite Nets are all strung.

Recreation Garage:

The garage looks good. The ridge cap needs to be installed and Ryan Maskell will be doing that. Eric Rainville needs to finish the garage and add an outlet in the Zamboni Room.

A motion was made to move into executive session and invite Lee to attend by Ryan Maskell. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

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

A motion for was made by Mark Gilbert for Lee to work with Wendi to include a letter to our board advertisers. The letter can be included with their annual bill. It should state that due to circumstances out of our control due to the current covid guidelines, we will be adding a picture of your advertisement to our website and social media so the public can see them. Seconded by Ryan Maskell. All in favor, motion carried.

The next HRC meeting will be held on Monday, January 18th at 5:30pm via Zoom.

A motion was made by Ryan Maskell 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