

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 30, 2021**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) special board meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena

HRC board members in attendance:

Ty Choiniere, Chairman

Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary

Mark Gilbert, Director

Randy Connelly, Director (Called In)

Ryan Maskell, Vice Chairman (Called In)

Lee Barrett, Recreation Program Director

Shari Rainville, Director

Reopening Rules:

It was discussed on what the HRC would put in place for current Covid rules. Karen stated that she had made some phone calls and took a survey at the surrounding rinks and what they were going to require. Currently Collins Perley Complex, Cairns Arena, Stowe Arena and Chazy Arena are requiring facial coverings for all spectators and players when entering the building and in locker rooms. Players and coaches can remove facial coverings at Cairns, Stowe and Chazy. The Collins Perley is requiring coaches to have facial coverings during games. Leddy, Waterbury and Woodstock are not requiring facial covering. Spectators are encouraged to wear a mask if they have not been vaccinated. Essex is requiring masks at all times on and off the ice as the arena is on school property.

Karen stated that the MAHA board would like to continue with using the chairs in the arena during practices to keep contact down as much as possible. Lee said there were about 30 chairs in the arena. We may need to get more. Ty ask that if we were going to use the chairs to not give the locker room as an option during the week and that will save time and labor for cleaning.

A motion was made by Shari Rainville to require spectators, players, coaches and officials to wear a facial covering when entering the building. Players, coaches and officials can remove their masks when on the players bench and ice. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. 5 members approve and 1 opposed. The motion was carried.

Ice:

The ice is currently at $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch and should be an inch and a quarter before skating. It was decided that we cancel all scheduled ice and continue to build ice throughout the weekend an begin practices on Monday. Karen stated that Monday's schedule is only the MAHA U-8's.

Zamboni Drivers:

Ty stated that Brian Spears can only commit to 20 hours per week do to work. Christian can work Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Ryan asked if Lee would consider learning to drive the Zamboni. Mark will work with Lee on Friday.

Mark Gilbert made a motion to adjourn the Highgate Recreation Commission meeting. Seconded by Shari Rainville. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes Submitted by

Karen Fortin

Highgate Recreation Commission Secretary