

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 16, 2021**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:55pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held at the Highgate Arena

HRC board members in attendance:

Ty Choiniere, Chairman

Randy Connelly, Director

Ryan Maskell, Vice Chairman

Shari Rainville, Director

Karen Gagne Fortin, Secretary

Lee Barrett, Recreation Program Director

Mark Gilbert, Director

Guests: Adam Fortin, Brian Fortin and Judy Laroche

Public Comments: Ty stated he was asked to mention the August 19th informational meeting for the bond vote at 6pm prior to the 7pm Selectboard meeting. The bond vote will take place on September 14th.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the August 2, 2021, meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

MVU Boys Hockey Team Community Outreach: MVU varsity coaches Adam Fortin and Brian Fortin asked the HRC what they would like to have the team do to get ready for the upcoming season. Ty stated there is some painting that needs to be done. Adam asked if the HRC could provide a list of jobs for the team to complete. There will be possibly 30 helping. Adam added that he would like to upgrade the bathroom in the locker room. At this point he doesn't feel it is usable. Ryan Maskell asked for quotes for the repairs to be approved by the HRC. Adam asked if he could put up his candy machine in the lobby, which all proceeds would be used for the needed repairs.

Adam would like to continue with the varsity clinic prior to the season. He plans on including the girls. Ty asked him to put a schedule together and send to Lee. Adam asked if practice ice would be the same. He stated that he has spoke to John Lumsden and the practices will be divided with the girls taking 2 early practices after school and 2 later practice in the evening.

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

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

Programs Coordinator Report:

Lee stated that there were 25 who attended the 3rd Friday Flicks on August 6th. We all agreed that we thought that was a good number considering Field Days was going on.

Lee stated that the 2nd session of Arena Tikes was finishing up.

Lee has given Bokan the options and prices for their advertisement on the ice and Zamboni.

The shirts have been ordered for board members.

It was suggested to consider hosting a Pickleball Tournament in the Spring.

Karen stated there were no skaters for public roller skating on Sunday, August 15th.

Registration closes for youth soccer and cross country on August 22nd.

Lee has not heard back from Signarama for the soccer registration signs.

New Business:

Ty asked Mark if the paint has been ordered from Jet Ice. Mark said it will be ordered this week.

Ty has scheduled Trane to service and start up the system on September 20th.

Ty said the batting cage cables need to come down prior to Whitetails which is scheduled for September 9th-12th. Karen added that she had seen where their tickets have sold out.

Brian Spears has been in touch with the company from Lyndon that does field maintenance. We are currently on a waitlist for this fall or will be first next Spring. The cost will be \$5000 per field.

Ty will reach out to the Little League sub committee about tearing down the batting cage attached to the Little League building. Lucas Tatro has reached out to ask if the HRC wanted to take over Little League. We would order shirts and take care of equipment. It was suggested to keep a sub-committee for input such as team placement, etc. Ryan will contact the subcommittee to inventory the equipment.

Trailer Sale. Ryan stated he would reach out to the potential buyer again to see if he still wanted the trailer. If not, we will post it. It will need to be moved prior to Whitetails.

It was suggested to get a quote from Sparkle Klean on cleaning the building prior to the season.

Line Stripper: Ty presented a few prices on a line stripper. It was discussed on purchasing a multi-use stripper that can be used on the fields and parking lot. A motion was made by Ryan Maskell to purchase a line stripper not to exceed \$1900.00. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

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

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

A motion was made by Randy Connelly to present the building and grounds position with the job description and salary of \$18,000 to the selectboard at their next meeting. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

Ryan Maskell 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