

**Highgate Recreation Commission
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 3, 2020**

The Highgate Recreation Commission (HRC) board meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Ty Choiniere. The meeting was held at the Highgate Town Office. Board Members in attendance were:

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

Guest: Sharon Bousquet, Richard Flint and John Sheets

Public Comments: Ty welcomed John Sheets to the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

The secretary's report from the January 5, 2020 meeting was reviewed by all in attendance. A motion was made by Mark Gilbert to accept the minutes. Seconded by Brian Fortin. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Brian Spears to accept the check warrants as presented. Seconded by Mark Gilbert. All in favor, motion carried.

Director's Report:

Dan presented his director's report. He stated that basketball is overall going well. The grades 1&2 have two practices remaining. Grades 3&4 have at least one more game, he is going to try to schedule a second game.

Corrections have been coming on Thursdays to clean the rink after the Wednesday night games. They have been working 3 to 3.5 hours every time they come to clean.

MAHA has requested what the rental fee would be if they rented the arena for their Calcutta in September. It was agreed that we would charge them \$500.

The Co-Ed hockey has had low numbers and considering ending it for the remaining of the season. Karen suggested holding Stick and Puck on Friday night for the older kids as MAHA will not be holding Spring Thaw for Bantams and possibly Peewees as there is currently low numbers registered.

New Business:

MAHA State Tournament Host: Karen provided the state tournament schedules for the weekend of February 7th-9th and February 14th-16th. There are 27 games scheduled.

County Courier: Greg has requested that the glass be cleaned so photos can be taken. Ty stated that Greg can clean the outside of the glass where he wants to take the photos from. He can not go on the ice to clean the inside of the glass.

February School Vacation: Karen suggested that Stick and Puck be offered for the two different age groups. As she received many complaints during Christmas break.

Summer Camp: Joyce Ashton has reached out about a possible Summer camp that would extend the Crossroads program. She thought there would be 30-40 kids. We would need to provide activities for them such as soccer, nature walk, arts and crafts etc.

Old Business:

Veterans Memorial: The donation letter was reviewed for approval. Ty stated that there were a few changes that needed to be made. Karen asked if the park had an official name. No one was aware of the park having an official name. Karen suggested that we ask at town meeting to name the park "Highgate Memorial Park".

Ice Usage. Dan presented the January Ice usage that he will have Wendi bill out. Wednesday, February 12th at 8pm the Milton vs MVU Boys Varsity game. Expecting a big crowd.

Board Pricing: Dan stated that he has received pricing to have signs made for the boards. Doug at Extreme graphics will charge \$85 per advertisement. Mark stated we need to get information out to businesses. There is also advertisement/sponsorship availability for our website. Ty added that we need to find a business or businesses that would like to sponsor shirts for the soccer, basketball, cross country etc.

Turf: Dan stated that Abbey has created a survey for the turf usage. Karen asked Dan if Brady Giroux had reached out to him for a possible rental for softball tryouts. Dan said Brady was looking for March 21st for tryouts. The turf rental fee will remain the same \$50 for Non-Resident and \$40 for Resident. Dad added that Swanton Rec has booked the turf for Field Hockey from 6pm-8pm on Wednesdays. Highgate Recreation will be in charge of the Men's League Soccer this year. Legion Ball has also booked the turf. Ty asked Dan to send messages out to last year's renters about when the turf will be ready so they can book the turf.

Spring Projects:

The doors in the back hallway and locker room doors will be replaced.

Other Business:

Board Member Reappointment: Wendi has sent messages to those board members that have terms that are up. Ty, Ryan and Karen's terms will be up. All are interested in being reappointed. John Sheets is interested in the vacant position. Ty asked him to bring a letter of interest to the next meeting. Reappointments will take place at the first Selectboard meeting after Town Meeting.

Town Meeting: Prepare for a table with the survey to be set up at Town Meeting. We will offer Free Skating during Town Meeting, March 3rd from 10:00am-12:00pm.

It was discussed and agreed the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30pm. Karen stated she will not be able to attend on the 18th as she will be out of town. Brian Fortin also stated he has won't be able to attend as he has a Varsity game scheduled in Middlebury.

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