



# TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BARNSTABLE RECREATION DIVISION

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## RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Commission Members Present:** Joe O'Brien – Chairman, Clyde Takala – Vice Chairman, Kathy Pina, Renee King, and Richard Sawyer

**Commission Members Absent:** Kevin Turner

The meeting was called to order at 5:37PM, roll call was taken. **Clyde Takala** made a motion to accept the October 3rd minutes, seconded by **Richard Sawyer**, all in favor.

### Pubic Comment - None

**Barnstable Youth Hockey Association - George Soares, Joe O'Brien** stated that the Commission likes to have users of HYCC come in and update them as to any problems or anything new their program might be doing. **George Soares** stated that the program has about 450 players. Had a bump in farm program due to the Bruins winning the Stanley Cup. Had 20 sets of starter equipment for new players to use to see if they are interested in playing, all sets have been given out. Listed what teams are comprised of, mites, squirts, peewees, bantams, and midgets we play mainly the South Shore conference. A, B1 and B2 teams. Our C teams play South Shore "Lite", 50% of our home games are played at HYCC. **Sean Roycroft** is the only change, he is new Vice President. **Chris Fries** is still with us and she pretty much runs the program. Trend shows hockey numbers down, but not for us, we are steady. It is a costly sport ice time was \$195 an hour, now \$240. We do not put fund raising into the tuition. We have a tuition model that shows what everything costs; we are finally "dialed in" for tuition costs. Would like to see more ice sold April-August to help keep ice user fees down. Only hiccup was our State Tournament, 16 top teams in state would have played; we were told Women's' Eastern looked like they would be playing at HYCC, and then told maybe not. So we requested to have State Tournament and we received it, in August it was removed from us as HYCC gave rink to Hockey East. Our B team would have had an automatic berth in the tournament, was very upset, lost revenue, our kids not playing, that has been the only major hiccup. **Richard Sawyer** asked how much is tuition? **George Soares** replied \$1,250 for South Shore Conference, \$995 for Yankee, and \$300-\$400 for Farm. **Joe O'Brien** asked if scholarships are given. **George** replied yes, built right into tuition model, hockey is an expensive sport. We have golf and fishing tournaments for fund raisers, we don't want to turn anyone away. **Joe O'Brien** stated ice time has been an issue, how do you feel right now about your ice time? **George** stated feels pretty good right now; we have a lot of ice. Another user group gave ice back, and we took it. **George Soares** further stated that BYHA has not given any ice back and will take any ice available to meet the particular needs of BYHA. **Joe** asked any behavior issues with coaches, parents etc? **George Soares** stated not yet. Have the 24 hour rule in place, very emotional sport, we request people wait 24 hours as the emotions usually go away; don't follow the rule we will suspend for 2 weeks, not a hard and fast rule, but used two times last year. **Richard Sawyer** asked any issues between

coaches and kids? **George** replied he does not believe there has been anything, if there has, it has not been brought to his attention. **Richard** asked how the organization is broken up. **George Soares** replied it is a 501C3 non profit, President down, Division Directors etc. (see attached). **Richard** asked where referees are from. **George** replied that he assigns them they are certified by USA Hockey. They can start refereeing at 14. **Renee King** asked if that leadership is built into the program. **George Soares** replied yes, mentoring new referees with older refs. **Joe O'Brien** asked issues outside of your own program with HYCC. **George** stated it is cleaner than it has been in the past, asked if we have new cleaning crew. **Patti Machado** replied yes, we have our own staff now. Problems with trash overflow during tournaments, bathrooms were bad. **Richard Sawyer** asked about the ice. **George** stated it is better than last year. **Patti** stated that both D1 teams during the Colgate Tournament commented that our ice is as good as anywhere they have played. **George** stated Butler ice still the better of the two, colder in there. Great job repainting the lines this year. Smoking in front under the signs that say no smoking is an ongoing problem. Power outage last weekend never received a call, everyone showed up to play, had to pay the refs \$600. No procedure in place. **Kathy Pina** stated usually act of God, storm related, should be in contracts, and don't have to pay. **George** said unfortunately, not written in refs contracts. **Richard Sawyer** asked if we have robo calling. **George** replied power out phones not working. Discussion followed. **George Soares** stated he was just bring it to Commissions attention so that going forward it won't happen again and have a policy in place. **Kathy Pina** stated that she does not believe it should be the user reporting that there is something wrong with the facility, it should be the staff. **Patti Machado** replied hopefully going forward it will, in past we have not had anyone for upstairs cleaning. **Richard Sawyer** said he thinks it is good to get feedback from users. **Patti Machado** stated she has been talking to union to get a police officer designated to the HYCC like the schools have and it looks like it is going to happen.

**Burgess Park – Greenleaf Garrison, President of Cape Cod Disc Golf and Al Baker** Just ran first PDGA golf event, they supply insurance. Had 50 people play, 85% from Cape Cod. Amateurs are not allowed to receive cash; we pay out in gift certificates. Sports Authority donated \$100 gift card, Cape Cod Potato donated chips, we raised \$335, and \$107 went to the Club. No issues other than the rain. **Joe O'Brien** asked if we do anything in setting up. **Patti Machado** said no, we do not have the staff. **Greenleaf** gave brief description of what Disc Golf Tournament is, (see attached). **Richard Sawyer** asked how long a round is. **Greenleaf** replied about 2.5 hours at Burgess. **Mr. Garrison** stated **Al Baker** is their biggest advocate and they have learned a lot from him. **Kathy Pina** asked for update on improvements. **Mr. Garrison** replied **Lynne Poyant** had some stone dust delivered they did apron in parking lot, replaced some tee pads that were worn down with tilled dirt and stone dust, added some pavers. Pruning and trash pick up. No decision yet on sign to entrance of park. Large Burgess Park sign is 80% done. **Kathy** asked about horse shoe pits. **Mr. Garrison** said not done this year. 15 and 16 slope to shore we used dead trees to help stop erosion, we are not in it just for ourselves but also for the good of the Park. **Al Baker** asked whatever could be done to stop smoking would be great. Would like to get a temporary sign. Pretty self sufficient. Would go to the Town Council for a given amount to go forward with different projects. Take volleyball net down for season, more toys, springs are broken on rocking horses. DPW is a lot of support. Vandalism has slowed down. The spinning tires and bad language is better than 5 years ago. Need a different area for the horse shoes. A lot of wooding burning was done last year. **Kathy Pina** asked have you approached the Men's Village Association in Marstons Mills about getting some play things. **Al Baker** responded we have. **Renee King** asked can we help spearhead this. **Al Baker** said there is participation from the Men's Association. Discussion followed. **Joe O'Brien** thanked **Al Baker** and **Greenleaf Garrison** for all their work and to let the Commission know if they need anything. Commission will look into the smoking and sign.

**BHS Cross Country Alumni** unable to make tonight's meeting tabled till December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Richard Sawyer** asked what they are looking for. **Patti Machado** replied they do a race every Thanksgiving and they are looking to put permanent markers in for race, not sure exactly what he is looking for, that is why he wishes to appear before the Commission.

**New Business** **Joe O'Brien** stated going forward we will have **Richard Sawyer** on the agenda to give a report on his CPC meeting. **Richard Sawyer** handed out his CPC report, see attached. CPC would like an update on the Osterville School situation. **Joe O'Brien** stated he would be getting some feedback to him about the Osterville School. **Clyde Takala** asked if there was any new information on Osterville. **Mr. O'Brien** said he was looking into it. **Kathy Pina** asked if the Town Manager had put it on the Town Council's agenda yet. **Joe** replied no, **Kathy** stated then nothing has been done. Discussion followed. Past minutes concerning Osterville Bay School will be given to **Richard Sawyer**. **Kathy Pina** requested that the Community Service Award be given to **Al Baker**. **Joe** asked what would the issuing process for the award. **Patti Machado** stated it has been done in the past, make up the plaque and the Commission presents it. **Joe O'Brien** made motion to nominate **Al Baker** for the award, **Clyde Takala** seconded, all in favor. **Kathy Pina** thanked **Councilor Dagwan** for attending Recreation meetings and **Joe O'Brien** seconded.

**Old Business** **Kathy Pina** asked how wishing well was doing? **Patti Machado** replied not sure. **Debra Dagwan** stated she thinks the membership renewal letters for HYCC is a great idea. **Renee King** said email would be helpful. **Patti Machado** said we use email. Also would like the reverse call system that the Police have. **Kathy Pina** asked if cancellations are on Facebook. **Patti** replied yes. Discussion followed.

**Staff Report** **Clyde Takala** introduced **Joe Izzo**, General Manager, HYCC. Commission welcomed **Joe Izzo** with a round of applause. **Joe Izzo** stated his background is in minor league sports, 7 years with 4 different baseball teams. Last 4 years in Nashua, NH marketing for Transportation Dept for the City of Nashua. Very excited to be here, a huge opportunity in a beautiful facility, wish to be a steward for the building, continue doing the great things we are doing. Make it sustainable; be here for the next 30 years until someone else wants to take over. A great staff which I am getting to know. Encourage anyone to get in touch, an open book and open door. **Joe O'Brien** said he would be in touch, discuss opportunities for the ice. Ice is not being used to its full potential. A lot of minor leagues are here in the summer, run some clinics, far too much down town on the ice. **Renee King** commented any leadership in our youth, anything that engages them from the youngest to the oldest. **Patti Machado** gave her Staff Report, see attached. **Patti** invited the Commission to Friday Night Thanksgiving Social. **Patti** stated Fortes Beach looks great, more damage than first thought, not sure how it will be paid for. **Renee King** asked when the beaches are cleaned and they tell us how many cigarette butts are removed. **Joe O'Brien** commented it is in the fall, **Joe** will check his notes to see who does the cleanup. **Clyde Takala** asked about the basketball courts. **Joe Izzo** replied closed, being sanded and resurfaced reopening November 28<sup>th</sup>. **Patti Machado** commented the repairs were covered by insurance. **Richard Sawyer** asked about figure skating and if there is a market for that. **Patti** replied yes. **Joe O'Brien** stated this is why we are having representatives from the user groups. **Kathy Pina** asked are we having a Christmas party. **Joe O'Brien** said sure. **Joe O'Brien** requested that going forward have, **Joe Izzo**, attend 3-4 times a year. **Joe Izzo** replied yes. **Clyde Takala** stated going to Florida till next May. **Joe O'Brien** updated on Commission's open position, 2 candidates being interviewed. May not have position filled until January. **Debra Dagwan** mentioned looking into

having a young person on the Commission. **Kathy Pina** stated we have had 2 young people on the board. They did not stay with it, they thought they were going to make decisions, but we are only a recommendation commission. **Richard Sawyer** asked do we supply any intern programs. **Joe Izzo** stated yes, and that he has a lot of experience with internships and will look into it further. **Patti Machado** also commented we have had college interns also. Steve Francis, John Danby, BHS Cross Country Alumni and present award to Al Baker at December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**Clyde Takala** made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Richard Sawyer**. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by **Michele Arigo**, Recreation Division.