

**Laptop Discussion – Pros and Cons for voting at September meeting.
No discussion necessary as the discussion was done by email and
shown below.**

<p>I think it's important and practical to have all the club business done and backed up on a laptop belonging to the club itself.</p>
<p>The laptop idea sounds great but with your hesitation about if we will continue with Uplifter next year, I don't know. I think like you mentioned that everything about it is positive so far and I think registration went much smoother having it – especially when everybody will hopefully use it to register for upcoming programs in the future.</p>
<p>I'm good either way.</p>
<p>I think getting a laptop for the Club is a great idea, especially your suggestion is very cost effective. I have been going to the rink most days with my laptop and it has certainly been useful for new members, current members and Coaches.</p>
<p>Basically, for our uses, all we need is access to the Web so I agree, we don't need an expensive laptop. This would be great for QuickBooks online as well. For security reasons we can lock it up in one of the cupboards and make it clear that it stays in the office. But then if anyone wanted to use it for registration they would need a Board member available to get the laptop out. This is out of scope for Coaches and Coaches should redirect requests to a Board member.</p>
<p>My hesitation is that we are using this year to test to see whether we continue with Uplifter or not. I think with the way things have been going the use is all positive. The downside might be the cost and whether the Club can afford it. Just wondering if we had the discussion towards the end of the season then had that cost put into our 2017/2018 Budget? Coaches do have iPhones and/or iPads that they can take attendance with...they just need to get into the habit of doing it. How we do financially at the end of the season will direct us in what additional changes we may need to incorporate for the 2017/2018 season.</p>
<p>The purchase of a laptop for the club. Now that we have everything online, the way to have current information is to connect to Uplifter. Having a laptop in the club office would allow coaches to check who is registered to a session, to take attendance, and it would allow new members to register on site, and it would allow us to look up or update information in Uplifter without having to bring our laptops with us. We don't need a big and powerful laptop, a Chromebook would be just perfect (it boots super fast, it offers all the basics except printing, and it costs less than \$300).</p>