

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2008

Attendees Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Denis O'Donnell, Roland Goff, John Addonizio, Steve Tucci, David Hennessey, Bill Redler, Brud Houllahan, Ed Ducharme.

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. By a poll of WYH Board of Directors members present, it was determined that a quorum was present to allow for the transaction of business.

Minutes from November Meeting

The Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Denis O'Donnell made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by David Hennessey. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the December 2007 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin presented the report as follows.

The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$36,276.79. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$150,985.64 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$63,244.34. The total cash on hand is \$250,506.77.

Hugh said that both CD's came due in December. The 12 month CD is slightly over \$150,000 to roughly match the static endowment. What was the 3 month CD is now a 6 month CD, to obtain a more favorable interest rate.

Jim Kiley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John Addonizio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Coaches Committee

David Hennessey discussed an issue brought to the Coaches Committee by a PeeWee coach. The main concern raised was that a parent on the PeeWee team had repeatedly over-stepped the bounds of proper parent conduct, in terms of his behavior in the stands and his presence in the locker room. While the parent had responded positively to most of these issues, when raised by the coach, the coach still believed it would benefit all involved if the Coaches Committee reviewed the situation and brought the issue to a resolution. The Coaches Committee discussed the issue with the Coach, the Parent, and the assistant coaches on the team, and found that no disciplinary action towards the parent was necessary at this time. The Committee did, however, send, in writing, a summary to the Parent of the expected code of conduct for Parents, as supported by WYH and USA Hockey. This final communication was sent on January 29, 2008, and all accounts since then are that the Parent has followed such guidelines.

Dual State League

David Hennessey reported that the 3rd and final Dual State schedule should be out within a week.

Valley League

Tom stated that the Valley League released a new schedule last week.

Girls-Only Program

Steve Tucci stated that the season is going well. Skills have been well attended, this year Girls skills have been at Flynn. Last season skills were at Somerville.

Steve also said he looks forward to hearing from the Valley League concerning their proposal for a Girls League next season. Steve feels that the Girls teams are not playing enough games this season with the Route 1 League folding.

Playdowns

Tom Troiano stated that the District 9 Playdown schedule is out.

We have volunteers scheduled for the ice time that we are responsible for.

All WYH coaches have been reminded to bring their CEP cards and USA Hockey rosters to each game.

Mass Hockey/District 9

Nothing to report.

Ice Committee

Tom Troiano stated that the February practice schedule would be released after the DSL schedule is released next week.

Equipment / Jerseys

Nothing to report.

Learn to Play Hockey (Tri-City)

John Addonizio stated that the Tri-City League still has seven teams. They have just started full ice games.

Learn to Skate

Tom reported that the second session has started. The Edgeworks group will be issuing achievement patches to the participants. Edgeworks has also added more instructors.

WYH Social Event

John Addonizio reported that the group recently had a meeting and that everything was coming together for the event February 1 at the Woburn Country Club.

The event is not to raise money but for the parents to get together for an evening of fun, away from the rink.

Registration / placements for the 2008-09 Season

Tom stated that registration for next season would begin in early to mid February.

The Flynn rink is slated to close 3/22 so our placements are scheduled for the two Tuesdays and Thursdays before the shut down date.

New Business

Tom mentioned that we have several teams that have had very tough parity situations in one of their leagues. Hugh Mullin stated that we should find out from the Leagues how parity is done in both the Dual State and Valley Leagues.

Hugh also stated that both Leagues are playing a 30 game schedule even though they had advertised somewhat less; DS-27to 30 and Valley 28.

Adjournment

Denis O'Donnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Kiley and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday Feb. 25, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.