

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**January 18, 2010**

**Attendees** Directors – Tom Troiano, Roland Goff, David Hennessey, Chris Parker, Gordy Lawrence, Carl Pasciuto, Stephen Keating, Brud Houllahan, William Redler, John Addonizio, Ed Ducharme, Jr., Nancy Lehrer and Jim Kiley.

**Members**

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 6:02 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 December Meeting**

The Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Tom Troiano made a motion that the Minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the December 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Kiley reported that tuition payments are being received at a reasonable rate. Currently, there is approximately \$10,000.00 due from about fifteen families.

Jim Kiley told the Board that he may need to move some funds from the 6-month CD to the checking account so that the last league fees can be paid. Tom Troiano asked if 2010-2011 registration fees would cover any additional 2009-2010 expenses thus not requiring any transfer of funds from the 6-month CD. Jim Kiley responded that maybe this would occur. Jim Kiley informed the Board that the CDs have been rolled over and will receive an interest rate of 2%. The Flynn Rink ice rental fee (for both surfaces) will be \$200.00 less per session, and that will result in a savings for WYH of about \$3,000.00.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$42,503.26. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$164,013.15 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$87,256.25. The total cash on hand is \$293,884.31.

Ed Ducharme, Jr., made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Brud Houllahan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Coaches Committee/ACE Coordinator**

Tom Troiano, ACE Coordinator, reminded the Board that it will have to approve the A Level coached at the February meeting so that those coaches can run the placements. The Board agreed that Placements for the next season will be held on – 3/9, 3/11, 3/16 and 3/18. Registration for the 10-11 season will open on February 10, 2010.

**Valley League**

No issues.

### **Mass Hockey/District 9**

David Hennessey reminded the Board that WYH was hosting play-down games on January 14, 2010. Also, District 9 has pledged that it will avoid late night play-down games for Pee Wee teams next season (the WYH Pee Wee B team had a 9:10PM play-down game this season). Chris Parker told the Board that he still is waiting for CORI forms for 11 coaches.

### **Boys Open Travel**

David Hennessey informed the Board that the Mite A, Squirt B, Bantam A and Girls U14A each won the Arlington Christmas Tournament.

Three Winchester Bantam age players who are on a Woburn Bantam team are playing with the Winchester Bantams when needed.

Tom Troiano suggested that WYH eliminate boys full season Midgets since it is very difficult to keep a full season Midget team going through the entire season (particularly during the high school JV season). Tom made a motion that WYH eliminate boys full season Midgets and field as many half season teams as the demand warrants. The motion was seconded Ed Ducharme, Jr., and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Girls Only Travel**

Jim Kiley stated that there may be enough players for a U16 half or full season team. Tom Troiano asked if the ½ season team could be changed to a full season team. Jim Kiley stated that he believed the MYGHL could accommodate this type of switch.

David Hennessey will circulate potential dates for a meeting to discuss the Girls Only Program.

### **Learn to Play Hockey/Learn to Skate**

David Hennessey informed the Board that there had been a surge in registration for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session for the Learn to Skate program. The program was capped at 70 for safety and quality reasons.

### **Cheever and In-House Program**

Tom Troiano asked the Board if the In-House program should continue for the 10-11 season even though the enrollment for the current season was below expectation. The Board decided that the program had an encouraging start and that the program should continue for the 10-11 season.

### **Ice Committee**

No new business.

### **Marketing Committee**

No new business.

### **New Business/Updates**

Cheever Program: The Cheever Grant application is due on January 31, 2010.

Flynn Rink: The DCR made a public announcement about its intent to have non-government entities run the Flynn, LoConte, Ulian and Somerville Rinks. The Friends of Flynn will be meeting on January 19, 2010, to review the revised RFP.

Social Event: There will be WYH parent social event on February 26, 2010, at the Woburn Country Club.

**Placement Announcement Timing:**

Tom Troiano noted that in 2009 WYH announced its placements for the next season up to a time prior to the end of the season. Traditionally placements were received by players after the season and annual banquet. Tom Troiano informed the Board that he received reports that some players found it difficult to be in the locker room after the placement announcement because they felt out of place if they did not end up on the same team as many of his/her teammates. Tom Troiano proposed that placement announcements be moved to after the season, but allowing the President the discretion to reveal placements for players in unique circumstances. Jim Kiley said he favored moving placement announcements back to after the season. Roland Goff told the Board that he favored moving the placement announcements back to after the season, but would remove any discretion to reveal the placements early.

David Hennessey noted that he had received an inquiry from a parent about what steps the Board is taking to avoid having to drop a team late in the summer as was necessary with the Bantam B team in 2009. The problem is that the numbers may look sufficient for two teams, but if even a few players withdraw – an event beyond anyone’s control – it can impact the capacity of WYH to have multiple teams in an age group. Nancy Lehrer told the Board that if the number of players in a particular age group appears to make it difficult to form complete teams, then we should begin to look at solutions early. Bill Redler stated the moving up the payment of the first tuition installment may help secure commitments from players. David Hennessey asked that the Board think about these issues before the next meeting so we can make a decision then.

**Adjournment**

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brud Houllahan, and unanimously approved by the Board. The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2010, 7PM, Town Hall.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday February 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.