

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 31, 2008

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

Members Jamie Hintlian

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 February Meeting

The Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Tom noted that Mass Hockey is two words - page one paragraph five. David Hennessey made a motion that the Minutes as recorded and noted be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the February 2008 meeting were entered into the record.

Annual Awards:

The following individuals were nominated and voted upon to receive the following awards:

Anthony Martignetti Award

Scholarship awarded by Winchester Youth Hockey via an endowed gift of the Ron Martignetti family to the unsung hero of the Winchester High School hockey teams.

Boys: Chris DiCecca

Girls: Meghan Malia

Bill Cruwys MVP Award

Scholarship awarded by WYH to the MVP's of the Winchester High School hockey teams.

Boys: Tucker Delaney-Winn

Girls: Julia Mulhern

Griffiths and Woods Awards

Awards to honor players graduating from Bantam and Girls U14 level who represented WYH ideals during their hockey careers.

Boys: Ryan Palmer

Girls: Emily Aliberti

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 \$27,637.92. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$152,141.95 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$63,728.69. The total cash on hand is \$243,508.56.

Hugh stated that he planned to move \$20,000 from the CD to the checking account to cover expenses anticipated through the summer.

Hugh also said there are no major delinquency issues from the past season. Hugh maintained his recent estimates that we should show a surplus of revenues minus expenses of approximately \$5,000, and maybe as high as \$10,000 for the season.

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

Cheever Grant

Tom reported that WYH has received a \$4,000 Cheever grant. This is a USA Hockey program with money given out through Mass Hockey. The purpose of the grant program is to seek, fund, and share within Mass Hockey, innovative methods for growing ice hockey participation in our Town, Girls/Women and Disabled Hockey Programs.

Placements

Tom stated that placements have finished up, with the final meeting planned for April 15 at David Hennessey's house. The Mites – 3 teams, Squirts – 4 teams and Girls – 4 teams, have a very healthy enrollment. The Pee Wee placements started out looking like there would be 3 teams, but after several recent withdrawals it looks like there will be 2 teams. Bantams had 24 skaters come to placements, which translates into 2 teams.

Tom talked to several families of boys who had withdrawn and they stated their overall satisfaction with the program. Two families did mention that the "select" teams notify players shortly after tryouts whether or not they had made a team and that by waiting until after the banquet, to notify players of their placement, WYH may be hurting ourselves.

Hugh Mullin stated that he believes people are not willing to play on two teams at the Pee Wee level and above.

Boys Open Travel Program

Jamie Hintlian stated that he would prefer the one league model for next season. David Hennessey said that we need to be flexible when looking at options.

Ed Ducharme said that he thinks many children are playing Middle School Hockey as their 2nd team and not WYH.

Ron Martignetti said that Middle School and other factors have lined up against us and that we may have to look at things differently for next season.

Erik Knutzen said he thinks that going to the One League model for Pee Wees and Bantams is the right thing to do.

Hugh Mullin is going to work up several tuition models for the next meeting.

Girls-Only Program

Steve Tucci said that after going to the Valley League Girls Division meeting he feels that we should test the waters in the Valley League for next season.

Currently we are planning to enter four girls' teams in the MYCGL next season. Steve stated he would like WYH to enter a number of teams in the Valley League also, by making this second League optional for the Girls. We could enter one to three teams depending upon the response from the Girls. The WYH teams would not necessarily be broken down the same way as the current teams in the MYCGL

Tom Troiano made a motion to make the Valley League optional for the girls next season. Denis O'Donnell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Annual Awards Banquet

Ed Ducharme reported that the Banquet will be held on Thursday April 17, 2008. There is an announcement on the web site. Volunteers are needed to help out. Denis O'Donnell will arrange for the trophies. We will use D'Agostinos catering and obtain a PA system from Winchester High School. John Addonizio is putting together a slide show for the banquet. Ron Martignetti stated that the event is held in a church and that the parents should be urged to make sure their children's behavior is appropriate.

Nomination of Directors

Per our By Laws, all nominations for Director must be emailed to the Secretary, Jim Kiley, before the April Meeting or presented to the Board at the April Meeting.

New Business

Tom reported that he had a discussion with a parent about the Midget program. Tom went over that the two Midget programs are very different. The half season team is for players that anticipate playing varsity hockey and typically come up from the Bantam A team. The full season team is for players who will not be playing varsity hockey but who would like to keep playing hockey for a full season. The parent's fundamental concern was that all should be allowed to try out for the half season Midget team. Ron Martignetti said that the issue is that the top players won't register for the half season program if they judge it to be weak and then the whole thing falls apart. He said that he's seen this many times in the past. Ron supported the current plan of limiting enrollment on the half season team to those who have played at the A level and those who have varsity experience.

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ron Martignetti and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday April 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.

Executive Session

Winchester Youth Hockey President, Tom Troiano, called for a Directors-Only Executive Session, noting this was the first time in his four years as President that he called for such a session.

Tom informed the Board that he tried to contact Jay Tedesco last week to discuss his status as a Director. To date, Jay has attended just one Board Meeting this hockey season. Tom said that Jay refused to return his telephone call and other than a short terse email he would not respond to Tom's telephone call or email. Tom distributed an email to all Directors that he sent to Jay on Friday March 29th asking for some information from Jay regarding his status on the Board. Tom said that Jay did not reply to the email.

After a short discussion regarding Jay's lack of attendance and lack of participation in Winchester Youth Hockey Board activities, Ed Ducharme made a motion to remove Jay Tedesco from the Board. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell and a vote was taken. 8 Directors voted in favor of the motion, 3 were opposed and two Directors abstained. Since a 2/3 majority (among those who vote) is required for passage per Section 6 of Article 5 of the By Laws the motion was passed and Jay Tedesco was removed from the Board.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Session was made by Tom Troiano, seconded by David Hennessey and unanimously approved by the Board.