

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**April 27, 2009**

**Attendees** Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Steve Tucci, Roland Goff, Erick Knutzen, Bill Redler, Brud Houllahan, John Addonizio, Chris Parker, Denis O'Donnell, David Hennessey, Ed Ducharme, Jr., Carl Pasciuto.  
Members – Gordy Lawrence

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 7:13 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 Winchester Youth Hockey business.

**Minutes from March Meeting**

The Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes and John Addonizio seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the minutes were entered into the record.

**Goalie Clinic Option**

Brian Daccord of *Stop It Goaltending* made a presentation to the Board about the clinic he offers for goalie through their youth hockey program. His curriculum is based upon an eight week cycle which works on different aspects of goaltending each week. There would be 4 goalies on a small sheet of ice, 1 instructor and 2 shooters. Brian also offered a training clinic for WYH coaches on how to effectively incorporate goalies into practice drills.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Kiley presented the Treasurer's Report as follows.

WYH received \$11,136.00 from the WTH/SYBS joint fund raiser held in February. WYH was making all the regularly scheduled payments for ice and league fees. WYH is still owed approximately \$850.00 in tuition. The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed a checking account balance of \$20,882.87. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$159,590.01 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$50,950.90. The total cash on hand for the corporation is \$229,781.38. Jim noted that the cost of playoff games was not reflected in the cash flow statement. However, WYH is due a refund from the DSL because it scheduled fewer games than planned. Hugh Mullin added that the VL will provide WYH a reconciliation of games and either credit WYH or send a bill for the additional charges if any.

Jim reported that net revenue was \$12,936.00 above estimate at this point.

Tom Troiano asked if there were any large outstanding bills. Jim replied that WYH had not yet paid for the catering services and trophies for the banquet.

Erik Knutzen inquired about the amount of financial assistance provided for the 08-09 season. Hugh Mullin responded that the budget for that item was \$16,000.00 and David Hennessey added that WYH provided about \$8,000.00 in tuition assistance for the 08-09 season. Denis O'Donnell stated that the WYH may need to budget for more tuition assistance for the next season due to the current economic conditions. Tom Troiano noted that the \$8,000 does not include the aid we give to families with multiple players in the program. Jim Kiley, with assistance from Tom Troiano, will provide and estimate of tuition aid for next season at the next meeting.

Jim Kiley reported to the Board on the tuition model for next season. Jim used the Boys/Open Travel tuition to illustrate how the model works. The model is based upon 2 practices per week per team, plus skills and league fees. The cost of ice is increasing from an average of \$195 this hockey season to \$207 for the 09-10 hockey season. This increase includes a fee increase for Flynn, the cost of using the little rink at the Flynn which was free last season, and a small increase in the cost of other ice. The model generated a cost of \$1805.00 which is a \$75.00 increase over the 08-09 tuition. David Hennessey suggested that WYH use of some of the excess revenue from the 08-09 season to lower the tuition increase. Tom Troiano also stated that some of that revenue could be used to cover the tuition forgiveness provided players with long term illness or injury during the upcoming season. Jim Kiley also noted that Girls travel players who chose to play on the VL team (in addition to the MYCGL) will incur an additional cost of approximately \$440. Tom Troiano also informed the Board that the cost of Cheever program participants will increase by \$15.00 because gloves will be added to the equipment package for these players.

Erik Knutzen asked if a tuition model and been created for the new house league. Jim Kiley reported that it did not, but he and David Hennessey would be reviewing that program.

Tom Troiano made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and grant the President and Treasurer the authority to modify the tuition prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> deposit date as deemed necessary. Denis O'Donnell seconded the motion, which was approved by the Board.

Hugh Mullin reported that the President and Treasurer would be signing the form PC to be filed with the tax filing. Also, he stated that the Friends of Flynn could file a 990 and report not revenue or expenses – the accountant will follow-up with this upon receipt of the FOF tax id number.

### **Coaches Committee**

Tom Trioano received a parent complaint about a coach. Although there was no violation of any kind, the CC determined that its probably best if the coach does not coach in the program next season.

### **ACE Coordinator**

David Hennessey noted that early announcement of placements for the 09-10 season made it difficult to secure coaches for each team prior to the announcement.

### **Dual State League**

Chris Parker informed the board that the Pee Wee teams made the playoffs but the Bantam B did not qualify. He also informed the board that the DS teams did not play 45 games as planned but approximately 37. WYH will ask for reimbursement for the games not played.

### **Valley League**

Because the full season midget team had many VL games scheduled for late times on weeknights, the coach requested a move to the DS. Tom Troiano added that DSL full season midget games were often scheduled on Sunday afternoon which is much easier on the families. Jim Kiley made a motion to place the full season midget team in the DSL, John Addonizio provided the second and the motion was approved.

### **Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey**

Nothing to report.

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

Erik Knutzen reported that Tom Troiano has been selected as alternate board member for District 9.

### **Boys/Open Travel**

David Hennessey informed the board that due to 4 player withdrawals at the Pee Wee level, WYH would have two Pee Wee teams for next season. Currently there are 15 players on the A team and 17 on the B team. If there are no further player withdrawals, then one player will be moved up to even the number of players on each team. David also noted that Jim Kiley will coach the Pee Wee A team and Tim Locke would coach the Pee Wee B team.

Currently there are 5 goalies for the two Pee Wee teams, but David Hennessey is working on a resolution.

### **Girls-Only Travel Hockey**

Steve Tucci said that WYH is still determining the level of interest for VL play and there may be enough girls interested to create two teams (U12 and U14).

The Board thanked Steve for his eight years of coaching in the girls program.

### **Marketing/Fundraising Committee**

Brud Houlihan told the board that WYH has a Town Day (6/6/09) booth on Converse Place which will allow children to shoot pucks (in a cage) and there will be a radar gun to estimate the speed of each shot. Brud suggested that WYH order pucks with the logo on them for distribution. There will also be some cost for the booth and for an ad in the Town Day booklet. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to allow the President to use up to \$1,500.00 for Town Day activities. Hugh Mullin provided the second and the board approved the motion. Steve Keating reported that WYH will participate in the EnKa Parade. Carl Pasciuto will provide the board with a list of WYH items that will be available at an on-line store.

## **Ice Committee**

It was noted that WYH will have to pay \$80.00 per hour for use of the little rink at the Flynn and the price of Flynn ice will increase to \$175.00 per hour. Tom Troiano informed the board that WYH had secured two hours of ice at the Holland rink for 30 weeks next season.

## **New Business/Updates**

### Board of Director Nominees

The following members were nominated to serve on the WYH Board: Dave Errico, Gordy Lawrence, V.J. Ladd, Dan Palmer, David Hennessey, Tom Troiano, Carl Pasciuto, John Addonizio, Roland Goff, Nancy Lehrer and John Franco.

Those nominees who accept their nomination will appear on the ballot in May.

There are eight seats on the Board up for election.

### Proposed By-Law Changes

Tom Troiano made a proposed by-law change that would allow the President, at his/her discretion, to allow board members to join a Board meeting by conference call. Denis O'Donnell made a motion that the Board support adoption of this by-law by the membership. The motion received a second from Bill Redler and was approved by the Board. John Addonizio stated that he was concerned that the Board meetings could be less effective if members did not attend in person but simply called in. He thought it would be difficult to conduct a meaningful conversation without members present and thought it was important that members attend because it is an important commitment. David Hennessey noted that the use of a conference call could add to participation because board members sometimes are out of town but are otherwise available to join.

A second by-law was proposed that would allow the nomination of board members after the April meeting if there were insufficient nominees to fill all open positions. This proposal was withdrawn after Denis O'Donnell noted that the board may call a special membership which could deal with this issue if it ever became necessary.

### Banquet Thanks

David Hennessey thanked Ed Ducharme on providing another successful banquet for WYH families.

### Aspen Technologies Foundation

WYH received a \$500.00 donation from the Aspen Technologies Foundation for providing a midget player the opportunity to participate in WYH.

### Placement Notification

Tom Troiano raised a question about the effectiveness of the early placement notice because it caused some children embarrassment in the locker room with the current team and put a burden on current coaches who received a lot of questions about placements. The issue will be reviewed again by the board at a future meeting.

**Adjournment**

Hugh Mullin made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Jim Kiley. The motion was approved and the meeting closed at 9:53PM.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Winchester Youth Hockey Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday May 18, 2009, 7:00PM in the Winchester Room of the Town Hall.