

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

May 18, 2009

Attendees Directors – Erik Knutzen, Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Denis O’Donnell, Roland Goff, Steve Tucci, Bill Redler, Brud Houllahan, Ed Ducharme, David Hennessey, Carl Pasciuto, Chris Parker, John Addonizio and Steve Keating

Members Mary Snow, Linda Ebertt, Nancy Lehrer, V.J. Ladd, Steve Mix, Dan Palmer, Gordy Lawrence, Jim McGowan, Davie Hagerty, Cara Lowen, Jude Cappachetti, Mike Driscoll, Peter Albert, Henry Cassidy, H. Ludman, Dennis Houle, Stu Osha, Scott Ettenhfor, Steve Patalano, Sandy Latzanakis, Liz Scamperte-Nagahama, Denis Delaney.

President David Hennessey 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 April Meeting

The Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Two corrections were noted: in the second paragraph changed December to March and in the fifth paragraph changed Mullen to Mullin. Jim Kiley made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Hugh Mullin. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the April 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Jim Kiley presented the report as follows.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$12,440.72. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$160,074.03 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$51,084.91. The total cash on hand is \$222,910.74.

Jim Kiley reviewed the major expenses for hockey and non-hockey operations as well as the revenues from each sector noting that there was still two months left in the fiscal year. The non-expense “Other” of \$400.00 was the cost of providing WYH members buses to two Super Eight High Playoffs games. Tom Troiano asked Jim if there still any substantial bills outstanding from 08-09 hockey season, and Jim replied that the only outstanding issue would be if WYH owed any league fee after each league completed its audit. Hugh Mullin noted that WYH incurs an expense of approximately \$5,000.00 for an audit, tax form filings and other government filings.

Erik Knutzen reminded the Board and members that WYH budget is based upon the premise that the organization should break even each year. Hugh Mullin noted that with a budget of about \$400,000.00 it would be easy for a positive or negative swing of \$10,000.00 in any year. Member Jim McGowan asked what amount WYH received from the joint SYBS/WYH fund raiser and whether the fund raiser was more successful as a joint fund raiser or would it be better to hold a WTH only fund raiser. David Hennessey replied that WYH received \$11,000.00 as its share of the proceeds from the joint fund raiser, and Carl Pasciuto noted that given the current economic environment the joint fund raiser was the best plan.

David Hennessey informed the Board that USA Hockey recommends that a program have an endowment to cover 50% of the operating budget for a program. WYH is one of the few programs within Mass hockey that has an endowment that approaches this goal.

Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Erik Knutzen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Coaches Committee

No new business. David Hennessey informed the board and members that this Committee deals with any issues that arise between parents and coaches.

ACE Coordinator

David Hennessey told the board and members that USA Hockey mandates this position and the function is to facilitate coaching certification and education. Tom Troiano, ACE Coordinator, noted that two teams still need coaches for the 09-10 season – Bantam B and Mite B. President David Hennessey hopes to have those positions filled by the next board meeting.

Dual State

Carl Pasciuto inquired about the games expenses for the 08-09 season because some teams were not scheduled for the number of games as stated in the league contract. Jim Kiley confirmed that teams in the DSL did not play as many games as planned. Tom Troiano asked if WYH expected payment, and David Hennessey stated payment would likely be received during the application process for next season. David also noted that with the Mite C and half Season Midget teams moving the VL, only the full season Midget team would play in the DSL.

Valley League

No new business.

Learn to Skate/Learn to Play Hockey

David Hennessey thanked Lina Ebertt for the quality of the learn to skate program and the base it provides for young players.

Mass Hockey/District 9

No new business. David Hennessey explained that the job of the Registrar is creating the USA Hockey Rosters for all WY H teams.

Boys Open Travel

David Hennessey reported that the Pee Wee teams were consolidated into two teams from the three originally created at placement because a few players had dropped out of the program. The full season midget team is still looking for players and the half season team will have a second try out in April and the 3rd and final one around Labor Day.

Girls-only Program

The MYCGL held its wrap-up meeting recently and announced that it would be moving to a 25 games scheduled next season. Erik Knutzen suggested that the WYH consider adding a half season U16 Girls team. Although Tom Troiano noted twice this program had to be dropped due to fall sport conflicts,

Denis O'Donnell stated this could be an option for some girls. Hugh Mullin stated that maybe it would be helpful to have some fall skills sessions for this age group.

Ice Committee

The Ice Committee (David Hennessey, Tom Troiano and Denis O'Donnell) informed the Board that it had secured some additional ice at Hockey Town – 6:50PM on Monday night that can be used for travel teams early in the season and for the in-house program starting in November. The in-house league will have Saturday games at the Holland rink. Steve Keating asked about outreach for in-house players, and Tom Troiano replied that there would be outreach at Town Day and notice of registration in the Fall. David Hennessey told the Board and members that the in-house league is a new program and have separate games for Squirt and Pee Wee level players on Saturday and a joint practice on Monday night.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee was formed about one year ago to determine the some of the causes for players leaving the program and to develop ideas for increasing the profile of WYH.

Special thanks to John Addonizio for arranging to have the Mite teams attend a Bruins game together during the 2009-09 regular season.

David Hennessey thanked Steve Keating for organizing the WYH participation in the EnKa parade. Steve also informed the Board that WYH would have a booth at Town Day to introduce the program to new families. There is brochure that will be available to distribute and Tom Troiano say there are about 60 t-shirts that can be given out at Town Day. Carl Pasciuto has created a puck shooting area for Town Day. Kids will be able to have their shot speed recorded and the winners will receive a prize. Steve Keating will be sending around request for Board Members to staff the booth at Town Day.

Election of New Directors

David Hennessey thanked Board Members Denis O'Donnell, Erik Knutzen and Steve Tucci for their service to WYH. These three members were not seeking re-election. David Hennessey appointed Steve Denis O'Donnell, Steve Tucci and Linda Ebertt as inspectors of the election. They reported that the directors elected were: John Addonizio, David Hennessey, Roland Goff, V.J. Ladd, Gordy Lawrence, Nancy Lehrer, Carl Pasciuto and Tom Troiano.

Jim Kiley nominated David Hennessey for President, Tom Troiano provided the second and David was unanimously elected President. David Hennessey nominated Tom Troiano for Vice-President, Roland Goff for Secretary, Jim Kiley for Treasurer and Hugh Mullin as Comptroller Carl Pasciuto seconded the nominations and the nominations were unanimously approved by the new board.

Bylaw Proposal

Tom Troiano proposed a new bylaw that would grant the President the discretion to allow Board Members to participate in Board meeting via telephone. The reason for the change is that many Board members travel for work and could participate fully in Board meetings by phone. Participation by phone would be at the discretion of the President so that it would not be abused and not undermine the best practice of attending the meeting in person. John Addonizio opposed the bylaw change because he believes it will detract from the quality of the board operation, and limit face to face discussion and debate which is the best way for a board to operate. Several members of the Board and member families expressed concern about Directors not being fully engaged if they joined by phone, but others expressed a

belief that Directors who may have participated in previous discussions and worked on an issue might miss a key meeting or vote without the ability to participate by phone.

A proposed bylaw change requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present to be adopted. The proposed bylaw did not receive approval by two-thirds of those voting, so the bylaw was not adopted.

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carl Pasciuto and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday Jun 15, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall.