

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2008

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, and Steve Keating

Members None

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 May Meeting- Annual Membership Meeting

The Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Chris Parker made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Steve Keating. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the May 2008 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer’s Report

Former Treasurer Hugh Mullin presented the report as follows.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$42,545.39. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$153,912.58 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$34,273.85. The total cash on hand is \$230,731.82. The WYH endowment is estimated to increase by \$14,029.00 in 2007-2008.

There was a discussion among the Directors that endowment is large enough that it should consider potential withdrawals to meet the needs of the program, and the Directors will discuss potential guidelines for withdrawals at a future meeting. Tom Troiano stated that \$6,300.00 needed for a web site update will come from the endowment.

Hugh stated that we should we should show a surplus of revenues minus expenses of approximately \$4,000 from hockey operations for the 2007-2008 season. Hugh expects WHY to break even for the 2008-2009 season. Brud Houllahan made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Erik Knutzen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

2008-2009 Committee Assignments

David Hennessey nominated Brud Houllahan as Chair, Tom Troiano as ACE Coordinator and Denis O’Donnell for the Coaches Committee. A motion to accept the nominations was made by Hugh Mullin, seconded by Jim Kiley. The nominees were approved by the Board of Directors.

David Hennessey announced the remaining committee assignments:

- Registrar – Erik Knutzen and Steve Keating
- Ice Committee – Tom Troiano, Denis O’Donnell and David Hennessey
- Girls Committee – Steve Tucci and Jim Kiley
- Dual State Representatives – Chris Parker and Erik Knutzen

Valley League Representatives – Ed Ducharme and Roland Goff
Tri-City Representatives – John Addonizio, Steve Keating and Carl Pasciuto
Learn to Skate – Bill Redler and Brud Houllahan
Fund Raising – John Addonizio and Carl Pasciuto
Jerseys – Hugh Mullin, Tom Troiano and Carl Pasciuto
Banquet – Ed Ducharme
Friends of the Flynn – Denis O’ Donnell

Coaches Committee

No new business.

Dual State

First meeting about the 2008-2009 hockey season is scheduled for June 25, 2008.

Valley League

No new business.

Mass Hockey/District 9

District 9 will be hosting the State Tournament in March of 2009 and is looking for a co-host. A co-host must fulfill a demand for a specified number of ice hours, and is granted a slot in the tournament. Denis O’Donnell suggested WYH look into being a co-host with Melrose. David Hennessey will check on the need for a co-host.

The USA Hockey Registration Fee is not built into the WYH tuition for 2008-2009.

Boys Open Travel

David Hennessey raised the issue about continued attrition so Directors will be thinking about why this is happening and how it might be addressed. David noted that WYH had 26 players leave the program at the Pee Wee level over the past two seasons.

Erik Knutzen proposed a sub-committee be formed to begin the process of reviewing the issues related to attrition of players. David Hennessey will work on forming the sub-committee.

Girls-only Program

The program is offering girls the opportunity to play in a second league (the new Valley League Girls Section). WYH is still seeking enough players so that it can form two teams for Valley League play.

Updates

New and improved web site design scheduled to be up in August 2008.

Puckstoppers goalie training is moving from Woburn to N. Andover (new min-ice facility near Merrimack College) so there was discussion among the Directors about options for goalie training. The three options outlined are: keep current plan in place; find a goalie coach at a nearby location; find a goalie coach to work with WTH goalies at skills.

Site for Board Meetings:

The H.S. will be charging a fee for use so the Directors are seeking a location for regular meetings that will be used free of charge. The next two meetings will be at the Winchester Public Library so there is time to find alternative sites.

Tuition Assistance is available to Winchester families who may need assistance for tuition payments. All requests are considered by the President and Treasurer in confidence. The Directors believe this option is not widely known so a reminder will be sent via e-mail, notice posted on the web, and coaches will be encouraged to mention it at initial parent meetings.

Directors will begin a review of the by-laws to determine if there is a need to change the nomination process.

WYH will host an outing in November to the Holy Cross at Boston University hockey game. Former WYH player J.P. Martignetti is now playing at Holy Cross.

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 8:55PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday August 25, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Winchester Public Library.