

# WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 27, 2007

**Attendees** Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, David Hennessey, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Ed Ducharme, Denis O'Donnell, Carl Pasciuto, Roland Goff, Steve Tucci

Members – None

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 6:35 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 June meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. David Hennessey made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the June 2007 meeting were entered into the record.

### **Program Realignment**

Tom Troiano stated that the program had a larger than expected number of players withdraw over the last several weeks. It was decided that the present number of players could not favorably support 3 teams (at the Bantam and Pee Wee level) or 4 teams at the Girls level, in terms of providing a positive, high quality experience for all those involved. In order to better accommodate the current number of players, Winchester Youth Hockey is reducing the number of teams in three brackets - Boys/Open Bantams, Boys/Open Pee Wees and Girls Travel. In the Boys/Open Bantam and Pee Wee brackets we will have an A and B team. In the Girls Travel Program we have moved to one U14 team, one U12 team and one U10 team. There are no significant changes in the Boys/Open Squirt and Mite brackets. The good news is that this leaves us with very healthy team sizes. Additional withdrawals at the Bantam and Pee Wee levels, if any, would likely not cause a further reduction in teams.

The Bantam C team was withdrawn with no penalty from the Dual State League or the Valley League. The Pee Wee C team was withdrawn more recently, David Hennessey said he was hopeful that there would be no penalty from the Dual State League. Tom was waiting to hear from the Valley League. The Girls season doesn't start until October, Denis O'Donnell stated that there would be no penalty for the withdrawal of the U14B team.

Tom stated that with 3 less teams we would obviously need less practice ice time. He has been working on adjusting our ice rentals. Tom said that we will give up the Fessenden ice and reduce ice at Malden, Cambridge and BU.

Denis O'Donnell stated that it may be in our best interest to try and sublet some of the ice times rather than give back to the rinks. That would allow us access to this ice time in future years when we may have more teams.

### **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 \$75,479.79. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$133,129.72 and the rolling 3 month CD has a balance of \$96,594.04. The total cash on hand is \$305,203.55.

To date in August we've received about \$168,000 in revenue for the 07-08 season. The revenue is from registration fees the June tuition payment. To date in August we've had expenses of about \$ 7,000 for the 07-08 season.

Hugh went over the final results of 06-07 season the "hockey operations" lost \$18,870. About half of this loss was expected when the league and ice rental fees were higher than projected in the Spring of 2006 and the Board voted to not increase tuitions in the Fall of 2006. The other half of this loss was driven by 30 additional games played in the Dual State League. Thanks to a great fund raising year the total program had a profit of \$27,828.

Hugh stated that that we are changing to a 6/30 year end, as we have to change our accounting to an accrual methodology. This was due to changes required by the Commonwealth of Mass.. In the past we have used a cash basis accounting system.

Hugh then went over the revised 07-08 budget. This revision was forced due to the reduction of three teams. Basically the Program Realignment will not have a negative effect on our projected bottom line. Noting that Tom has done a very good job reducing costs, mainly practice ice rentals and league fees.

Roland Goff asked if this reduction in enrollment was a blip or a trend. Tom said that he is not sure, but families have many options now including year round soccer, lacrosse and other hockey programs.

The Annual Comptroller's meeting was held at Ron Martignetti's home, where all of the officers met and went over the books for the past season. Ron had relayed through Tom that Hugh Mullin has done tremendous job as Treasurer and that the program is in sound financial condition.

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

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

Tom Troiano stated that the new District 9 registrar is Felix Costanza. Steve Palmacci the previous District 9 registrar is now the President of Mass Hockey.

### **Ice Committee**

Tom Troiano stated that the Sept. practice schedule is out. WYH lost the Cambridge ice that we used for make-up game sheets. We have booked some ice time at the Chelmsford Forum to use for make-up games and practices. Tom stated that there seems to be more ice available this fall than previous years.

Hugh Mullin said he would like to investigate, maybe once a month, giving teams one 1 ½ hour practice in lieu of two 50 minute practices.

Jim Kiley asked if the Girls would have BBN ice this season. Denis O'Donnell responded that since this ice was donated by a family whose girls have graduated from the WYH program, that we would not get this ice time this season. Tom Troiano wanted to thank the Barrows family for their generous support of the program.

### **Coaches Committee**

David Hennessey asked the Board to consider Christian Wright as the ½ season Midget Coach. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to approve. Jim Kiley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

David Hennessey stated that the annual coach's meeting will be held Sept. 10 at WHS.

### **Girls-Only Program**

Denis O'Donnell and Jim Kiley attended the MYC pre-season meeting the previous week. Denis reported that the Girls program had asked for and received a start date of October.

Tom T. reported that he is trying to get more ice time at the Flynn on Sunday nights for Girls Skills. Last season Girls skills were Sunday night in Somerville.

### **Dual State League**

David Hennessey reported that the new schedules would be out 8/30.

David and Tom Troiano reported that they were happy with the DSL response to WYH concerns over late night Bantam games and the poor communication in scheduling a higher than expected number of games for the 06-07 season.

### **Valley League**

Tom Troiano reported that the schedules would be out 8/29

### **Boys and Girls Midgets**

Tom Troiano reported that due to lack of interest, the Girls ½ season conditioning program has been cancelled. The Boys Midget program is well enrolled with both ½ season and full season teams enrolled in the Valley League.

### **Equipment / Jerseys**

Tom Troiano reported that socks and pucks are on order for the new season.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjournment**

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday Sept. 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.