

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2009

Attendees Directors – Tom Troiano, Roland Goff, Brud Houllahan, David Hennessey, Chris Parker, Nancy Lehrer, V.J. Ladd, Hugh Mullin and John Addonizio

Members Gerald Butler, John Franco

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 7:08 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 June Meeting

The Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Chris Parker made a motion that the Minutes as modified be accepted. The motion was seconded by Tom Troiano. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the June 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

President David Hennessey presented the Treasurer's report:

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$80,542.29. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$161,567.47 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$86,512.88. The total cash on hand is \$328,622.64.

David Hennessey noted that tuition collection continues, and three are uncollected fees of approximately \$11,500.00. He also informed the Board that the bills for the upcoming season will be received soon.

Tom Troiano made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chris Parker seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Coaches Committee

David Hennessey reported that WYH was close to naming a Midget coach. He also informed the Board that the annual coaches meeting will be held on September 14, 2009, 7PM at the Town Hall.

Dual State

Nancy Lehrer reported that WYH received a rebate check for \$4,560.00 from the DS for games that were not scheduled during the 08-09 season. The schedule will be out by September 3rd. The DS will be offering a skills session run by the Hockey Academy for \$20.00 per session per player on Sunday. The rinks that WYH will use for DS games will primarily be East Boston, Everett and Skate 3.

Valley League

The schedule will be produced on September 1 and the first games will be played on September 8, 2009. Tom Troiano asked is the team placements were appropriate from a competitive stand point. David Hennessey said that team placements in the league appear to be appropriate.

Mass Hockey/District 9

WYH Registrar Chris Parker reported that players and coaches were still obtaining their USA Hockey Registration. Tom Troiano said that he would assist Chris in moving all US A Hockey registration confirmations from the WYH web site to the Registrar Software (CyberSport).

Boys Open Travel

David Hennessey reported to the Board that the Bantam B team had 9 players withdraw since placements, leaving only 6 skaters registered. The options for these players will be joining the full season midget team which is still seeking players; play in the new WYH in-house recreational program (this would require an exception since the program is designed for Pew Wee and Squirt age players); potentially join with Belmont to form a combined team; possibly join Arlington to form a team. Hugh Mullin stated that the most important issue was providing the kids an opportunity to play despite the fact that any joint team would likely cost the WYH program to expend additional funds for league fees and other costs.

The Board agreed that if WYH does not have a Bantam B team for the 09-10 season, the six families affected will get a full refund.

The full season midget team is still looking for 5 more skaters and a goalie. The tryout for the ½ season midget team will be September 6, 2009.

Girls-only Program

The Middlesex Yankee Girls Hockey League (MYGHL) had its pre-season and placement meeting on August 20th. WYH teams were placed for the parity round as follows: U10 upper division; U12 middle division; U14B middle division; U 14A upper division.

Tom Troiano suggested that WYH may wish to move the girl's skills sessions to 7PM because of very poor attendance for the last several seasons. Another suggestion was to combine the girls and boys skills by appropriate age level and expand each session to one hour and twenty minutes. When putting together the ice schedule this possibility will be explored.

David Hennessey noted that currently there are 28 girls registered for VL play: 12 girls born in 95 or 96 and 15 girls born in 97/98/00. This is a sufficient number to enroll two teams on the girls VL.

Learn to Play Hockey/Learn to Skate

No new business.

Ice Committee

No new business

Marketing Committee

No new business.

New Business/Updates

Secretary Roland Goff requested that Board amend the minutes of the May Annual Meeting to reflect John Addonizio's statement opposing a motion to allow board members to join meetings by conference call. Tom Troiano made a motion to amend which was seconded by Hugh Mullin and adopted by the board.

David Hennessey informed the board that WYH goalies would begin to train with *Stop It Goaltending* in September.

WYH will send out information on the new in-house league and the Cheever program through e-mail, school letters and notice on the web site.

Chris Parker will be working with the developer of a web based shot tracking program for use by WYH this season. He also mentioned that WYH should consider creating a swap shop for equipment and skates. Tom Troiano also suggested that this could be part of WYH Night with guest speakers on hockey or youth sports.

VJ Ladd made a motion for WYH to reimburse coaches for helmets (required by USA Hockey) and the cost of USA Hockey coaching clinics. Tom Troiano seconded the motion and it was approved.

John Addonizio suggested that WYH consider taking all of its teams to either Lake Placid or Montreal for a tournament. John will gather more information September 14, 2009.

David Hennessey informed the board that the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be issues a request for proposals (RFP) to take over operation of the Flynn Rink for a period of 5 or less years. This issue has arisen before and WYH and Melrose Youth Hockey have created non-profit corporation the *Friends of Flynn* (FOF) so that it would be able to take over operation of the rink or provide necessary equipment or upgrades to keep the Flynn Rink operating. DCR is planning on issuing the RFP in early September with a filing deadline in October and handing over the operation of the Flynn Rink on January 1, 2010.

Hugh Mullin made motion that WYH continue its support of the FOF in its due diligence and efforts to secure a lease for the Flynn Rink. John Addonizio seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Adjournment

John Addonizio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Hugh Mullin and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday September 21, 2009 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

