

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 17, 2007

Attendees Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Ed Ducharme, Denis O'Donnell, Roland Goff, Steve Tucci, Ron Martignetti, John Addonizio, Jay Tedesco

Members – None

President Tom Troiano 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 August Meeting

The Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Denis O'Donnell 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 August 2007 meeting were entered into the record.

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 \$110,047.32. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$133,705.29 and the rolling 3 month CD has a balance of \$97,004.23. The total cash on hand is \$340,756.84.

Hugh stated that the 3 month CD is due at the end of September. He will look to see if we need to decrease that amount to meet our cash needs. The CD has a higher rate of interest than the checking account.

The Board wanted to note that the Winchester Cooperative Bank has been a very good partner of Winchester Youth Hockey over the years. And we would encourage any members to consider the WCB for their banking needs.

Hugh confirmed that we were able to avoid any penalty fees relating to the late drop of the Pee Wee C and Bantam C teams from both the Dual State and Valley Leagues.

Ron Martignetti asked how the budget was looking so far. Hugh stated that it was too early to tell, as the Girls program and the Learn to Play Hockey (Tri-city) have not started yet.

Ron Martignetti made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jim Kiley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mass Hockey/District 9

Tom Troiano stated that there was a District 9 meeting last week relating to state tournament dates and the ½ season midget program. Rosters for the midget teams are due by the October meeting. The October

meeting will include a seeding for the fall midget play downs. Winchester is required to give District 9 one 60-minute sheet for fall midget play downs. Tom Troiano noted that the Bantam Tier 2 Large State Tournament has been moved to early March and participating teams would not have varsity players available in early March. Tom said that he sent a request to the State Tournament Committee asking them to consider the later March dates which had been used the past several seasons.

Ice Committee

Tom Troiano stated that the October practice schedule is out. The Girls, Learn to Play Hockey and Learn to Skate programs all start in October. The projected opening date for the Flynn rink is October 13. Hugh Mullin asked if it would be necessary for WYH to pay for painting under the ice (“Jet Ice”) as we did last year. Tom stated that this was in the DCR budget this year and we would not have to pay. Tom noted that we still may want to consider buying new nets for Flynn and sharing the cost with Melrose.

Coaches Committee

Ron Martignetti stated – nothing to report.

Girls-Only Program

Denis O’Donnell stated that the MYC and Route 1 Leagues are slated to start the weekend of October 6th.

Dual State League

Nothing to report.

Valley League

Nothing to report.

Learn to Play Hockey (Tri-city)

John Addonizio reported that we currently have 35 players signed up for Learn to Play Hockey. Tom said that he expects more to sign up within the next month. Tom said that he sent a flyer around to all elementary schools (including St. Mary’s) and that we put a note in the Winchester Star.

Denis O’Donnell wants to make sure that the Tri-city League emphasizes cross-ice hockey. This is extremely beneficial to the development of young players.

Learn to Skate

Nothing to report

Equipment / Jerseys

Denis O’Donnell said that the Girls U14 team needs new shirts as last season’s were a mish mash of different sets. Tom Troiano noted that the U14 team was one of the teams scheduled to get new jerseys this season.

New Business

Denis O’Donnell wanted to thank Tom Troiano, David Hennessey and those who worked hard to make the recent coaches meeting a success.

There was discussion about the large number of players who had dropped out of the program recently, just before the beginning of the season. Tom Troiano stated that cost may be too great for children to play on two teams. Hugh Mullin said he thinks the season is too long and that there are too many games. Tom Troiano commented that the difference between the two models that we reviewed last Spring was likely

only about 10 games and that this is probably not the reason why more children dropped out than expected. Tom said that it's more a function of cost (not wanting to pay two hockey tuitions in many cases) and dissatisfaction over placements. Ed Ducharme stated that he thought the current model of 2 practices, 1 skill session and 2 games per week has worked very well over the years. John Addonizio stated that we should emphasize the "fun" aspect of the program.

Denis O'Donnell and Tom T. discussed the prospect of a three on three night once a month at the Flynn. Organizing all of the travel team players from each age group into teams and playing two cross ice games at a time. This would be a chance for the players to play with other kids their same age, whom they may be friends with, but are not on the same travel team. And allow for cross-ice games which are an important part of player development.

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 8:55 PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday Oct. 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.