

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**September 21 2009**

**Attendees** Directors – Tom Troiano, Roland Goff, David Hennessey, Chris Parker, Nancy Lehrer, V.J. Ladd, Hugh Mullin, Gordy Lawrence, Carl Pasciuto, Stephen Keating and Edward Ducharme, Jr.

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 7:04 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. Hugh Mullin made a motion that the Minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Tom Troiano. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the August 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Kiley reported:

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$100,370.55. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$162,073.82 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$86,669.39. The total cash on hand is \$349,113.78. The WYH endowment is now at \$180,053.00.

Jim Kiley reviewed the Actual Budget numbers from the 2009-09 season:

Excess Revenue for hockey operations was \$16,499.00; Excess Revenue for non-hockey operations was \$4759.00.

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**

Tom Troiano reported that WYH will not have a full season midget team for the 2009-10 season because there were insufficient players to form a team. He also informed the Board that the annual coaches' meeting was held on September 14, 2009, 7PM at the Town Hall.

**Dual State**

Chris Parker will send the DS a letter confirming the withdrawal of the full season midget team. Since the team was withdrawn after the release of the parity round schedule, WYH will likely have to pay about \$3,000.00 for the games that were scheduled. All players who were still enrolled at the date of the withdrawal will receive full refunds. David Hennessey is reaching out to other District 9 teams to find spots for 2 WYH players who are still searching for a team.

### **Valley League**

Roland Goff reported that WYH is monitoring the parity round games to make sure teams can be placed in a competitively balanced group. **The Board is aware of a couple of parity issues and they will be discussed with the Valley League as soon as possible so that adjustment can be made before the end of the parity round if all parties agree that this is appropriate.**

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

WYH Registrar Chris Parker reported that the ½ season midget roster has been submitted. He will e-mail the other coaches their USA Hockey Rosters.

### **Boys Open Travel**

David Hennessey reported to the Board that the Bantam B team had only 5 players as of August of 2009 and discussion with Belmont to form a joint team did not work. The 5 players joined a Woburn Bantam team. The players received a full refund from WYH. Tom Troiano noted that WYH now has about \$10,000.00 worth of extra ice due to the loss of the Bantam team, and some of that ice will be sold. Hugh Mullin noted that WYH needs to get commitments from players before it commits a team to the league. Nancy Lehrer pointed out that the lack of depth at certain age levels contributes to withdrawals because teams have players at different playing levels.

### **Girls-only Program**

David Hennessey noted that currently there are 28 girls registered for VL play, but player participation must be confirmed in the next week. Roland Goff and Hugh Mullin stated that it would be best for the girls to join the boys at skills (in age appropriate groups) making better use of the ice. The Board agreed that there would be three 50-minute skills sessions on Sunday evenings for boy and girls in the appropriate age groups.

### **Learn to Play Hockey/Learn to Skate**

Registration is open for the Learn to Skate, Learn to Play Hockey, the Cheever Program and the In-House Program. Currently there are 25 children registered for the Cheever Program; 24 registered for Learn to Play Hockey; 4 registered for the In-House Program (notice about this program is just being released during the month of September). Ed Ducharme, Jr., will be working with players at the In-House Program.

Chris Parker has organized a Skate/Equipment Swap to be held on October 3, 2009 from 11-3 at the Sons of Italy.

### **Ice Committee**

Tom Troiano noted that the October ice schedule would be out soon. He also reiterated that WYH has extra ice that it will sell.

### **Marketing Committee**

No new business.

### **New Business/Updates**

David Hennessey noted that some teams were interested in playing a tournament in Lake Placid, but it is now a team by team decision, not a Board matter. However, in the future the Board should consider a proposal that one age group play in a Lake Placid Tournament as part of the WYH program, e.g. each season the Squirt teams will go to Lake Placid.

Tom Troiano told the Board that the initial draft RFP for taking over operation of the Flynn Rink contained terms that only a large commercial organization could meet, making it almost impossible for the Friends of the Flynn to take over operation. DCR is currently working a second and likely final draft of the RFP that will be issued in October.

Carl Pasciuto and Tom Troiano informed the Board that WYH needs about 20 jerseys to complete matching sets for each team.

Jim Kiley noted that WYH is still planning on creating an on-line store for the purchase of WYH gear. Each item purchased would provide a small contribution to WYH.

The Board discussed the need for a fund raiser during the 2009-10 season, or if it would be best to have Social Event for WYH parents. Tom Troiano made a motion that WYH hold a Social Event during the 2009-10 season and Chris Parker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by the Board.

### **Adjournment**

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme, Jr., and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday October 19, 2009 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.