

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**October 20, 2008**

**Attendees** Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Steve Tucci,  
David Hennessey, Carl Pasciuto, Roland Goff, Erick Knutzen, Bill Redler.

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 Winchester Youth Hockey business.

**Minutes from September Meeting**

The Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Hugh Mullin made a motion to accept the Minutes of the August meeting, and the motion was seconded by Tom Troiano. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jim Kiley presented the Treasurer's Report as follows.

WYH received tuition payments of during the month of September and was making all the regularly scheduled payments for ice and league fees. The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed a checking account balance of \$44,468.80. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$156,338.57 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$85,043.85. The total cash on hand for the corporation is \$285,851.22.

A second e-mail will be sent to all those who have not made the tuition payments due through September 5, 2008. Also, the Board took note that the President and Treasurer have the authority to deal with any financial hardship cases that may arise.

The Board expressed thanks to Danny Palmer for facilitating a \$750.00 donation from Verizon.

The Board also thanked the Boston Bruins Foundation for its contribution of \$1,000.00 to WYH.

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

**Coaches Committee**

The Coaches Committee had no issues to report.

**Dual State League**

Jim Kiley indicated that the Pee Wee A team should move down one division. Erik Knutzen will notify the league of this request. Erik also stated that he would review the schedule for each team in the DS (Pee Wee B and Bantam B) to assure proper placement post parity.

David Hennessey informed the DS that WYH would move its Bantam A team to the VL for a more appropriate placement. Since WYH is looking for some additional ice sheets and the DS had already purchased ice for the Bantam A games, WYH will consider purchasing some ice sheets from the DS provided the times and locations are appropriate for use by WYH teams. WYH has made one payment to the DS and will hold on payment of second bill until the ice issue is resolved.

### **Valley League**

There have been a few issues with VL games: no time keeper at game time for a game in Woburn; late cancellation of a game scheduled for the Pingree School; no locker rooms at a Merrimack game. These issues will be raised with the VL to avoid similar occurrences.

### **Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey**

28 children are registered for Learn to Play Hockey but registration continues. The expectation is that there will be two teams to play on the large rink and one team (the Bruins) to play on the small rink. The deadline to determine which teams will be participating in the Tri-City League is October 26th. Erik Knutzen reported that the USA Hockey Rosters for the Learn to Play hockey teams are due on December 1, 2008.

The Learn to Skate program will be held on Saturdays at 3PM. Approximately 45 children are registered for the first session of this program.

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

Erik Knutzen reported two teams (U12 and Squirt C2) missed the roster deadline which may result in the imposition of a late fee. The rosters for the Mite B and C teams have not been submitted. However, since there is no state play downs for these teams it does not present a problem. Rosters have been submitted for all teams participating in state play downs. Any Supplemental Rosters are due by in about one month. .

New travel coaches often are unfamiliar with the roster preparation process, so next year the Board will consider holding a meeting for new travel coaches to review the roster preparation process.

Jim Kiley will provide Erik Knutzen a list of all coaches so that Erik may check for CORI registration for each coach.

Tom Troiano stated the Bantam and Midget play down seeding is complete and the games begin October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Midgets.

Tom Troiano reported that Mass Hockey is seeking volunteers for the Women's Frozen Four that we be hosted by BU in March of 2009. Anyone interested may contact Gloria Herman at Mass Hockey. Tom also reported that 14 towns did not show up for the Bruins Mini One on One competition, thus the program may be discontinued.

### **Boys/Open Travel Hockey**

The Midget full season team has low number of players and has played several games with 6 or 7 players. Also, the goalie has missed a few games. WYH will be contacting other towns who may have Midget age players looking for a team.

### **Girls-Only Travel Hockey**

The girls program continues to have an issue finding goalies to play at each age level. The Board discussed seeking 2 girls at each level to become goalies and offering a group goalie training to encourage girls to become goalies. Also, allowing goalies to play up one age level might be an incentive to attract goalies.

### **Ice Committee**

No issues.

### **Marketing Committee**

The Committee will be holding its first meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. It will develop proposals with time lines for implementation that will be sent to the Board. The Board agreed with Carl Pasciuto that the Marketing and Fund Raising Committees should be combined since they share much of the same agenda. The Marketing Committee is ordering sweatshirts for all WYH players in Learn to Play Hockey and our travel programs.

Carl Pasciuto proposed that WYH join with Sachus Youth Baseball/Softball (SYBS) on a fundraiser to be held February 6, 2009, at the Montvale Plaza. It will be a comedy show fundraiser and there will be an auction of items also. WYH and SYBS will split equally all proceeds (gate and auction money).

The motion received a second from Erik Knutzen, and the motion was approved by the Board.

### **New Business**

The games between WYH and Needham on Columbus Day were competitive, and this series of games has worked for both programs.

Bruins Pass Clinic was held on Columbus Day at the Cambridge Rink. WYH gave up its scheduled ice for this event. WYH had about 20 players and several coaches participate. At the end of the Clinic the Bruins Foundation presented WYH with a \$1,000.00 donation (noted above in the Treasurer's Report).

David Hennessey received a notice from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) regarding the solicitation of advertisers for the boards at the Flynn Rink. Each board panel would cost \$950 and proceeds would be evenly divided among WYH, DCR, and the company that makes the banner. This issue was referred to the Marketing Committee.

David Hennessey was contacted by "Findsportsnow.com" about posting WYH events on that web site. The issue was referred to the marketing committee.

There was a discussion about refunding fees for players who withdraw late from WYH programs. Currently, all fees paid to WYH are non-refundable, but the President and Treasurer have the authority to modify this rule on a case by case basis. Further discussion on this issue was tabled until the next meeting.

The Pee Wee B team is organizing a shooting challenge for any WYH team that wishes to participate. WYH may supply some small prizes for the winners.

Bill Redler announced that the Squirt A team will be participating in a tournament in Lake Placid, NY from January 29 to February 1, 2009. The team will need its travel permit and pins for players to exchange during tournament play.

### **Adjournment**

Hugh Mullin 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 9:25 PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Winchester Youth Hockey Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday November 17, 2008, at 7:00PM. Location to be announced.