

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**October 19, 2009**

**Attendees** Directors – Tom Troiano, Roland Goff, David Hennessey, Chris Parker, Nancy Lehrer, V.J. Ladd, Hugh Mullin, Gordy Lawrence, Carl Pasciuto, Stephen Keating, Brud Houllahan, William Redler, John Addonizio, and Jim Kiley.

**Members** Steve Mix

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 7:05 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 September Meeting**

The Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. Hugh Mullin made a motion that the Minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Chris Parker. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the September 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Kiley reported:

League and ice fees have been paid. The second tuition payment due on 9/1/09 is coming is slower than usual. There are 20 families who have not made the second payment. The certificates of deposit are up for renewal in December of 2009.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$72,366.92. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$162,565.37 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$86,821.12. The total cash on hand is \$321,753.41.

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

**Coaches Committee**

Tom Troiano reported that the Bruins held a coaches clinic attended by 250 coaches including by several WYH coaches. There is a CD of the clinic with some drills and copies will be distributed to WYH coaches. Also, Roger Grillo of USA Hockey who is the leader on the ADM program for the Northeast will be scheduling a coaching clinic to be held in November or December.

**Dual State**

David Hennessey reported that WYH has withdrawn all of its teams from the DS.

**Valley League**

David Hennessey reported that two teams (Pee Wee B and Mite B) had difficult draws for the parity round. WYH will continue to monitor the results of these teams. Chris Parker reported that copies of the USA Hockey rosters will be sent to the VL, but as David Hennessey noted WYH must still complete separate VL rosters.

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

Chris Parker reported that all USA Hockey Rosters have been submitted. District 9 is starting its own Cheever program on Sunday mornings. Once participants have completed the program, they will be referred back to their youth hockey association for further playing opportunities.

### **Boys Open Travel**

No issues.

### **Girls-only Program**

VJ Ladd inquired if ability to skate is required for girls to play in the program. David Hennessey told the Board that if the girl is age appropriate for tri-city, then she should enroll in that program. However, for older girls there is no requirement to be an experienced skater to play in the girls only program.

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

David Hennessey reported that the first session of Learn to Skate would begin on Saturday. The second session will begin in January 2010. The number of participants is fine, but a bit below last year. There will be one to two children who will be using a sled for skating. Although WYH and its instructors do not have experience in teaching children how to use the sled, getting them on the ice is the most important component.

David Hennessey updated the Board on the Learn to Play Hockey program: start date 10/11/09; two teams for the big rink and 1 for the small rink.

### **Cheever and In-House Program**

Tom Troiano reported that the Cheever program was fully enrolled and participants were obtaining their equipment package from Sports Etc. Tom also told the Board that there were a couple of fathers who could help out, but that WYH will need to supplement that to provide the proper number of coaches for each session.

David Hennessey reported that the In-House program still had plenty of spots available for players. The plan estimated that there would be 30 players, but at this point in time there are only 9 registered (6 Squirt age and 3 Pee Wee age). The Marketing Committee will post ads in the local newspaper and on school e-newsletters as well as contacting players from the 08-09 Cheever Program who have not enrolled in another WYH program. David Hennessey will contact a couple of other D9 programs to determine if they have children who might be interested in this program. Also, the program will be open to those in birth year from 1996 to 2000.

### **Ice Committee**

Tom Troiano told the Board that WYH is trying to sell some ice. There is extra ice under contract because the Flynn Rink opened early and WYH had to cancel its Bantam B team. Some ice has been sold to the MYGHL and the Middlesex Braves. Since the first hour at BBN is being sold, this may create an issue about securing a locker room for the girls who will skate during the second hour of ice while a boys team is on the ice.

### **Marketing Committee**

No new business.

### **New Business/Updates**

David Hennessey informed the Board that for the third time 7 WYH teams played against Needham in a Columbus Day Tournament hosted by Needham.

Carl Pasciuto told the Board the on-line store is ready and will have a dozen items ready for purchase. The on-line web store allows for individual orders. Tom Troiano will post the on-line store tab on the web site this evening.

WYH Swap Shop was a success thanks to the efforts of Chris Parker and Carl Pasciuto. A number of children obtained equipment and about 8 children were fully outfitted at the swap shot.

Chris Parker is again organizing the shooting challenge. The previous week was a trial run allowing coaches to log in so their players can begin participating. Chris has 23 Bruins hats that will be the weekly prizes for the player recorded the most shots.

David Hennessey read a thank you from Paul Troiano to the Board about his receipt of the WYH Scholarship.

Brud Houllahan mentioned that to encourage members to attend Board meetings, WYH should prominently post on the web site the time and location of each Board meeting.

Tom Troiano mentioned that the Board should consider having two ½ season Midget teams rather than one full season team and one half season team. It has become difficult to field a full season team since the vast majority of players participate on a high school team and they don't want to play for WYH after Thanksgiving. Bob Andrews, who coached the full season team for two seasons, has said that it was extremely challenging fielding a team during the high school JV season. Tom Troiano noted that by including all four midget birth years we should have no trouble fielding two half season teams.

### **Adjournment**

Jim Kiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Addonizio, and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday November 23, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall.