

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**November 17, 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, Jim Kiley and Ed Ducharme, Jr.

**Members** Jamie Hintlian, John Franco

President David Hennessey opened the meeting at 6:35 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 October Meeting**

The Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Tom Troiano made a motion that the Minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme, Jr. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the October 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

**MDSC**

Jamie Hintlian thanked the Board for its donation of \$200.00 to the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress. Members of the MDSC play a group of Bruins Alumni each year, and the event raised over \$80,000.00 this year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Kiley reported:

Ice rental fees have been paid. There are still some families (approximately 10) who have not made the September payment. The final payment for the 2009-2010 season is due December 1, 2009. The certificates of deposit will be up for renewal at the end of December 2009. The budget for the 2009-2010 season shows a \$15, 827 deficit due to the dropping of two teams – Bantam B and Midget full season – and an enrollment in the in-house program that is less than anticipated.

David Hennessey reported that WYH will receive a refund from the Tri-City program of about \$2,000.00. This refund is from excess funds that have built up over several seasons. Melrose Youth Hockey will use some of the excess funds to purchase more nets for the Flynn Rink and to build a cage to store the bumpers used for cross ice games.

Tom Troiano asked if the Board believed that WYH should sell more ice so that the expenditure for ice was closer to the August Budget estimate of \$146,000.00. The general consensus of the Board was that WYH should keep the ice to add some practice time for several teams.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$51,450.61. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$163,058.41 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$86,973.12. The total cash on hand is \$301,482.14.

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**

Nothing to report.

### **Valley League**

Bill Redler informed the Board that the parity round has been completed and although there was some movement most teams were appropriately placed. Also, there is a referee report on the VL web site that coaches can complete to give the VL feedback on its referees.

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

Chris Parker informed the Board that the Squirt C2 was seeded second for the District playdowns. The remaining teams will be seeded on January 5, 2010, and the playdowns will start on January 13, 2010. Coaches may attend to present the case for their team seeding or provide information that Chris can present. Chris reminded the Board that teams seeking Travel Permits need to apply three weeks before the planned travel or there will be a \$50.00 late fee assessed. Chris is working with Mass Hockey to make sure all new WYH coaches are CORI compliant.

### **Boys Open Travel**

David Hennessey informed the Board that the Bantam A team won the District 9 crown and will play in the state tournament which is scheduled for March 2010 in Springfield.

### **Girls-only Program**

Jim Kiley noted that girls attendance at skills is much better since the schedule was changed so that they attend the same sessions as the boys.

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

David Hennessey informed the Board that the Tri-City program is running well. There are two teams from Winchester and Melrose as well as one team from Malden/East Boston; Belmont; Arlington; and Medford. David also noted that the Learn to Skate program is going very well.

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

David Hennessey updated the Board in the Cheever program: the program is two weeks into its eight week run; enrollment is full and attendance is high. There is one concern for next season – many of the children cannot skate making the hockey portion of the program difficult to teach. Since the intent of the program is to introduce kids to hockey, WYH may wish to make basic skating a requirement for registration. Tom Troiano noted that about 25% of the children from the program last season are enrolled in another WYH program this season.

Although the new In-house hockey program only has fourteen regular skaters compared to the estimated thirty-two in the program model, the Monday evening practices and Saturday 3 v 3 games are going well. WYH will advertise the program again because now that soccer is over, there might be more children interested in this program. At the suggestion of Steve Keating on December 12, 2009, there will be a bring-a-friend event which may bring in a few more players. Hugh Mullin noted that WYH can prorate the fees for late registrants.

Tom Troiano noted that there is a need for more coaches to attend the Cheever Program sessions and maybe a few of the In-house sessions.

### **Ice Committee**

No new business.

### **Marketing Committee**

Tom Troiano made a motion to hold a social event for WYH Parents in February 10, 2010, the motions was seconded by Chris Parker and adopted by the Board.

Carl Pasciuto reported that the on-line store already shipped 22 orders and 6 orders are being filled currently.

### **New Business/Updates**

David Hennessey informed the Board the parents of the WYH goalies are pleased with the switch to Stop It Goaltending and some have expressed an interest in expanding the number of sessions. One parent, Phil Wallace, has stepped forward to coordinate the goalie schedule so that WYH can use its 6 slots each week.

The RFP for taking over operation of the Flynn Rink has not been issues by DCR. Rep. Jason Lewis has been speaking to representatives of DCR and keeping WYH updated on the status of the RFP.

David Hennessey informed the Board of the holiday tournament schedule for WYH: the three Mite teams played in the Woburn Thanksgiving Tournament; the Pee Wee A and Squirt A teams played in the Medford Thanksgiving Tournament; 11 teams team will be playing in the Arlington Christmas (Tournament Mite A and B, Squirt A, B, C1, Pee Wee A and B, Bantam A, all three girls teams); and the Pee Wee B will play in a local 3 v 3 tournament.

Chris Parker noted that the shot challenge is going well and on pace to beat the record number of shots from last season.

### **Adjournment**

Tom Troiano 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 7:43PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday December 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM at China Sky.