

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2009

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

Members

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 November Meeting

The Minutes of the November 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 November 2009 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Kiley reported:

Ice fees have been paid. The last VL payment is due soon. The renewal of the Certificates of Deposit (CDs) is due at the end of December 2009. The interest rate on the CDs will fall. The accountant hired by WYH filed an extension for the 2008 Tax Return. WYH filed its annual reports for the years 1998-2003 with the Secretary of State.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$16,530.88. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$163,569.43 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$87,130.46. The total cash on hand is \$267,230.77.

Brud Houllihan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John Addonizio seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Coaches Committee

Nothing to report.

Valley League

Bill Redler informed the Board that the Bantam A was moved up a division during the current schedule. The Pee Wee B team is moving down to a more competitive division.

Mass Hockey/District 9

David Hennessey informed the Board that seeding for the state play-downs will be done on January 5, 2010. Chris Parker told the Board that the Tri-City rosters have been submitted to USA Hockey. Roster modifications cost \$100.00 per change to discourage modifications, so Jim Kiley suggested that WYH be cautious about submitting rosters unless we are confident the roster is complete.

Boys Open Travel

David Hennessey informed the Board that the Bantam A team is short players now that high school season has arrived and there have been some injuries and illness. WYH will add one player to its roster, and the Bantam B players who are on a Woburn roster, will be used as alternates (and no fee will be charged). The new player will pay prorated tuition.

VJ Ladd asked if there will be enough players for a Bantam team since many players may be moving up. Jim Kiley felt that there will be sufficient Pee Wee players moving up that there should be enough Bantam players for two teams next season.

Girls Only Travel

Chris Parker asked if WYH ever had a U16 Girls Program. David Hennessey said that there have been seasons with a Midget level girls team. The key issue is getting the commitment from the girls to make sure the team does not fold. Jim Kiley informed the Board that the MYGHL is now sponsoring a U16 league.

John Addonizio raised an issue about moving girls to the appropriate age group and not using skill to make up teams of mixed aged girls. Jim Kiley and Tom Troiano told the Board that this season the number of girls playing required WYH to make up two teams of girls from three birth years. Tom Troiano and John Addonizio proposed that the Board discuss in January setting a meeting to just deal with issues relating to the Girls Program.

Learn to Play Hockey/Learn to Skate

John Addonizio told the Board that there is still the need for a 4th net to be used for the Tri-City program. VJ Ladd said that most teams do not have goalies for the cross ice games. The Board believes that the cross ice games should not have goalies. When the Tri-City teams begin to play full ice games, then goalies are appropriate.

The Learn to Skate program is going well, and the annual visit by Santa was a big hit.

Cheever and In-House Program

Tom Troiano informed the Board that the first 3 sessions of the Cheever program have gone well. WYH will notify Mass Hockey of its intent to apply for a Cheever grant to cover the 2010-2011 season. The application is due January 31, 2010.

David Hennessey told the Board that the in-house program is going well.

Ice Committee

No new business.

Marketing Committee

Carl Pasciuto reported that WYH will hold a parent social event in early February at the Woburn Country Club. Details will be published in January.

New Business/Updates

David Hennessey informed the Board that there is still some need for coaches at the Cheever Program and the In-house league. Also, WYH will need volunteers to work the District 9 play-down games hosted by WYH. David Hennessey will send out the schedule in January and ask for volunteers.

Thanks to Chris Parker for his work in organizing the Shooting Challenge.

Adjournment

John Addonizio 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 7:50PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday January 18, 2010 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall.