

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

December 12, 2011

Attendees Directors – Chris Parker, Steve Mix, Gordy Lawrence, Jim Kiley, Stephen Keating, Tom Troiano, Ron Martignetti, Carolyn Walsh, David Hennessey, VJ Ladd, Brud Houllahan, John Addonizio, John Franco

President Chris Parker opened the meeting at 6:38 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. John Addonizio 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 November 2011 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Troiano advised that WYH began December with \$53,658.31 in checking. WYH had \$35,675.36 in December revenue. WYH had \$375 in reg fees, \$33,820.36 in tuition, \$1,000 in donations and \$480 in ice rental revenue. The \$1,000 was a donation from Ron and Lynne Martignetti to fund the Anthony Martignetti Unsung Hero Awards from last season. The \$480 was ice that District 9 purchased for Midget and Girls U19 play downs.

WYH had \$28,761.01 in expenses to date in December. \$18,720 in league fees (100% to MYCGL), \$1,770 in tournaments, \$7,410 in ice rental fees, \$80 in Mass Hockey fees, \$300 in donations and \$481.01 in credit card processing fees. The donations were two full page ads in the Winchester High School Hockey program book.

This results in a checking balance of \$60,572.66. There is \$329,818.12 in the two CD accounts for total cash on hand of \$390,390.78. There is \$70,000 in unpaid tuition. WYH will send out reminder notices after Christmas.

All of the tax information from the 2010-2011 hockey season has been delivered to Hartnett and Company. WYH filed an extension (which was approved) to have the taxes delivered to the IRS by Feb 15, 2012.

Ron Martignetti made a motion to accept this month's treasurer's report. Chris Parker seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously accepted.

Mass Hockey/District 9

Nothing to report.

ACE Coordinators

VJ Ladd advised that Mass Hockey was reporting 50% of the CEP courses were completed statewide. Tom Troiano mentioned that Mass Hockey was stating that it needs to be done by the 12/31 deadline. VJ was working to make sure everyone in WYH was done before the deadline. VJ Ladd also mentioned the need for a follow up meeting with the coaches.

VJ Ladd also mentioned that some of the coaches were complaining about the cost of the modules. More of the argument was not the actual cost but the principle of them having to pay for something they were already volunteering to do.

David Hennessey advised that the policy in the past had been to submit a form and then WYH would reimburse the coach for the training cost.

Ron Martignetti mentioned that paying for coaches training had been discussed in the past.

John Addonizio asked if we could make it a fund raising item.

VJ Ladd offered that Lexington/Bedford Youth hockey pays for classes and helmets for the coaches.

Chris Parker suggested that we discuss it further at the coach's follow up meeting.

Tom Troiano asked if we should consider paying for coaches to attend the Level 4 certification classes.

David Hennessey offered that we could reimburse them after they had completed Level 3 as that shows a significant commitment to WYH.

VJ Ladd made a motion to purchase an equipment box to be housed at the Flynn rink. Steve Mix seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Coaches Committee

Nothing to report.

Ice Committee

Tom Troiano advised that the January ice schedule will be out before Christmas.

Boys Open Travel/Valley League

Chris Parker advised that the Valley League would not consider moving a Mite team to Squirt or Squirt team to Pee Wee. The Squirt A and Mite A coaches had advised that this was not necessary as the parity schedule had brought about better competition.

VJ Ladd advised that the cross ice jamborees were a pleasant surprise and that the kids really seemed to like the day. Chris Parker asked if we should consider reducing the number of players involved. Tom Troiano advised that we used to have cross ice nights at the Flynn and offered to build one into the future schedules for all levels of players.

Girls Only

Chris Parker advised that WYH needed to clean up the start times for the BBN practice ice because of the shifting starts. Tom Troiano will try to get an answer from the BBN rink manager.

Learn to Play/ Intro to Hockey/ In House

Carolyn Walsh advised that the only current issue with LTPH was that one Winchester team was dominating the league and some of the other teams are complaining about it.

Marketing Committee

Steve Keating advised that a quick review of the marketing survey indicated that many of the same perceived issues still existed. Chris Parker asked if we could get information out prior to the January Board Meeting. Steve Keating suggested that we hold a special marketing committee meeting before the January board meeting. Ron Martignetti suggested that a special meeting would need to be open to all members. Steve Keating replied that this wouldn't be a special meeting but rather a marketing committee meeting that was open to all directors. The marketing meeting will be held on January 9th at town hall.

Chris Parker asked to move Mite Nite to the February meeting.

Fundraising

John Addonizio is talking to the Sons of Italy about booking that site for a fundraising event.

On Line Store

418 sweatshirts were ordered and should be in shortly. All teams had completed the sweatshirt orders. All equipment bags ordered will be here in time for Christmas delivery.

Equipment

Two full sets of equipment were ordered for a mite team and a squirt team, according to John Franco. Pee Wee and Bantam sets will be ordered next year for a team at each of the two levels. VJ Ladd made a motion to purchase a new set of WYH pins to be handed out at tournaments. Steve Keating seconded the motion and it was approved with a vote of 9 in favor and 2 against. Chris Parker was interested in making a motion to buy new pucks for WYH to use at Town Day. Tom Troiano suggested that the Town Day budget be built into the tuition model. The endowment should be used for financial aid and a reasonable security level.

New Business

Cheever grow hockey grant – Steve Mix will complete the intent to submit for the Cheever Grow Hockey grant.

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Walsh, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors for Monday January 23rd, 2012, and the location will be posted on the WYH web site.