

**WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, January 5, 2004**

**Attendees**            Directors -    Nick Mitropoulos, Mark Robinson, Chris Goodyear,  
Tom Troiano, Ron Martignetti, Terry Brennan, Scott  
Fusco, Ed Ducharme, Hugh Mullin, Jim Leo, David  
Hennessey, Tim Smith

                             WYH Members -    Jamie Hintlian, John Primerano, George Turner, Joe  
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President Ron Martignetti opened the meeting at 7:15 PM.

By poll of WYH Board of Directors members present, it was determined that a quorum was present to allow for the transaction of business.

**Minutes of December 10, 2003 BOD Meeting**

On reading of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 10, 2003, no corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of December 10, 2003 BOD Meeting was made by Ron Martignetti, and seconded by Hugh Mullin. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 10, 2003 were entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

WYH Treasurer Tom Troiano confirmed WHY Cash balance of \$91,932.28 as of December 1, 2003. Tom Troiano confirmed revenues of \$45,406.17 and expenses of \$95,068.24 in December. Tom stated that the \$30,000 transfer from the C.D. on December 30, 2003 shows as an expense but the actual expense was \$65,000. Tom confirmed that there was \$53,000 in the CD as of December 31, 2003. Tom reports that Year-To-Date WYH expenses are \$474,374.99 with revenues of \$497,628.09. Ron Martignetti inquired if WYH could budget on calendar year. Both Tom Troiano and Hugh Mullin stated WYH is doing this. Hugh Mullin further stated we are on target to meet the original budget. Tom Troiano made deposits of \$9,332.15 on January 4, 2004. As of January 5, 2004, WYH checking balance was \$50,789.82 and the CD balance was \$53,015.62 for a total of \$103,805.44. Included is Tom Troiano's WYH Revenue Summary for the 2003-2004 hockey season, which includes the projected bank balance for Summer 2004 and prior year cash positions. Ron Martignetti inquired about the outstanding 2003-2004 revenues of \$27,362. Tom stated these are past due balances we will collect from families or their children will not be allowed in placements. Dave

Hennessey also confirmed that Winchester High School has paid \$2,500 for WYH ice and still owes an additional \$5,000. Hugh Mullin confirmed that the CPA has not heard back from the IRS regarding the 2001 tax filing and the \$6,800 that is owed.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ron Martignetti and seconded by Hugh Mullin and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

### **Registrar's Report**

Chris Goodyear confirmed the program has registered 474 children and 58 coaches as of January 5, 2004. WYH has 26 teams and 5 Mite D teams.

The Playdown Seeding meeting will be at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn, but the date is not yet available. All coaches should attend if their teams are playing. She reminded coaches to have their team's record available.

Chris stated that Bill Morgan will be the time keeper at the Flynn Rink for Playdown games.

### **Dual State League Report**

Nothing to Report

### **Tri-City League Report**

Terry Brennan reported that the league has a balance of \$9,000, as of January 5, 2004 and an operating expense of \$16,000. The league has revenues of \$22,000 with a profit of \$6,000. He states that profits generally run \$7,000 – 10,000, which is paid back to Malden, Melrose, and Winchester, or roughly \$3,000 to each town.

Ron Martignetti questioned how the league was structured, i.e. is it a corporation? Ron also asked "how" and "who" was managing the finances. Terry Brennan confirmed that the Melrose treasurer was in charge of the finances and that he needs to get clarification of the league's corporate structure.

Tom Troiano asked if it is an organization under U.S. Hockey guidelines.

Ron Martignetti recommended the Tri-City League should keep an endowment of \$2,000 to keep profits low and have a separate account number for the Tri-City League under one of three youth hockey organization's '04 number. Tom Troiano felt an endowment of \$1,000 would be sufficient.

Terry Brennan confirmed WYH owes the Tri-City League \$6,700. Scott Fusco stated that we should pay this now and get the refund.

Scott Fusco confirmed that the Tri-City League has the Cross Ice bumpers and have been using them for the last 2 weeks with great success. The Cross Ice bumpers will be owned by the rink.

Scott Fusco stated that full ice games will start in 2 weeks and run for 9 weeks.

Terry Brennan stated that there are 2 new hockey nets that are owned by the Tri-City League. The nets are there for everyone to use.

### **Girls Hockey League**

Nothing to report.

### **Director of Ice Utilization**

Tom Troiano confirmed placements will be at different rinks this year.

Tom stated that ice on weekends is a problem and WYH is trying to spread it around.

Tom confirmed that the Tri-City League will end the first Saturday in March.

Ed Ducharme questioned if all weekend practice ice is being used. Tom confirmed that all the ice is being used and once in a while it will be missed due to games. Hugh Mullin asked if WYH Board could give this extra ice to the Tri-City teams; they would benefit the most. Tom Troiano said that he did offer a 10-week skills session to Tri City but, given that it would be on the weekend, it was determined that that would be undesirable.

### **Clinic Director's Report**

Scott Fusco confirmed the 2<sup>nd</sup> session started on Saturday, January 3, 2004. Eleven new children showed up, which brings the total to 71 for Learn to Skate.

Terry Brennan stated that 40-45 children show per week, with 5-6 children per instructor. The cost is \$150/child for half the season and \$200/child for the complete season.

### **Coaches Committee Report**

Nick Mitropoulos and the other committee members had a meeting with a parent of a player to discuss the parent's abusive emails to WYH directors.

Nick confirmed there will be a coaches meeting next Monday, January 12, 2004, at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at Ron Martignetti's house.

### **Director of Endowment Enrichment Report**

Hugh Mullin, as Director, has researched other youth hockey programs' fund raising programs and believes WYH should consider Norwood Youth Hockey's program. Hugh states that Norwood sells logo space on their website to corporate sponsors for \$600 as Gold Sponsor and \$300 as a Silver Sponsor. Committee will research this and ask Deb Smith for her input regarding the web page.

Ron Martignetti asked if there were national or local sponsors. Hugh said they were most likely local sponsors. Ron asked if we can get national sponsors like Bauer or Easton. Hugh will research the National Brand question. Joe Sacco knows reps for CCM and Easton and will speak to them.

Ron proposed that we put panels on shirts like Winchester Youth Baseball.

Dave Hennessey recommended a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund raiser. Ideas include an alumni list, auction, and dinner dance. The event will be scheduled for Fall '04.

Mark Robinson proposed that WYH create a menu to send to sponsors of what they would like to do. Giving sponsors choices is important to success.

Tim Smith proposed that WYH hold off planning the fund raiser until the Spring Placements have been completed.

### **2004-2005 Placements**

Tom Troiano presented to the Board the number of teams WYH will have next year and two alternatives for discussion. Next year's Boys Open Division will have 2 Midget, 5 Bantam, 5 Pee wee, 4 Squirt, 2 Mite Travel, and 4 Mite (Tri-City). The Girls Program, according to Chris Goodyear, will field roughly 4 teams based on 78 players.

Tom Troiano presented two alternatives where WYH might offer a house league format to the Bantam and Pee wee C, D, and E teams. The variations are to play 2 games per week in a WYH house league or to play 1 house league game and one travel league game per week. Practices would be 3 1/3 sheets plus Skills on Sunday. Tom proposed these options to open discussion on how WYH can better manage our ice and still give a quality experience for the players. He stated these are ideas and would like opinions from the board.

Ron Martignetti stated that practice ice is being underutilized at this time due to poor attendance on the weekend and game conflicts. Ron sees this being beneficial to these players because the practice could be linked to an in-house league game. The children would be playing against friends, like in baseball, and practice attendance would increase. Ron stated that he grew up with this system and it was fun and he further believes that one price does not fit all.

Mark Robinson raised the concern of how this might affect the players that are on the C teams. Mark was concerned about emotional effects this will have if children have been playing on C travel teams and are now put on in-house league teams.

Scott Fusco stated that WYH should be putting the emphasis on more practice ice and that every team should play in one league.

Tom Troiano stated that the games are not the issue, but finding practice ice that is convenient and that the program can utilize.

Dave Hennessey mentioned that the A and B teams should not be treated differently because these players are playing on Independent, Middle School, Metro, or Select hockey teams. Dave feels that 1 game and 1 practice per week, with an intense skill session, would be sufficient due to the current lack of attendance at practice.

Tom Troiano said the Dennis O'Donnell is a big proponent of 1 league for the A and B teams.

Dave Hennessey emphasized that practice is poorly attended across the board.

John Primerano said this has occurred because there is no set time for practice for each team, like years past. Ron Martignetti said that this cannot occur due to the size of the program and the conflicts on weekends between practice ice and games.

Ron Martignetti proposed an attendance sheet be handed out to coaches at the Coaches meeting to help the board get a better understanding. Hugh Mullin recommended a poll be put on the web site for feedback. Mark Robinson recommended we take our time and discuss options over a period of time and come up with a better solution. Hugh Mullin, Scott Fusco, Ed Ducharme, and Dave Hennessey concurred. Ron Martignetti agreed, but time is not a luxury and the board is going to have to make a tough call.

Tom Troiano said he will send out an attendance question to the coaches before the Coaches' Meeting.

### **Committee on By Laws and Policies and Procedures**

Ron Martignetti proposed a committee to be formed to up date the By-laws and Policies and Procedures. Chris Goodyear will be the Chairperson, and will also include Ed Ducharme and John Primerano.

### **Open Microphone**

Chris Goodyear recommended that parents and coaches be educated on the importance of practices versus games.

Ed Ducharme wants the coaches to be informed of the CPR courses being offered by the Winchester Recreation Department on February 3 and March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Troiano wants the board to congratulate the Peewee C1 team, who won the Metro West shootout.

Tom Troiano proposed that we put Denis O'Donnell's name on the WYH plaque at the Flynn Rink or on a Revere bowl, with a duplicate to Denis. This was approved by the Board.

### **Adjournment**

Tim Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Hennessey, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2004, in the cafeteria at the Winchester High School, at 7 PM.