

**WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**February 25, 2008**

**Attendees** Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Denis O'Donnell, Roland Goff, John Addonizio, Steve Tucci, Bill Redler, Brud Houllahan, Carl Pascuito.

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:10 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 December meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Brud Houllahan made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the January 2008 meeting were entered into the record.

**Treasurer's Report**

Hugh Mullin presented the report as follows.

The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$19,453.34. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$151,581.93 and the rolling 6 month CD has a balance of \$63,494.11. The total cash on hand is \$234,529.38.

Hugh now estimates that we should show a surplus of revenues minus expenses of approximately \$5,000, and maybe as high as \$10,000 for the season.

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

**Kyle Smith Waiver**

Tom stated that Kyle Smith had been given a medical waiver from Mass Hockey at the beginning of the season to play one more season as a Pee Wee. At the time the waiver was granted with the provision that Kyle couldn't participate in any USA Hockey Tournaments. Kyle did play in the first Pee Wee B playdown game. The District 9 Registrar informed Tom that he was not allowed to continue participating in the State Tournament for which the Pee Wee B's had qualified. Tom then wrote a letter to Mass Hockey appealing their decision. The president of MassHockey rejected Tom's appeal despite the recommendation from three Mass Hockey Directors to allow Kyle to participate. The Smith family hired an attorney to make Kyle's case. The attorney conferred with the Mass Hockey Legal team and the next day a letter came from Mass Hockey allowing Kyle Smith to participate in the State Tournament.

**Mass Hockey/District 9**

Tom reported that three WYH teams had qualified for the State Tournament – Bantam B, Pee Wee B and Girls U12.

Mike Bonish has been named the ACE coordinator for the state.

At the last D9 meeting, Billerica made a motion to have the Bantam playdowns in the fall, to have them complete before High School hockey season starts. Most people in attendance thought this was a good idea.

### **Ice Committee**

Tom Troiano stated that the last practice schedule has been released. The Flynn is due to close 3/22, placements will be Tuesday and Thursday of the last two weeks that the Flynn is open.

We have purchased more games sheet ice for make up games.

### **Coaches Committee**

David Hennessey announced that he is stepping down as the Bantam A coach for next season, after 13 seasons.

### **Approval of "A" coaches for 2008-09**

Tom and David Hennessey said that the Coaches Committee recommend the following as "A" coaches for next season. Mites – Rob Falso, Squirts – Bill Redler, Pee Wees – Tom Troiano, Girls – Steve Tucci. For the moment they recommend that we leave the Bantam position open. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept the Coaches. Jim Kiley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Girls-Only Program**

Steve Tucci attended a Valley League meeting regarding their intention to have a Girls League next season. Steve was very impressed and felt it would be a great opportunity to get more games for the Girls teams as the Route 1 League had folded last Sept.. The Valley League intends to have U10, U12, U14 and U16 divisions. They hope to have 6-8 teams per age bracket, and play a 20 game schedule. Hugh Mullin stated that he thinks the Girls play enough hockey with one league and tournaments. Jim Kiley, Roland Goff and Steve Tucci stated that their daughters had very positive experiences playing in two leagues, last season. Jim Kiley stated that everyone that played Girls Hockey this season, U12 and U14, had signed up with the intention of playing in two leagues and would have, had the Route 1 League not folded. Hugh said he would be very concerned with attendance with the added games. Steve is going to continue to talk to the Valley League to find out more details about their Girls League.

### **Proposal Regarding Girls at Placements**

Tom voiced concern about the fact that several girls had attended both Boys-Open and Girls Placements last season. They then decided which team to play on based on their placement. This left both programs up in the air regarding the number of teams to place in certain age groups Hugh Mullin made a motion to prohibit girls from going to both placements, they can go to either Boys-Open or Girls, but not both. Jim Kiley seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Dual State League**

Nothing to report

### **Valley League**

Nothing to report

### **Learn to Play Hockey (Tri-City)**

John Addonizio stated that the Tri-City League is going well, the full ice games are drawing large crowds of fans.

### **Learn to Skate**

Tom reported that we have added a make up date 3/8. All reports on Linda Eberth and Edgeworks have been positive.

### **Equipment / Jerseys**

Tom reported that try-out vests / pull overs, with numbers, had been purchased for placements this March. This will make it easier for the evaluators; previously they have use small number on helmets.

### **Cheever Grant Application**

Tom reported that WYH has applied for a Cheever grant. This is a USA Hockey program with money given out through Mass Hockey to expand hockey. The grants are for up to \$4,000 each. Working with Paul Stanton at Sports Etc. Tom has put together an "introduction to hockey" program that is designed to introduce children to hockey who have never participated in our program. In conjunction with a Sports, Etc., we plan to provide an introductory level pair of skates, helmet with cage and hockey stick to the first 30 participants who register for the program. The program will meet 8 times during November 2008 through February 2009. The program will use some of our Saturday afternoon ice at Flynn.

The goal of the program is to get these children interested in hockey so that some of the children register for one of our standard offerings for the following hockey season. Winchester Youth Hockey coaches and Directors will provide the on-ice instruction and supervision.

### **Banquet**

Tom said that we are hoping to have the Banquet 5/2 at St. Eulalia's. Ed Ducharme will organize the banquet. John Addonizio is working on the slide show. Denis O'Donnell will obtain the trophies.

### **WYH Social Event**

John Addonizio reported that the recent event was very well attended and a good time was had by one and all. The event made approx. \$1,000.00, the event was not to raise money but for the parents to get together for an evening of fun, away from the rink. Tom wanted to thank Carl Pascuito and his company, Custom Machine Inc. for their generous donations to the event.

### **New Business**

There was discussion of the possibility of a fund raiser for next season. John said that if we have another fund raiser that we should have a clearly defined goal for the money.

### **Adjournment**

John Addonizio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brud Houllahan and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday March 17, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.