

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, March 22, 2004

Attendees Directors - Mark Robinson, Chris Goodyear, Tom Troiano, Ron Martignetti, Scott Fusco, Ed Ducharme, Jim Leo, David Hennessey, Tim Smith, Glenn Mills, Fred Cammon

 WYH Members - Jamie Hintlian, Joe Sacco, Phil Uhlmann, George Turner, Dave Systrom, Dave DiCecca, Don McCarthy

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 February 23, 2004 BOD Meeting

On reading of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 23, 2004 no corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2004 BOD Meeting was made by Ed Ducharme, and seconded by Tom Troiano. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 23, 2004 were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Tom confirmed WYH checking account balance of \$60,001.78 at the beginning of February. He further confirmed total 2003-04 revenues of \$24,740.93 and total 2003-04 expenses of \$56,794.59 for the month of February. The month end checking account balance was \$27,948.12 and the CD balance was \$53,015.62 for a total of \$80,963.74.

In addition, Tom confirmed WYH 2004-2005 balances (including 2004-05 registration fees) to be \$65,038.76 (checking) and 53,015.62 (CD) for a total balance of \$118,054.38.

Tom noted that all ice is paid for for the 2003-2004 season. Ron questioned if we could carry the Placement ice as an expense in the 2004-2005 season. Tom prefers to keep the Placement ice expense in the current season, however, Tom said that he could easily shift the expense from one season to the next.

Scott Fusco stated that WYH would receive \$3,500 to \$4,000 from the Tri-City League as a reimbursement for this past season.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Chris Goodyear and seconded by Tim Smith, and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Registrar's Report

Chris Goodyear stated that USA Hockey has posted on their website a non-binding vote regarding helmets for coaches. Please go to www.usahockey.com and vote.

Ron Martignetti asked Chris Goodyear and Tim Smith if they would handle a 30-day suspension appeal for a player in our program through Mass. Hockey and USA Hockey.

Dual State League Report

Dave Hennessey and Fred Cammon have nothing to report.

Mark Robinson asked when the Dual State playoffs start. Dave Hennessey replied that it would be towards the middle of April and Tom Troiano will forward the schedules when they are available.

Tri-City League Report

Scott Fusco reported that two bumpers are missing from the cross-ice bumpers at The Flynn Rink. The rest have been put into the office at the Flynn Rink. Tim Smith asked if Mass. Hockey would replace them and Ron Martignetti asked Scott to have Mass. Hockey replace the bumpers as early as possible.

Girls Hockey League

Glenn Mills reported that the Yankee Conference Playoffs starts this week and will be held between April 10th and 17th.

Tom Troiano reported that he sent the check to the Yankee Conference for the league tournament.

Director of Ice Utilization

Tom Troiano reported that there would be skills sessions for two weeks following our placements. These sessions were put in place since many coaches expressed concern that there were no practices leading up to the play-offs.

Clinic Director's Report

Nothing to Report.

Coaches Committee Report

Fred Cammon stated that there would be a 7 to 14 day cooling off period after placements. Following that, there will be a meeting at the "A" coach's house for the coaches to finalize their placements. There will be Coaches Committee Representative at each of those meetings.

Ron Martignetti volunteered to host the Pee Wees, Squirts, and Mites.

Glenn Mills reported that the Girls Placements went well however the program may need to help a family with some financial assistance.

Director of Endowment Enrichment Report

Ron Martignetti reported that many people have decided not to play hockey due to the cost. Ron would like to develop better fundraising activities. The cost for the 2004-2005 season for a boys/open travel player is \$1,585, and it is an all or nothing game.

Tom Troiano stated that the 2002-2003 season was under \$1,000 and we have had to increase the tuition to \$1,585. Tom also stated that moving to the Valley League cost about \$250 per player.

Scott Fusco stated that the only two programs to make a profit were the Tri City League and Learn to Skate.

Ron stated that he would like to raise \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year to help with tuition, after we get a \$150,000 endowment. He also stated that \$1,600 is a lot of money for many people to commit to for one sport.

Tom Troiano stated that we are down 30-40 players and we will be fielding one less Squirt team, one less Pee Wee team and one less Bantam than we expected. Tom Troiano also noted that some girls migrated from the Boys/Open Division to the Girls-Only Division for next season.

Chris Goodyear stated that we lost the same number last fall. Ron Martignetti asked if we are going to lose the same number this fall.

Ron Martignetti stated that financially this would not hurt us but the program suffers because children go and participate in other activities. Ron hopes that this is not the goal of our program.

Mark Robinson commented that the Pee Wees and Bantam players are dropping out at a lower level because it is a “break year.” Kids begin to participate in other activities besides hockey.

Dave Systrom suggested that we do a survey to find out where parents are and how they feel about WYH costs and benefits.

2004-2005 Placements

Glenn Mills reiterated that the placements went well and are completed for the Girls Program.

Mark Robinson asked Tom Troiano how many players attended the Midget placements. Tom stated that he had a total of 18 players, 12 of which want Skills in the fall, and 6 that are interested in the full season program. Tom further stated that he sent a letter to all 45 Midget aged players in Winchester, asking them to reply as to whether they want to participate in the program. Mark Robinson asked what would happen if there is no “JV” team next year, and could we still offer a full season program next fall. Tom stated that he has already paid for a slot in the Valley League.

Joe Sacco wanted to say that Tom and Scott did a great job in the Mite placements.

Jim Leo said he was impressed with how Hugh Mullin handled the Squirt placements.

Mark Robinson was very impressed with the consensus amongst the coaches in the placement process for Bantams, Pee Wees, and Squirts.

Dave Hennessey stated that we should not change the process we currently have in place.

Committee on By Laws and Policies and Procedures

Chris Goodyear stated that the committee would meet the next evening. Chris has set up a structure for the board to review at the next meeting. She felt that the board did not like term limits. She further stated that the committee would not re-create the by-laws, but would update them.

Tom Troiano recommended that we put the by-law changes to full approval by the Board for next year and have the general population vote on the changes.

Ron Martignetti corrected that the full membership has to vote to change the by-laws.

Chris Goodyear raised the question of having the number of voting directors stay the same, or reduce the number of voting directors. Secondly, Chris suggested that we could have voting and non-voting directors.

Rom Martignetti stated that he is not sure if having non-voting members is appropriate for an organization such as WYH. The board can insulate itself from change by showing

favoritism to non-voting members. Ron would rather keep remain as democratic as possible, where everyone has a vote.

Chris Goodyear stated that the by-laws couldn't be changed without a super majority.

Open Microphone

Pee Wee A National Bound Tournament: Tim Smith asked about the WYH banner. Ron told him to speak to Dan Oliver, who has the banner. Tim also asked for a \$5,000 line of credit to help offset expenses for the tournament. Mark Robinson made a motion to approve the line of credit of \$5,000. Dave Hennessey seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously.

Ed Ducharme stated that the banquet is moving ahead with the same caterer as last year. He also stated that the trophies have been ordered. Tom Troiano said that he would send an email to all players/families with banquet invitations.

Ron Martignetti wants to make sure that we have the President's Cup trophy available, that he will pass to Denis O'Donnell at the banquet.

Annual High School Hockey Awards:

The following awards were unanimously approved by the BOD:

- Contribution to WYH (Shirley Griffiths)

Boys – Joseph Martignetti
Girls – Caitlyn Leonard

- “Unsung Hero” Award (Anthony Martignetti)

Boys – Mike Lynch
Girls – Katie Campbell

- MVP (Bill Kreyws)

Boys – Brendan Lynch
Girls – Courtney O'Connell

Adjournment

Mark Robinson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Hennessey, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2004.