

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2005

Attendees Directors –Tom Troiano, Jim Leo, David Hennessey, Joe Sacco,
Hugh Mullin, Chris Goodyear, Dave DiCecca, Scott Fusco

WYH Members – Bob Andrews, Frank Vozzella, Glenn Mills, John
Addonizio, Frank Gianci, Jamie Hintlian

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:05 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 28, 2005 BOD Meeting

On reading of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 28, 2005, no corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of the February 28, 2005 BOD Meeting was made by Chris Goodyear, and seconded by Joe Sacco. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 28, 2005 were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin distributed the March Cash Flow Statement and Account Balance Statement and explained that he has maintained the same format as last month where the Cash Flow Statement showed two columns for the current month of March. One column is for the current 2004-05 season and the other column includes the revenue generated as part of the registration process for the 2005-06 season. Hugh said that we are largely done collecting money for the 2004-05 season and have collected \$39,735 in registration fees toward the 2005-06 season. Total expenses for the 2004-05 season include \$25,000 transferred into the WYH CD account, therefore actual expenses were \$368,421. Approximately \$5,000 to \$10,000 of excess revenue related to hockey operations in combination with the \$20,000 netted from Casino Night brings this seasons' contribution to the endowment to about \$25,000. The Account Balance Statement showed the WYH checking balance being reported at \$63,340 and the interest-bearing certificate of deposit being reported at \$78,737.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by David Hennessey and seconded by Scott Fusco and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Registration/USA Hockey/State Tournament

Chris Goodyear reported that the USA Hockey software program to have individuals register online before they can be entered on a USA Hockey roster will not be mandatory in 2005-06. Tom Troiano said that he would rather Winchester Youth Hockey maintain our current system for a year to see how the new online method works out. Chris reported that Winchester Youth Hockey is now finished with State Tournaments as both the Bantam C1's and Pee Wee C1's participated this past weekend.

Coaches Committee Report

Nothing to report.

Ice Committee

Tom Troiano reported that the Flynn Rink is scheduled to close on Saturday, March 26. We still have some remaining 4 PM sheets at Malden. Placements wrap up on Thursday March 24th with the exception of an added Pee Wee session at The Fessenden School on Sunday April 3. Hugh Mullin asked when do we start committing to ice for next season. Tom said that we are already locked in to our ice at the Flynn and both Belmont and Fessenden ice is at our option. Scott Fusco handles Harvard informally. Our Malden ice is an issue on whether or not we want to go forward with it. It is both our most expensive and inconvenient ice. We can communicate with the Valley League on this ice throughout the summer. The Valley league offered us 4 PM Monday through Friday, for the Malden ice, but we have since cut it back to Monday through Thursday. The proposed situation at the Flynn could eliminate the need for ice at Malden. Hugh stated that this ice was originally a bridge when there was a late start at the Flynn. Tom Troiano noted that when he and Denis met with the Gilmartins two years ago we requested this ice primarily to support growth – particularly in the girls-only program. Scott Fusco said that we still get good attendance for Mites although it is inconvenient for coaches. Dave Hennessey said that the Malden 4 PM ice is good to have as a back up and maybe we could make a special arrangement. If no one else wanted it, we would take it at a discount. Tom Troiano said that since we can add FAQ's to our website at any time it may be appropriate to communicate on why we obtain the 4 PM ice in Malden and how it relates to the unknown availability of ice at the Flynn early in the season.

Girls Only Hockey

Jim Leo said that the placements have been completed for the U10/12/14 classifications and the U16/19 will finish up on Tuesday Night. The playoffs have started for the MYC League and will begin in early April for the Route 1 League.

Dual State League Report

David Hennessey said that the top four teams in each division will make the playoffs. Any team in fifth or sixth place should address making these games up. The league takes non-make-ups under consideration when determining playoff situations.

Valley League Report

Dave DiCecca said that the playoff schedule is now posted for the Valley League. Joe Sacco asked about the April 1 deadline for making up games and if there was any wiggle room. David Hennessey said that if you notify the league that you have scheduled a make up game after April 1 it should be OK.

MWM IHL Report

Scott Fusco said that we need to inventory and secure the cross-ice bumpers at the Flynn. He has E-mailed a representative from Melrose to secure access and a key to the storage room at the Flynn.

Banquet

Tom Troiano reported that the banquet is on for the 29th of April. We have received bids from two caterers and we have signed a contract with St. Eulalia's. Volunteers for the night should contact Ed Ducharme. We are waiting for input from one coach for the Galvin Award. Tom said that we need to make sure that the children stay inside the hall at St. Eulalia's and do not wander into any other part of the facility or play outside in the parking lot. Ron Martignetti commented that the children's behavior needs to improve and he suggested not allowing tables of all children (and no adults).

By Laws

Tom Troiano said that he will send out the latest revision of the By Laws and asked the Board to read them prior to the next meeting for a support motion. It should take less than 15 minutes to read them and the only concern is really the position of the Ace Coordinator and Coaches Committee and how they fit together. Tom said that Mass Hockey's legal counsel has reviewed the By Laws and we incorporated all of their comments.

Placements

Tom Troiano said that our Squirt numbers look like we are on the borderline of 3 vs. 4 teams next season. We have added a few new boys to the program. In response to inquiries on our attendance policy for placements, Toms said that it is WYH policy that if you sign up late you have to start on the lowest team. Ron Martignetti clarified and said that if you live in town and sign up late you would go on lowest level team but if you move into town after registration you will be placed as appropriately as possible. David Hennessey commented that he recommends to families that they register and come to at least one session on contingency that they might play.

Flynn/Loconte Privatization

Tom Troiano said that Winchester Youth Hockey participated in two meetings with representatives from Medford and Melrose regarding the privatization of the Flynn and LoConte Rinks. The main topics were how the privatization might work and developing a sound plan that includes ice schedules and financial analyses. There was an agreement to hire a consultant to prepare a business case. The \$5,000 cost will be split amongst the three youth hockey associations. The analysis is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.

Tom said that to make this work, the state legislature would have to create an authority that would have bonding power. Winchester Youth Hockey plans on fully participating or we could risk losing our ice at the Flynn. The window of opportunity is in the May/June time frame and there are a lot of details to work out.

Tom said that Malden is a very low level tenant (at Flynn) at this time and does not want to participate in the consortium. Medford currently rents ice at Somerville, LoConte and Lexington. Other renters to both rinks include 12 high school teams, figure skating clubs and public skating. Ice rental rates could increase from \$160 per hour. A cap may be set for 2-3 years at \$180 per hour.

Tom said that he and Ron Martignetti met with the Winchester Community Center Committee. The Community Center Committee was formed to examine the feasibility of a community center or field house (which would include an ice rink) on town-owned land. The committee was a bit concerned that the Town of Winchester could not support both activities.

The Community Center Committee is planning a large athletic complex with a \$15-20M cost. It is an aggressive plan with no town funding and a lot of potential environmental issues. Tom and Ron indicated to the Community Center Committee that their major reason for participating in the Flynn/LoConte project is that we have 400 children who need ice in September and we could lose our ice at Flynn if we do not participate.

New Business

Joe Sacco asked about the plans for skills next season. Tom Troiano said that he has been in contact with John Roderick and he can run the skills for the younger players for the same price as the Midgets. Joe said that he was disappointed at the quality of the skills this season in comparison to last season. Tom said that he spoke with Matt Wright and Matt can personally run skills on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Hugh Mullin said that we have to lay out the costs for next year when we know the team sizes. Tom said he did not discuss costs with Matt. Joe asked if Matt was going to be there as he was disappointed watching kids stand around waiting for drills to begin.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2005, 7PM in Room A212 of the History Wing at Winchester High School Cafeteria.

Adjournment

Chris Goodyear made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Fusco and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.