

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Monday, March 19, 2007
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Attendees

Directors –Tom Troiano, Chris Goodyear, Hugh Mullin, Erik Knutzen, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Bill Redler, Ed Ducharme and John Addonizio

Members - None

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:15 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.

The minutes of the February Meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept the Minutes as submitted, Jim Kiley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes were duly entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin presented the as follows:

- The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$57,778.42 and a \$ 160,580.81 balance in a CD, for Total Cash of \$ 218,259.23
- 275 Registrations for the 2007-2008 season have been collected for a total of \$28,705.46
- Hugh projects about \$20,000 in remaining expenses for the 2006-2007 hockey year. About \$7,000 in ice fees, \$5,000 in leagues and \$9,000 for the banquet.
- The projected revenues for the year are expected to be about \$420,000 without fundraising revenues with expenses of about \$430,000.
- Hugh reported that WYH has received a letter from the State of Massachusetts regarding the Form PC which was filed last November. Apparently they are not accepting financial statements of Public Charities done on a cash basis. Statement must be on GAAP basis. Hugh has been in touch with our accountant regarding this issue. He recommended changing our fiscal year to end on June 30th. This will simplify the GAAP accounting process. GAAP accounting recognizes the organizations' liabilities such as ice contracts, league fees, assets (cash) and receivables from members.
- Chris Goodyear noted that we will need to amend our By-Laws to reflect a change in our fiscal year. Currently our fiscal year is stated to be January to December. Tom Troiano said that he will propose an amended set of By-Laws to change the fiscal year and add two additional items required by Mass Hockey and he will notify the members of the vote on the change in advance of our Annual Meeting.
- A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report by John Addonizio, it was seconded by Erik Knutzen and unanimously approved by the Board

Registration/Placements for 2007-2008

Online registrations for the 2007-2008 season have been very solid – only 10 skaters did not register before showing up for placements. Several players who did not play in the organization last season have registered for placements. About the same number have decided not to return next season.

Bantam and Pee Wee numbers may be slightly lower than 2006-2007. Tom Troiano noted that 20-30 kids withdraw annually (after placements) to play outside the program or leave hockey to concentrate on playing other sports. It also was stated that players now have other options with the increase in club teams. About half the number of withdrawals are on the boys travel side. It is somewhat difficult at this time of year to determine the final numbers because of this flux.

Registration/USA Hockey/Mass Hockey/District 9

Chris Goodyear reported that there are two more weekends of State Championships – D9 has done very well in the State Tournaments this year. 2007 is a Rules Change year. New books will be available in August. For Rules Change proposals please refer to the Mass Hockey website. Send Steve Palmacci any proposal for rules changes.

The Level 4 (Advanced) Coaching Seminar will be held in May – register on-line. Level 4 certification does not require recertification.

Chris reminded all that if you have a registered player or coach who is injured, they should contact the risk manager (Dave Hoffman) and receive a claim number even if they don't think that they will file a claim. There is a time limitation between the time of injury and the filing of a claim. Some Mass Hockey members were prevented from filing a claim this season because they waited too long.

Mass Hockey's annual meeting will be held in June at the Raddison Hotel in Plymouth MA. – this is an open meeting, which all members are invited to attend.

Elections were held for District 9. Elected were: Ron Cincotta, Mike Bonish, Ray Shea, Bruce Finethy, and Jim Mazzolla. They will work with Felix Costanza the new District 9 Registrar and represent District 9 at all Mass Hockey meetings. The next District 9 meeting will be held in August. At that time the rules books and Mass Hockey Guide books will be available. The registration software will be shipped in June or July. Players and coaches can begin registering on-line for the 2007-2008 season in May – just make sure they make sure they register for next season not the current season.

Ice Committee

Flynn Rink closes at the end of this week – 3/24/07. There are 2 more weeks of ice in Stoneham for skills on Sunday nights. Hugh suggested that the Board consider booking skills on a weekday. The Board will consider that suggestion.

Equipment and Jerseys

Nothing to report.

Girls Only Program

Nothing to report.

Coaches Committee Report/ACE Director

Brud Houllahan reported that there was an incident that required a disciplinary hearing at the squirt level. The disciplinary hearing was conducted according to the guidelines set forth by Mass Hockey. The result of the hearing was that the involved parent was banned from all WYH activities except for the banquet for the rest of this hockey season.

Denis O'Donnell and Hugh Mullin raised a concern that given the nature of the incident that the penalty was not strong enough. Tom Troiano said that he was the non voting chair of the meeting and

that without going into the details of the incident that it was his judgment that based on the evidence presented that the penalty was appropriate. Tom commented that we have a very formal process here which was followed and we probably shouldn't second guess the findings of the three member Discipline Committee without having heard all the evidence and relevant discussion.

Valley League

Tom Troiano stated that the Valley League instituted a 1 year suspension for fighting at the Midget level. Apparently a Bantam player, playing up in a game became involved in a fight and because of the rule has received a 1 year suspension. The reps are working with the league to sort out the details of the suspension as the player was not made aware of the rule. In addition, according to our coach the player never dropped his stick and no punches were thrown.

Dual State League

Nothing to report.

Tri-City League

John Addonizio reported that the league finished last week – they finished with a tournament on the Harvard ice. WYH will retain the Harvard ice for next season.

Banquet

Ed Ducharme reported that the Banquet will be held on Friday April 27, 2007. There is an announcement on the web site. Volunteers are needed to help out. Denis O'Donnell will arrange for the trophies. We will use D'Agostinos catering and rent a PA system which really helped last year. The Board members were asked to make recommendations regarding the annual awards, the recommendations will be reviewed at our next Board meeting,

New Business

Directors

Per our By Laws, all nominations for Director must be emailed to the Secretary (Chris) before the April Meeting or presented to the Board at the April Meeting. The following Director's terms expire in May:

Chris Goodyear	May-07
David Hennessey	May-07
Denis O'Donnell	May-07
John Addonizio	May-07
Erik Knutzen	May-07
Mark Robinson	May-07
Scott Fusco	May-07
Tom Troiano	May-07

Any Director whose term is expiring who does not wish to be a candidate for reelection is asked to email both Tom and Chris.

Injury Concern

Erik Knutzen would like the Board to discuss the concern that several people have expressed regarding what seems to be an increase of serious injuries at the PW level and above. A discussion ensued regarding the types of injuries experienced this year particularly at the PW level, including concussions. Chris Goodyear suggested that the Board look at the headssmarthockey.com website. For \$30 you can register a child and get a baseline IMPACT concussion test. The IMPACT test is used at the High School and College level to evaluate the effects of concussion and guidelines for returning to contact sports following a concussion – the baseline test is recommended for all athletes who engage in contact sports. Tom and Denis stated that more education regarding proper checking, and the importance of proper fitting equipment seems to be needed. A discussion ensued regarding seamless glass that is now installed in some rinks as being unforgiving and increasing the number of concussions and shoulder injuries. Tom Troiano suggested that a formal committee be formed to look at the safety issues and injury issues.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Ducharme and seconded by Erik Knutzen. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting is Monday April 23, 2007 at 7 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria

Submitted by Chris Goodyear
Secretary