

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

**Monday April 25, 2005**

**Attendees** Directors –Tom Troiano, Jim Leo, David Hennessey, Denis O’Donnell, Fred Cammon, Hugh Mullin, Chris Goodyear, Dave DiCecca, Scott Fusco, Ed Ducharme Jr., Nick Mitropoulos, Tim Smith

WYH Members – John Addonizio, Jamie Hintlian, Peter Ross

President Tom Troiano 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 March 21, 2005 BOD Meeting**

On reading of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 21, 2005, no corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of the March 21, 2005 BOD Meeting was made by Denis O’Donnell, and seconded by David Hennessey. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 21, 2005 were entered into the record.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Hugh Mullin said he was unable to present a formal report as he had just returned from a vacation. He said the program is basically done with expenses for the past season with the exception of the banquet. Hugh estimates that this past seasons revenue will exceed expenses by about \$7,000 to \$8,000. Tom Troiano noted that beyond the banquet there may be some additional expenses incurred related to the Dual State or another league billing our program for games not played (no-shows). Hugh Mullin said that we will be very close to break even and we will bring in \$380,000 in revenue. He said that he will have final numbers for the season available by the May meeting, which will be reported very similar to what was projected in January.

### **Approval of 2005-06 Tuitions**

Tom Troiano reported that the program will be sending out placement letters on Saturday (April 30) and begin on-line posting of next year's tuitions shortly after. Hugh Mullin summarized the tuitions for next season by age classification. The largest cost comes from the leagues, which historically have increased their costs between 5 and 10% per season. In our tuition model, we have budgeted \$195 for the Dual State League game and \$210 per Valley League game. The tuitions may need to be fine-tuned some more, but are essentially correct based on what we know as of today. Denis O'Donnell asked if tuitions will be mentioned in the body of the placement letter. Tom Troiano said that the letters will not mention tuitions other than that each family will be billed by May 13<sup>th</sup>. Chris Goodyear asked how we handle a high number of player changes in September. Tom Troiano responded that we can go back into the on-line system and change tuitions. Our on-line payment system now allows us to have an unlimited number of tuitions. We have the ability to adjust any bill through the end of December. Jim Leo asked if skills was a standard component of the tuition model as this was being considered as an option during realignment discussions. Tom said that the only issue on skills was whether we could make them optional on the on-line billing system. Hugh said that if we allowed skills to be optional then the price could double for those who opt for them, therefore making it difficult to implement. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept to proposed tuitions. Hugh added to the motion that we need to have the ability to adjust the tuition numbers in September if we end up with different numbers on the rosters. David Hennessey seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion.

### **Registration/USA Hockey/State Tournament**

Nothing to report.

### **Coaches Committee Report**

Nothing to report.

### **Girls Only Hockey**

Jim Leo said that he has nothing to report other than he has received a bill from the Route One League for two additional games played for \$340 that he will pass on to Hugh Mullin for payment.

### **Dual State League Report**

David Hennessey reported that annual league meeting will be at the end of the Month. He noted of the seven Winchester teams that made the playoffs, four teams advanced to the final championship game and two won championships.

## **Valley League Report**

Nothing to report.

## **Banquet**

Ed Ducharme said that D'Agostino's was chosen as the caterer for the banquet on Friday. The current quote of \$3,400 will be adjusted down based on donations that are being made by area businesses. Stop and Shop will be donating 180 2 Liter bottles of soda, Dunk N Donuts will be donating 150 cups of coffee and the McShefferey family will be donating 200 bottles of water. The meal will be buffet style. Ed said that ice will be provided by the caterer who has also secured the food permit for St. Eulalia's at Town Hall. Total cost of the banquet will be approximately \$8-9K including trophies, which will cost roughly the same as last year at around \$3,700.

Tom Troiano said that he wants to make sure that we do a better job with crowd control. Mixing children with adults at tables should help. He asked board members to help out by keeping an eye on this. He also said that there will a table set up with pins with players pictures on them. They are for the players to keep as they are a gift from the photographer. Tom also said that coaches should bring any team award or trophy from the past season as there will be a table set up to display them for the program. Chris Goodyear is working on a booklet program that will be distributed at the banquet.

## **High School Awards**

The Board unanimously awarded Chris Murphy (Boys Varsity) and Leah Nakamoto (Girls Varsity) William Cruyws MVP award. The Board voted unanimously to award Steve Streter and Caitlin Leonard, The Anthony Martignetti Unsung Hero Award. No names were placed in nomination for the Shirley Griffiths Award therefore a vote was not held.

Tom Troiano acknowledged that there has been a lot of discussion among Board Members on the awards that we give out and that we should discuss possible changes to these awards in the Fall. Denis O'Donnell commented that the Board always seems to struggle with the nomination and voting process of these awards. We used to recognize outstanding former youth hockey players. Some award winners never played for WYH and another played for only one year. The awards also neglect the achievement of former players who go on to private high schools. Tom Troiano said that before next season we need to discuss possible changes to these awards.

## **By Laws**

Tom Troiano said that after a final review of the By Laws, he would like a motion to be made by the Board to recommend for approval the revised By Laws to the general

membership. Mass Hockey has reviewed the proposed By Laws and they now include their recommendation on page 4 regarding the minimum number of Directors that have children actively skating in the program. Mass Hockey also requires that the program's website include, at a minimum, a list of Directors and the By Laws of the Corporation.

After Tom Troiano asked for any Board comments, Dave Hennessey questioned the timing of requiring nominations for Directors no later than April 15 or at the April Board of Directors meeting. Tom said this is new and its to separate nominations from the actual voting process. This was the consensus of the working group after some consideration was given to a nominating committee. The working group concluded that a nominating committee was too formal for an organization of this size.

Tom said the plan is to post a message on the website that the By Laws have been reviewed by Mass Hockey and the BOD unanimously recommends approval of the By Laws by the general membership. Hugh Mullin made a motion for the Board to recommend the By Laws to the general membership for approval. Ed Ducharme Jr. seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

### **Flynn/Loconte Privatization**

Tom Troiano said that Winchester Youth Hockey participated in two meetings since the last BOD meeting with representatives from Medford and Melrose regarding the privatization of the Flynn and LoConte Rinks. A preliminary ice schedule produced by the contracted consultants was reviewed at the first meeting. The schedule is the basis of the financial model that balances the two types of ice rentals required to make a rink operation feasible. Representatives from Medford could not endorse the proposed ice schedule as in their opinion it fell short of the hours they need. To be financially feasible the recommended schedule provided them with 18 hours versus the 25 they currently use. There will be a meeting held within a week to present the plan to the Mayor of Medford, but it appears Medford wants no part of this proposed model. Although there was an economy of scale with a two rink authority, WYH will continue to meet with Melrose for a one rink authority. If this does not go through it will be business as usual. It is clear that the state wants to get out of ice rink business. In the short term there will be no changes. Denis O'Donnell said that it is highly unlikely that the state will sell the rink to a private firm like FMC before offering it to Winchester and Melrose consortium, who has a strong chance of making this work.

### **New Business**

Tom Troiano said that Chris Goodyear has volunteered to inventory each set of jerseys. Hugh Mullin said that if you ask the coaches to do it, you won't get it done. Tom said that we need to figure out what we have and what to budget for.

### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2005, 7PM in the Cafeteria at Winchester High School Cafeteria. This is the Annual Membership Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Denis O'Donnell made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by David Hennessey and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.