

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

**April 23, 2007**

Attendees: John Addonizio, Ed Ducharme, Chris Goodyear, David Hennessey, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Ron Martignetti, Bill Redler, Mark Robinson, Jay Tedesco, Tom Troiano and Denis O'Donnell.

Meeting began at 7:15 pm.

**Approval of March Minutes**

The Minutes of the March meeting need to be amended to indicate that Denis O'Donnell attended said meeting. Mark Robinson made a motion that the March meeting Minutes be approved with the correction. The motion was seconded by Hugh Mullin and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's report**

Hugh Mullin reported that there is not much going on financially right now. The registration fees for 2007-2008 have been collected and the first payment for 2007-2008 does not come in until early June. The remaining 2006-2007 expenses are being paid. Hugh reported that to date the program has spent about \$410,000 and has outstanding expenses of about \$28,000 for total expenses of about \$438,000.

Cash Balance in Checking	\$ 10,760.35
12 Month CD	\$ 130,846.02
3 month CD	\$ 65,461.56
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Total Cash	<b>\$ 207,067.93</b>

Ron Martignetti made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Chris Goodyear and unanimously approved by the Board.

**2007-2008 Proposed Tuitions**

Hugh Mullin presented the proposed tuition amounts for the upcoming season. The tuition model presented is one that was developed by Tom and Hugh and has been used over the last several seasons. Considerations when developing the tuition model:

**The number one consideration is the number of skaters/goalies per team:**

The Boy/Open program tuitions are based on an average team of 15 skaters. Girls only will have 4 teams with an average of 13.5 skaters, LTPH (Tri City) will have 3 teams of 15 skaters, Based on registrations and projected attrition rate the program is projected to have about 400 skaters next year.

**Estimate of costs – assumption of increased cost of ice time**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Average Cost</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Total Cost**</b>
<b>Tri-City</b>	<b>\$ 725</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$ 725</b>
<b>Midgets ½ yr,</b>	<b>\$ 340</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>	<b>\$ 340</b>
<b>Midgets full yr.</b>	<b>\$ 895</b>	<b>\$ 770</b>	<b>\$ 825</b>

## **Boys Open Travel**

<b>'07-08 11 teams</b>	<b>\$1698</b>	<b>\$ 1635</b>	<b>\$ 1760</b>
<b>Boys Open Mite C</b>	<b>\$1187</b>	<b>\$ 1220</b>	<b>\$ 1220</b>

## **Girls**

<b>Midgets (Non league)</b>	<b>\$ 462</b>	<b>\$ 350</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>
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<b>Girls only 1 league</b>	<b>\$ 1088</b>	<b>\$ 975</b>	<b>\$ 1100</b>
<b>Girls only 2 league</b>	<b>\$ 1600</b>	<b>\$ 1470</b>	<b>\$ 1595</b>

<b>Learn to Skate</b>	<b>\$ 171</b>	<b>\$ 125</b>	<b>\$ 225</b>
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### **\*\* Total Cost is equal to Registration Fee plus Tuition**

There was a moderate loss of revenue on the Girls side in the 2006-2007 resulting from fewer skaters than projected at the time of 2006-2007 tuition determination. Ron Martignetti asked if the numbers projected on the Girls side for 2007-2008 was more accurate. Tom Troiano stated that he and Hugh have looked carefully at the projected registrations for next years girls program and feel that the projected numbers are accurate.

Tom Troiano stated that a look at the last 5 season indicates that the program boys and girls averages about a 20 skater drop rate. The drop rated grows by age and also by team placement dissatisfaction.

Mark Robinson asked what the major reasons for the increase cost were over the late two years. Tom and Hugh responded that the per game costs have increased. It was suggested by Ron Martignetti that we should look to the non-profit leagues for the future. Tom stated that the landscape of hockey has changed and that the cost for Club and Select teams is even greater than WYH tuitions – in some cases with less practice ice. A motion was made by Jim Kiley to accept the proposed tuitions for the 2007-2008 season. Denis O'Donnell amended the motion by including “the Treasurer may make any final adjustments as necessary”. David Hennessey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Dual State League**

Tom Troiano stated that WYH had received an unexpected invoice for almost \$9,000 from the Dual State League for an extra 3 games per team. David Hennessey stated that he had looked into this and apparently the league states that each team will get between 28-34 games per season. The extra games were a result of increase availability of ice to the leagues. The general sentiment of the Board is that WYH should express its' dissatisfaction with the unexpected bill. The Board feels that we should state that we expect only 28-30 games next year. A change in schedule like the addition of games can add up really fast and have significant impact on the financial status of the organization. Additionally, the Board feels that we should begin a dialogue with other programs to discuss the rising cost of hockey and the for profit leagues. At this point, the programs are at the mercy of decisions made by the leagues.

## **USA HOCKEY /District 9**

Nothing to report

### **Girls Program**

Denis O'Donnell reported meeting with the Director of the Route 1 league. Apparently it was a somewhat difficult year because of some teams dropping out but overall the experience for the WYH teams was good. The management of the league is good, there are always 2 adult refs and an adult timekeeper and the game times/locations are good.

### **Coaches Committee**

A slate of head coaches was presented for approval. A motion was made by Hugh Mullin to accept the proposed coaches and to give Tom Trioano and David Hennessey the Board's approval to name the TBD coaches. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell and unanimously approved by the Board.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Head Coach 2007-2008</b>
Full Season Midgets	John Primerano
Bantam A	David Hennessey
Bantam B	Bob Andrews
Bantam C	TBD
Pee Wee A	Tom Troiano
Pee Wee B	TBD
Pee Wee C	Tim Smith
Squirt A	Jim Kiley
Squirt B	TBD
Squirt C1	Jeff Bray
Mite A	Craig Ziady and Robert Falso
Mite B	Steve Church and Brian Sergenian
Mite C	Chris Parker
Girls U14A	Steve Tucci
Girls U14B	Mike Driscoll
Girls U12	Hugh Mullin
Girls U10	Joe O'Neil

### **Valley League**

Nothing to report.

### **Banquet**

Scheduled for this Friday. So far the expenses are projected to be about \$8,600. The cost of the banquet is included in the tuition model. Chris Goodyear will take care of the copying of the booklets. Ed Ducharme noted that everything is all set except for a PA

system. Mark Robinson noted that Winchester High School may have a PA system that we can use. Tom Troiano agreed to contact WHS.

### **Nominations of Directors**

Tom Troiano stated that the nomination procedure was changed in the 2005 By-Laws to strengthen the process. The nominations need to be submitted by the April meeting to be considered for the election in May. A bio of qualifications needs to be submitted by each candidate. The following people were nominated:

Carl Pasciutto  
Chris Goodyear  
Dave Hennessey  
Tom Troiano  
John Addonizio  
Erik Knutzen  
Steve Tucci  
Roland Goff  
Jamie Hintlian  
Denis O'Donnell

Denis O'Donnell made a motion to accept all the nominations. The motion was seconded by Jim Kiley and unanimously approved.

### **Annual Awards**

The following individuals were nominated and voted upon to receive the following awards.

#### **Anthony Martignetti Award**

Scholarship awarded by the Ron Martignetti family to the unsung hero of the Winchester High School hockey teams

Boys: John Staffier

Girls: Katie O'Donnell

#### **Bill Crueyws – MVP award**

Scholarship awarded by WYH to the MVPs of the Winchester High School hockey teams

Boys: Colin Currie

Girls: Mary Beth Leo

#### **Griffiths and Wood Awards**

These awards were new last year to honor players graduating from the Bantam and Girls U14 level who represented WYH ideals during their hockey careers.

Boys: Peter Troiano

Girls: Meghan O'Donnell

**N.B.** Both Tom Troiano and Denis O'Donnell abstained from voting.

### **New Business:**

#### **By-Law amendments**

Tom Troiano will send out a notice to proposed changes to the By-Laws to bring us into compliance with Mass Hockey recommendations for program By-Laws.

### **CANAM tournaments**

John Addonizio suggested that WYH Board consider entering teams in a CANAM tournament in Lake Placid or Montreal. The Board asked John to do more research on the cost, tournaments and what levels may participate in an event like this.

### **Late night Game/practices at all level**

Mark Robinson noted that there has been a general feeling by some that the number of late night games has increased particularly at the Bantam and Pee Wee levels. This combined with the 9 PM practices makes it very difficult for our student-athletes. Tom Troiano evaluated the schedules for the last couple of years and noted that indeed the number of weekday games after 8 PM has increased slightly particularly in the Dual State League.

As discussed earlier, the for profit leagues are dictating the game time and length of season. It has been suggested to join forces with other programs to put a cap on the # of late night games, try to influence the leagues – they are forcing a bad product on our kids. An effort can also be made to change the practice schedule – by decreasing the number of nights the Bantams have late night practices.

### **Rink Privatizations**

Ron Martignetti stated that there are some indications that the Flynn Rink may be again on the Governor's list for privatization. Tom Troiano noted that we need to do some research before we make a decision on how to proceed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by  
Chris Goodyear  
Secretary