

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

May 21, 2007

Attendees Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Erik Knutzen, David Hennessey, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Ed Ducharme, Denis O'Donnell, John Addonizio, Ron Martignetti

Members – Chris Parker, Roland Goff, Carl Pasciuto, Becky Stratton, Patrick Gill, Joe Fitzpatrick, Ken Offner, Clement Grassi, Jamie Hintlian, Bobby Keane

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:05 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.

Minutes from April Meeting

The Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Denis O'Donnell made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jim Kiley. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the April 2007 meeting were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin presented the report as follows.

The Winchester Cooperative Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$18,675.06. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$131,421.59 and the rolling 3 month CD has a balance of \$45,720.03. The total cash on hand is \$195,816.68.

To date in May we've received about \$10,000 in revenue. The revenue is from four sources: (1) donations, (2) apparel sales at the Awards Banquet, (3) 2007-2008 registration fees and (4) 2007-2008 tuition payments. There will be additional revenue coming in late May and early June as members make their June tuition payment.

To date in May we've had expenses of about \$12,600. The May expenses were primarily the banquet and the Dual State League payment for the additional games.

Tom Troiano asked if we'd received any invoices or payments from the leagues for forfeits. Hugh said that as of today we had not received anything.

Erik Knutzen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Denis O'Donnell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mass Hockey/District 9

Tom Troiano stated that members can now go to the USA Hockey web site and register for the 2007-2008 season. Tom said that we will get a message out to our members shortly.

Girls-Only Program

Nothing to report.

Coaches Committee

Nothing to report.

Dual State League

David Hennessey reported that Tom Troiano had, in fact, sent a letter to the league expressing concern over the additional games and the increasing number of late Bantam games (particularly on school nights). David said that the league response was that they must contract for ice in June and since a higher than expected number of teams dropped out of the league over the Summer and after parity the league was left with more ice than required for the 30 games schedule so they increased the number of games to an average of 33 per team. David also reported that the league is forming a new full season Midget bracket and they will make every effort to use the latest hours for Midgets and not Bantams.

Tom Troiano noted that he was deeply troubled by the response on the number of games. Tom said that he thought it was outrageous to charge all the programs for three more games without communicating that and to allow the teams to drop out with no penalty. In addition, the league took no financial hit because of their poor planning and bad decisions. David Hennessey noted that he is in no way defending the league but that the league thought they were doing us a favor by adding three additional games.

Valley League

Nothing to report.

Boys and Girls Midgets

Tom Troiano reported that we're still working with BU to secure ice for the girls' midget program with Kerstin Matthews. BU works on their ice allocations in June so we won't be able to finalize this for several weeks.

Tom Troiano reported that the U16 Tier 2 National Bound team will be terminated due to lack of participants. Tom said that several of our top players are playing Tier 1 and EHF and that some children registered for this team despite no previous A level experience.

Tom noted that the team only had 7-8 skaters and the team would not be competitive in the new league. Ron Martignetti asked who was participating in the new league. Tom Troiano said that is was the traditional Midget powerhouses like South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, etc. plus new second teams from the Select League (e.g., the Senators second team).

New Business

John Addonizio reported that he had looked into the CAN AM Tournament and that they do, in fact, have weekends where all twelve of our Boys/Open travel teams could participate in a tournament. John said that he looked into the price of busses and the cost of a bus is \$4,000 for a 57 person bus (about \$70 per person). John asked if it would be best to do such a trip during parity. Tom Troiano noted that we would likely have to ask both of our leagues to not schedule any games during the trip so it really wouldn't matter if it was during parity or the regular season. John suggested Veteran's Day weekend as a possible date. David Hennessey noted that Veteran's Day weekend is a big soccer weekend.

Tom Troiano asked John to come back to the Board with detailed prices and estimated costs and the Board would vote on this after reviewing the estimated costs.

Hugh Mullin said that he spoke to Joe Benson, the President of Andover Youth Hockey about concerns over length of season and game times. Joe agreed that we should set up a meeting among programs to

discuss how we might approach the leagues on this. Hugh suggested that the new President follow up with some surrounding programs and set up a meeting to discuss how we might be able to work together to influence the leagues.

Denis O'Donnell noted that the creep in the length of the season (to mid April) is a recent phenomenon. Ron Martignetti noted that the early start (just days after Labor Day) has caused us to move our placements to the Spring which in his view is not optimal. Denis O'Donnell noted that the girls' leagues have recognized that many girls play soccer and that they give the option of starting the season in early October as opposed to early September. Hugh Mullin noted that the time may be right for a shorter season given that the number of games in each league is dropping slightly.

By-Laws

Tom Troiano said that last Summer he, Chris Goodyear and Hugh Mullin attended a meeting for all Mass Hockey Associations and we were asked by Mass Hockey to add two items to our By-Laws. The first item states that we will forward the following to Mass Hockey within two weeks of the Annual Meeting:

1. Date, time, location of Annual Meeting,
2. Agenda of Annual Meeting,
3. Draft Minutes of Annual Meeting,
4. Method of communicating date, time location of Annual Meeting.

The second item is a statement that we can not refuse to register a player who resides in our organization's geographic boundaries for any reason other than:

1. Arrears of financial obligations to this program or another Association/Program.
2. Player has been subject to disciplinary action by Association, League or Mass Hockey.
3. No space available.

Tom said that as soon as #3 was communicated many hands went up in the audience asking what was the definition of "no space available"? Mass Hockey said that the organization may define "no space available".

Tom went on to say that in 2005 we established a By-Laws working group which met four times at Ron Martignetti's office. The team went through the existing By-Laws sentence by sentence and made numerous changes which were approved at last year's Annual Meeting. Given that effort, the only changes to the By-Laws this year are the two required by Mass Hockey.

Tom Troiano noted that to change the By-Laws we must have 2/3 of the members in good standing who are in attendance at the Annual Meeting vote to approve. Hugh Mullin confirmed that all in the room were, in fact, members in good standing.

Ron Martignetti made a motion to accept the new By-Laws with the provision that semi colons be added after each item and the word "and" be inserted after the second to last numbered items. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell and unanimously approved by all members in attendance.

Election of Directors

Tom Troiano noted that ten members had been nominated for Director at the April meeting but one, Chris Goodyear, had decided to decline the nomination. The names and bios for the nine candidates are as follows:

John Addonizio (candidate for re election)

John Addonizio resides in Winchester. In his professional life John serves as the Chief Executive Officer for BMEGateway. Over the years, John has helped develop BMEGateway's managed care organization into a National provider of services to the Insurance claims industry. John is the father of five children, three of which are currently in the program. John has served for the past two years on the WYH board as a Director and his responsibilities have included Learn to Skate 2006, Hockey Banquet 2006, Tri City Program 2007 and Fundraising 2007.

Roland Goff

Roland Goff's daughter and son are entering their fifth season in the Winchester Youth Hockey Program. Roland is a Level 3 Certified Coach, and has coached girls and boys travel hockey teams in the three previous seasons. As the parent of a girl and boy in the WHY Program he will bring a program-wide perspective to the Board of Directors.

David Hennessey (candidate for re election)

David Hennessey has been involved in Winchester Youth Hockey since 1995. During this time, David has been the Assistant Bantam A Coach for two seasons, followed by the past 10 years as Head Coach of the Bantam A's. Other on-ice involvement includes coaching at the Mite A, Mite B, and Tri-City levels, as well as helping to run Learn to Skate for two seasons. Off-ice, David has been a Board member since 1998. Over the past 9 years on the Board, David has served as: Vice President, Controller, Dual State League Representative, Coaches Committee member, and ACE Coordinator. David currently serves as the Vice President of the corporation. David's son, Daniel, started in WYH's Learn to Skate program and will be a Squirt next season. David is a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs in Boston.

Jamie Hintlian

Born and raised in Winchester, Jamie has been a Winchester Youth Hockey player, parent and coach. In the last 6 years Jamie has coached Learn to Play, Tri-City, Squirt, and most recently head coach for the Girls U10 team. Jamie's children Katherine (U12) and William (Tri City) are active players, and son James plays in the Challenger Hockey program in Woburn, where Jamie has helped shape this multi-community program for players with physical and intellectual disabilities. Jamie is a partner in management consulting at Accenture, working in the life sciences industry.

Erik Knutzen (candidate for re election)

Erik Knutzen has been involved with Winchester Youth Hockey since 1999 when he began coaching on the Little Rink. Since then he has become a level-3 certified coach. He has served as a head coach and assistant coach for numerous Mite, Squirt and Pee Wee teams. Erik has three children who have played in the program. Erik has been a Board Member for two years. On the Board, Erik has been a Dual State League rep and co-chaired the most recent fund-raising event. A Minnesota native and lifelong hockey-lover, Erik played varsity hockey at Williams College and he continues to enjoy playing the sport. Erik works for RiverSource Investments in Cambridge.

Denis O'Donnell (candidate for re election)

Denis O'Donnell has been a member of the WYH Board for 12 years serving as president for 5 years and vice-president for 3 years. Currently Denis serves as Chairman of the "Friends of the Flynn Rink" which is a collaboration of Winchester and Melrose Youth Hockey. Denis is one of the founders of the WYH Girl's program and has served as the Girls Program Director for the past 2 years. Denis directed the Learn to Skate program for a total of 4 years. Denis has coached over 20 teams in WYH from the Little Rink to the U-14/Bantam levels in both the girls and boys divisions. He played hockey in the WYH program, Winchester High School, the Northfield Mt. Hermon School and briefly at Harvard University. His children have been involved in WYH from Learn to Skate through graduation from our program. His son Michael plays at the Belmont Hill School and his daughter Meghan will play next season at BB&N. Denis is Chairman and President of Seaside Capital Management, LLC. He also serves on the Board of Directors of ELXSI Corp and Columbia Laboratories.

Carl Pasciuto

Carl Pasciuto is a lifelong resident of Winchester. In his professional life he is the President of Custom Machine Inc. He is responsible for negotiating and delivering Government contracts for both commercial and military products. He is a father of two children. His son is a squirt and his daughter will be in learn to skate. Carl accepts the nomination for election to the board because he believes that he can bring a good perspective and a lot of energy. Most recently he was on the WYH Mardi Gras Committee where he was very active in raising sponsorship, organizing deliveries and leading the entertainment portion of the event. Carl has served on numerous boards for both charitable and professional organizations over the years.

Tom Troiano (candidate for re election)

Tom Troiano has been involved with Winchester Youth Hockey since 1997. In 1997-2001 Tom served as a Learn to Skate Instructor, Learn to Play Hockey coach and Boys/Open Travel coach. Tom was elected to the Board of Directors in 2001. He has just completed his third term as a Director. In the Summer of 2003 Tom completed a financial review of the corporation which identified several problems with the organization's financial management processes. Following that review, Tom served as Treasurer for the 2003-2004 hockey season and as President for the 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 seasons. Tom is also a member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Flynn, an organization set up to manage the Flynn Rink in the event that it is outsourced by the Commonwealth. On the ice Tom has recently served as a head coach in the Squirt and Pee Wee brackets and as an assistant coach on the Bantam A team. Tom played hockey at the University of Illinois and was also a student coach in the Champaign-Urbana Youth Hockey Program. Tom has three boys who play or have played for Winchester Youth Hockey. Tom works in Maynard, MA. for International Planning and Research – a firm that develops proprietary IT market sizing forecasts.

Steven Tucci

Steven has been a lifelong resident of Winchester. Over the past four years he has volunteered as an assistant coach on the Girls U10 through U14 teams. He also participated in the WHY program as a youth, and for the 2006-2007 season held the head coach position for the U12A Girls team. Steven has three daughters, all of whom have played in the WYH girls program. He has a strong belief in organized youth sports and keeping children motivated and interested in the sport of hockey. Steven also played four years of college hockey, two of which he was a coach while attending Assumption College in

Worcester, MA. Steven holds the record for most career goals at Assumption College. Steven is currently a level 3 certified USA hockey coach. Steven is President of Cyn Environmental Services.

Tom Troiano said that we must have three Inspectors of the Election who are not on the ballot. In addition, the By-Laws require us to select at least one non Director if there are other members in attendance. Tom appointed Hugh Mullin, Clement Grassi and Chris Parker as Inspectors of the Election.

The following were elected to serve two-year terms as Director: John Addonizio, Roland Goff, David Hennessey, Erik Knutzen, Denis O'Donnell, Carl Pasciuto, Tom Troiano and Steven Tucci.

The following Directors were elected in May 2006 and are serving terms that end in May 2008: Ed Ducharme, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Ron Martignetti, Hugh Mullin, Bill Redler and Jay Tedesco.

Tom Troiano noted that the Board of Directors thanks Scott Fusco, Mark Robinson and Chris Goodyear for their many years of outstanding service to the program. Ron Martignetti noted that Chris Goodyear has served as Registrar for 5-6 seasons and her service to the program has been greatly appreciated. Tom Troiano noted that Scott Fusco did an outstanding job running our Learn to Play Hockey Program for several seasons and Mark Robinson's contributions in these meetings will be missed.

Tom Troiano said that the new By-Laws require that we now elect Officers for one year terms. Tom noted that the tradition has been that the President is elected and the new President then proposes a slate of Officers. Denis O'Donnell agreed with this comment.

Denis O'Donnell nominated Tom Troiano for President. The nomination was seconded by Ron Martignetti. David Hennessey moved to close the nominations. This was seconded by Ron Martignetti. Tom Troiano was unanimously elected as President.

Tom Troiano thanked the Board and noted that per the term limits clause in the By-Laws that the upcoming season would be Tom's last season as President. Tom proposed the following slate of Officers for the 2007-2008 season:

Vice President: David Hennessey
Controller: Ron Martignetti
Treasurer: Hugh Mullin
Secretary: Jim Kiley

Tom's slate of Officer's was seconded by Denis O'Donnell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday June 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.