

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

Monday, June 14, 2004

Attendees Directors - Nick Mitropoulos, Mark Robinson, Chris Goodyear,
Tom Troiano, Ron Martignetti, Ed Ducharme, Hugh
Mullin, Jim Leo, David Hennessey, Tim Smith, Dave
DiCecca, Fred Cammon, Denis O'Donnell
WYH Members - Jamie Hintlian, Glenn Mills, Ed O'Donnell, John
Cianciarulo

President Ron Martignetti 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.

Ron Martignetti outside of the Agenda summarized the state of WYH. In his opinion, the program has stabilized over the last year and in fact was recently named Mass Hockey Program of the Year, there is a very serious issue that the board must consider or the program is in danger. Based on current registration numbers, the program will be fielding a lower number of teams than the pre-season projection. News of recent drop outs may mean a further drop in teams. While the board reviewed this issue last season, Ron communicated that the lack of any action or change in the one size fits all offering has put the program in a vulnerable position. Lengthy discussion followed among the board and membership regarding the root cause of the drop out rate and all agreed that the lower numbers are an effect of a number of factors including escalating tuition, long seasons and rapidly growing number of metro, EHF, select and club teams. It was agreed that the program is further vulnerable in terms of ice availability and costs as a result of the privatization of MDC rinks.

Election of Officers

To begin the election process, Denis O'Donnell nominated Tom Troiano for President of WYH for the 2004-2005 Season. The nomination was seconded by David Hennessey. Tom Troiano was then elected President unanimously by the board for the WYH 2004-05 Season.

Tom Troiano nominated the following directors for roles as officers and functional directors for the 2004-2005 WYH Season.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
	Vice President	Tim Smith
	Controller	David Hennessey
	Treasurer	Hugh Mullin
	Secretary	Jim Leo

Functional
Directors

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
Registration/USA Hockey	Chris Goodyear Ed Ducharme
Ice Committee	Tom Troiano Denis O'Donnell Scott Fusco
Girls Only-Program Reps	Jim Leo Glenn Mills Ed O'Donnell
Dual States Reps	Fred Cammon David Hennessey
Valley League Reps	Mark Robinson Dave DiCecca
Tri City League Reps	Scott Fusco Joe Sacco
ACE Coordinator	David Hennessey Tim Smith
Coaches Committee	Nick Mitropoulus Fred Cammon Ron Martignetti
Learn to Skate Reps	Ed Ducharme Dave DiCecca
Fundraising	Hugh Mullin Mark Robinson
Equipment	Hugh Mullin Tom Troiano
Skills	Joe Sacco Ed Ducharme
Annual Awards Ceremony En Ka, Town Day	Ed Ducharme Denis O'Donnell

The nominations for officers and functional directors were seconded by Tim Smith and the board unanimously approved the nominated directors as officers and functional directors for the WYH 2004-2005 Season.

Minutes of May 10, 2004 BOD Meeting

On reading of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 10, 2004, one correction was noted and a change to the Treasurer's Report was requested by Tom Troiano. Tom asked for "season" to be inserted after 2003-2004 in Paragraph 1, Sentence 1 and "year" to be replaced by "season" at the end of paragraph 1. Corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of May 10, 2004 BOD Meeting was made by Mark Robinson, and seconded by Chris Goodyear. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 10, 2004 were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

WYH President and former Treasurer Tom Troiano submitted for review to the Board the current WYH Cash Flow Statement dated 6/14/04 and the 2003-04 and 2004-05 Budgets and Cash Flow Summary date 6/14/04. Referring to the Cash Flow Statement Tom focused on the 2003-2004 where he is reporting a Static Endowment at the end of the period of \$59,987.53 that may go down slightly since some of the scholarships checks awarded at the banquet have yet to be cashed.

Tom reported as of 6/14/04, a WYH Cash balance of \$170,662.81 of which \$53,016.62 was in the form of a Certificate of Deposit and the remaining \$117,647.19 was the WYH checking account balance. Tom also reported that as of today there were approximately 30 delinquencies for payments due on June 1st.

Tom stated during review of the Budget and Cash Flow Summary that these numbers will have to be watched carefully as revenue will be less than anticipated as a result recent drop off in participation for the upcoming season.

John Cianciarulo questioned the tournament budget number for each boy's team and it was explained that the number included \$600. per team for holiday tournaments and also a separate amount allocated for district play-downs and state tournaments. Last season the budgeted tournament numbers did not include an allocation for Dual State and Valley League Playoffs. This season's budget does include an allocation for play-offs in the boys/open division. The girls-only division play-offs are an extra cost if the teams decide to participate.

Hugh Mullin inquired about prices for each league. Dave Hennessy responded that the Dual State costs should be available in two weeks. It was noted that reported league projected costs for the 2004-05 season were only estimates. A motion to accept the

Treasurer's Report was made by Denis O'Donnell and seconded by Ron Martignetti and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Registrar's Report

Chris Goodyear suggested that a message be posted on the WYH website regarding Midgets who want to participate in the upcoming season now that those players with birth dates from 1/86 to 7/86 are now eligible to play in USA Hockey sanction events. Chris took the action to contact Deb Smith for the posting.

Dual State League Report

Dave Hennessey reported that the Annual Dual State Meeting will be held on June 24th. He also noted that we may have inflated the estimate of number of teams that was submitted to the league, which will result in the loss of deposit paid for each team not entering into the league this fall.

Valley League Report

Nothing to Report

Tri-City League Report

On behalf of the Tri-City Representative, Tom Troiano reported that Scott Fusco has successfully procured the replacement bumpers for the Flynn Rink and is storing them at his home during the off-season.

Director of Girls Hockey Report

Jim Leo reported that there was an on-bench incident at a girls PeeWee 2 game and issue has been turned over for review by the Coaches Committee. Fred Cammon stated he is in process of gathering information and the matter should be resolved prior to the next Board Meeting.

Lengthy discussion occurred and it was agreed that this incident confirmed that the agenda of a pre-season kick-off meeting should include a review of behavior and expectations of volunteers that would be presented by a liaison from the Coaches Committee. Hugh Mullin suggested that this type of meeting can be done in a social setting. Tom Troiano preferred that the event should be more of a Board advocated meeting with an agenda of key points to cover such as uniforms and rosters. The meeting should be scheduled in early September and should also include Dave Hennessey, the recently appointed ACE Coordinator.

Jim Leo proposed that the Board formally recognize non-board members; Ed O'Donnell and Glenn Mills as assistant coordinators of the Girls Program. A motion was made by

Denis O'Donnell for this proposal; Ron Martignetti seconded the motion and was it was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

In response to Ron Martignetti's opinion that he was not informed enough about the Girls Program during his tenure as President of WYH and Denis O'Donnell comment that the coordination Girls program has evolved into a model of a satellite program, Tom Troiano asked Jim Leo to propose a plan that will allow that board to be more informed in regards to the operations of the Girls Program.

Director of Ice Utilization

Nothing to report.

Clinic Director's Report

Nothing to report.

Coaches Committee Report

Fred Cammon reported that the only activity to report was of that previously reported during the report of the Director of Girls Hockey.

Director of Endowment Enrichment Report

Hugh Mullin presented his plan and projected financial models for the fund raising Casino Night that has been proposed for this fall in conjunction with celebrating WYH's 50th Anniversary. Possible dates and time for the event are October 16th or 23rd from 7pm to 12pm and the most feasible location is the Winchester Elks. A firm date needs to be chosen by June 15th. Activities would include Table Games, Silent Auction, Live Auction and a Raffle. Rentals for Casino Games can come unstaffed or professionally staffed for an additional fee. Hugh suggested that it would be practical to pay the additional fee for the professionals. Ticket prices are to be determined, but are projected to be from \$50-75 per person. Hugh expects attendance to be close to the Elks capacity of 200-225 guests, if in fact we can yield 50% of the couples from organization's families. Tom Troiano asked if the Burlington Marriott was considered as the venue, but in response, Hugh stated that this time frame is prime wedding season and there is limited availability at most locations. Hugh also presented a financial model that displayed the potential fund raising result based on admission price and ticket sales. Based on ticket sales 200 at \$100 per couple the estimated fundraising result would be \$9650. Hugh was empowered by the board to pick a date and go forward with the event.

Committee on By Laws and Policies and Procedures

Chris Goodyear reported that a final draft of the revised By Laws, Policies and Procedures will not be available until late July allowing for board review in August and a subsequent vote at a membership meeting thereafter.

Open Microphone

Tom Troiano reported that we are past the set deadline on the Full Season Midget Program and due to the small number of players who have registered we are forced to drop the team for the 2004-2005 season and notify those who have registered. A motion was made by Ron Martignetti to cancel this program which was seconded by Tim Smith and then approved unanimously by the board.

Mark Robinson reported that the Winchester Sports Foundation meeting was postponed until June 24th. He also stated that he understands a High School Sports Budget has been submitted for the 2004-05 High School season. WHS JV Hockey and Varsity Swim teams have been cut from the budget (for this year only – a request for funding will be submitted for next year, but don't know if they will be approved).

Adjournment

Tim Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Hennessey, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2004, in the Meeting Room of the Winchester Public Library, at 6:30 PM.