

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday August 15, 2005

Attendees Directors – John Addonizio, Joe Sacco, Tim Smith, Dave DiCecca, Nick Mitropoulos, Denis O’Donnell, David Hennessey, Scott Fusco, Tom Troiano, Jim Leo

WYH Members – Mike D’Avolio, John Primerano, Ed O’Donnell, Bill Redler

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7:10 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 of June 13, 2005 BOD Meeting

On reading of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 13, 2005, no corrections or changes were noted. A motion to accept the Minutes of the June 13, 2005 Board Meeting was made by Nick Mitropoulos, and seconded by David Hennessey. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 13, 2005, were entered into the record.

Controller’s Report

Tom Troiano reported that the Officers of this Board met on July 11th to review and audit the accounts and documents of the Treasurer. The Officers can report based on this audit there were no discrepancies found and our financial books are in order.

Treasurer’s Report

In Hugh Mullin’s absence Tom Troiano distributed the Treasurers Report that included the Monthly On-line Bank Statement, the WYH 2005 Cash Flow Statement and the 2005-06 Tuition Model.

Tom reported that the WCB Online Bank Statement as of August 8th shows that the Checking Account Balance was \$154,625 and the 6 Month CD was \$99,338 for a combined balance of \$253,963.

Tom explained that the budget for the 2005-06 season is based on the attached tuition model. The budget shows that total revenue is projected at \$398,685 and expenses at \$390,708 resulting in a projected Total Revenues Minus Expenses of \$7977.

The budget shows that the program is projecting 403 total players for the 2005-06 season, resulting in \$50,375 in registration fees and \$348,310 in tuition payments.

Tim Smith made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Denis O'Donnell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Registration/USA Hockey/Mass Hockey

Nothing to Report.

Coaches Committee Report

Tom Troiano said that he has booked High School cafeteria on the second and third Monday of September to hold meetings. One date will be for the September Board meeting and the other for the annual coaches meeting. The coaches meeting will be run by the Coaches Committee and Tom asked Nick to present something on First Aid, David to handle Educational topics and Tim Smith to talk about team meetings. The Board agreed to hold the coaches meeting first on September 12th and the Board meeting on the 19th.

Tom said that both socks and pucks are in and if a team needs them before the meeting on the 12th please stop by his house. The Dual State League will begin the scheduling of games as early September 7th.

Tom said that the parity round brackets for the Valley League are out and he has received some feedback that the Bantam C Team may have been bracketed to high. David Hennessey said that the Valley League places teams based on past performance and the fact that Winchester teams have been successful has led to Winchester being ranked high across the Board.

Girls-Only Program

Jim Leo reported that the MYC Girls League meeting originally scheduled for Thursday August 18th has been moved to Monday, August 15th. We plan on placing our U10, U14A, U14B and our half season U16/19B team in this league. Ice has not been finalized for the Girls U16/19 teams but, Glenn Mills will be able to meet the budgeted requirements with ice at Stoneham, BU and the Cambridge rinks.

Denis O'Donnell noted that the Fessenden ice contract is up for renewal and maybe there is addition ice available there. He also said that it may be in the programs best interest to pay for the ice at Fessenden up front as it will create a positive relationship going into the season. This will avoid monthly statements which will be greatly appreciated by the

Fessenden staff. Tom Troiano assured the Board that we would pay the Fessenden account in full in September.

Dual State League

David Hennessey reported that the league's game cost will increase from \$195 to \$205 per game. The league will not participate in a USA Hockey Pilot Program regarding rule changes. Scott Fusco explained that these changes are aimed at enhancing offensive opportunities. Tom Troiano said that he will contact John Gilmartin on whether the Valley League will be participating and adopt the new rules.

Valley League Report

Nothing to Report.

Equipment/Jerseys

Tom Troiano said that Chris Goodyear reported her team jersey inventory has been completed and new sets have been ordered. Tom also said that Team Socks and Pucks are in and coaches can stop by his home if they are needed before the September 12th Coaches Meeting, when they will be distributed.

Placements/Team Realignment

Tom Troiano said that there are no current issues with the Bantam and Pee Wee's as there is 15 players per team, but noted there are about a dozen families in the program who have not made their initial June payment. Mike D'Avolio asked if there was some sort of double standard where some families were not required to make the June payment. Tom Troiano assured the members that this was not the case and that there were either specific reasons for not making the payment or, if not, the children of delinquent families would not be allowed to skate in the fall. David Hennessey commented that none of the delinquent accounts involved A players and so there would not be any movement onto A teams based on members not making the June deposit.

Tom said that the Girls Only teams are heavily subscribed and it will be difficult to add players at this time. Traditionally many families want to register their daughters after the season starts but there is no room at this time and there is a waiting list at one level.

Tom Troiano said the real issue is in the Squirt Division where at the start of placements we were projecting 4 teams which went down to 3 teams halfway through. After adding 2 players to the A team and 1 player to the B team we are left with 19 skaters and a goalie for the C team. Some of the players placed on the C team were close to the B level team but there are others who have never played hockey before. There are some options to reduce the size of the C roster including: 1) moving 2 girls from the Boys/Open Travel Program to the Girls-Only Program 2) move some players to the Tri-City Program or 3)

moving up an appropriate second year player to play 3 years in the higher level. Tom said that he talked to about 1/3 of the parents from this team and all want to make this work by playing less games. Tim Smith said that the parents of the top C players want to get as much ice time as possible. Denis O'Donnell commented that while this may be true this is not a solution. John Addonizio also said that the same is true for first year players who want to improve their skills and play more games. David Hennessey said that based on the last seasons survey results, 50-60% of families want to play less games and the 6 families Tom talked to validate the numbers. Tim Smith said that he thinks the less game option is a mistake and asked what are the options to make 4 teams. Tom said there are 49 skaters at this level which leaves us with 12 players for 4 teams. We would have to go outside of the program to make this work. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to empower the organizations President to establish a program that he sees as an equitable solution for the Squirt C team. Jim Leo seconded the motion which was then approved by the Board.

Tom Troiano nominated Dave DiCecca to coach the PeeWee B team and Rick Greene has agreed to coach the Squirt B team. Denis O'Donnell seconded the nominations and the candidates were unanimously approved by the Board.

Skills

Tom Troiano said that decision on who will be hired to run the skills program has not been made but, quotes from four organizations have been received. A question was asked in regard to an organization that was running the skills program for Melrose. Tom said that they are welcome to send a quote. Mike D'Avolio asked if there any plans to change the night for Skills. Tom said there will always be a small minority that wishes to move Skills from Sunday nights. This in turn would crowd out our other practice nights. David Hennessey said that the cost of skills is about \$100 of the total \$1600 of tuition cost and our survey data indicates that our families put a high value on skills and outside instructors. Joe Sacco said that he did not think it is fair to say our skills program is poorly attended. Tom asked if there is an issue with Girls-Only skills scheduling. Jim Leo said that the Girls-Only skills were poorly attended last season when they were scheduled on weekends and in conflict with league games. The skills scheduled at 4PM in Malden were difficult to attend by the older girls who had other conflicts.

Flynn/Loconte Privatization

Tom Troiano said that the last meeting on this issue was held last month. The plan is to have written into law, the consortium would have first right to purchase or lease the Flynn Rink. Our representative at the State House was asked to put this on hold as there are now seven rink privatizations going on. There is positive feed back on what is being proposed. Ed O'Donnell asked if we are at risk because of the privatization rinks we currently use. It was noted that Cambridge will now be run by FMC and Nonantum will be managed by Newton Country Day School.

Winchester Community Center

Tom Troiano said that the Winchester Community Center Committee has agreed to the WYH Board's request to ensure that WYH has a seat on their Board. The check for the WYH contribution to the feasibility study has not been issued yet.

Fundraising/Casino Night

Tom Troiano led a discussion on whether the Board should hold another Fund Raising Casino Night. The Board favored another event but, David Hennessey recommended that we move it to January or February as there is a lot going on in the fall. Several other Board Members thought that after Christmas was not necessarily a good time for such an event.

New Business

David Hennessey mentioned that Mass Hockey Coaching Class schedules are posted on USA Hockey website. David asked to please spread the word to all the coaches, as they cannot get on the bench from the Mite level up without an Intermediate level patch.

Tom Troiano said that we are in need of a Mite B coach as Mike Driscoll cannot commit to the position and if anyone is interested or has someone in mind let himself or the coaches committee know.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2005, 7:00PM in the cafeteria at Winchester High School.

Adjournment

David Hennessey made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tim Smith and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.