

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 25, 2006

Attendees:

Directors: Tom Troiano, David Hennessey, Chris Goodyear, Hugh Mullin, Erik Knutzen, , Scott Fusco, Jay Tedesco, Brud Houllahan, Jim Kiley, Bill Redler, John Addonizio, Denis O'Donnell, Ed Ducharme,

Members : Michael Surabian,

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 Winchester Youth Hockey business.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the August 21, 2006 were reviewed. The following corrections were submitted: Add attendees: Jim Kiley and Brud Houllahan. Denis O'Donnell made a motion that the Minutes be accepted with the corrections as stated. The motion was seconded by Hugh Mullin and unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin presented the report as follows:

- The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed as of today, a checking account balance of \$165,702.88 and a \$127,671.00 balance in a Certificate of Deposit, for Total Cash of \$293,373.80
- Bills for the current hockey season are beginning to show up, league bills, etc.
- Most of the September payments have been made – about 70 families are outstanding, which is about par for this payment period.
- Budget Review- Hugh reminded the Board that the tuition model is developed in the spring with a preliminary set of numbers around placement time, and then another final look in May before the tuitions are set for the next hockey season. At the time of the final look, there was some discussion concerning the increases in energy costs for the operation of the rinks that may be passed on to the youth hockey programs in the form of increased game costs and ice rental fees. The leagues at that time had yet to set game costs. Hugh stated that two things had happened since the final review of the tuition for the '06-'07 season, which he wants to bring to the attention of the Board. There are 32 fewer players in the Boys' Open and Girls Travel Divisions. The target number of players for each team was set at 15 players, with the decrease in committed players for the current season is now at about 13.5 players per team. Since there is a fixed cost of operation for the hockey season, this leads to a revenue shortfall of about \$25,000. Secondly, the Valley League and the Middlesex Yankee Conference Girls League both increased the cost of a game \$10 higher than our spring tuition model. Hugh and Tom will be looking to decrease some of our projected expenses such as the cost of the Banquet. Skills costs have been decreased slightly by hiring Christian Wright directly for Skills sessions. We will be looking to fill some of the vacancies on the teams; so far there hasn't been an overwhelming response to Tom's emails to other programs asking if any in-

house players would be interested in joining a travel team. There is a budget line item for USA hockey fees which is about \$16,000. Because of the new USA Hockey online registration system that was adopted this year, we will not have those fees, however, at an earlier Board meeting we discussed that the tuition would be reduced for all players except LTS, as the families paid this fee when registering online. Hugh suggested the easiest solution to the potential shortfall would be to increase the number of players in the program, especially at the younger age groups, Tri-City and Learn to Skate, and the Girls' program. In the past, the Girls program has had some late joiners once soccer season is over. Hugh said that if the enrollments don't increase we may have to cancel the planned tuition reduction that was anticipated (since our members paid their USA Hockey fees themselves). Hugh motioned to table further discussion on this matter until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Ducharme and unanimously approved by the Board.

Tom Troiano made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Scott Fusco seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Registration/USA Hockey/Mass Hockey/District 9

Jay Tedesco attended the September District 9 meeting. He reported that Steve Palmacci went over the required paper work for rosters. Any National Bound team and Midget team intending to participate in the play downs needs to have their paperwork submitted by October 1. Jay handed out a summary of the District 9 meeting.

Chris Goodyear reported that the online registrations were going well that still a few players and coaches needed to register with USA hockey to receive the confirmation number that is necessary for rostering. Chris also stated that the Mass Hockey CORI form has been changed since the coaches meeting and that the new coaches will need to fill out the form again. Chris will email the form to the coaches who need to have a CORI.- please fill them out again and return them to Chris .

Equipment and Jerseys

Hugh stated that he still has some goalie equipment at his house perhaps for the Girls U12 goalie.

Girls Only Program

Denis O'Donnell reported that all was going well in the Girls Program. Given the Fall sports schedules of most of the girls in the program the program starts off slowly in September. League games will begin around October 1st. Denis mentioned that some teams may be looking to add tournaments to make up for fewer league games.

Coaches Committee Report/ACE Director

Coaches Committee – nothing to report

ACE Coordinator David Hennessey suggested that the head coaches keep on top of two important items. The Certification of the Assisant coaches – there are a number of new coaches in the program and a limited number of opportunities locally to get certified. If a coach needs to take the Levels out of order it is possible to do so by registering in person at the site. The online pre-registration does not allow you to register for Level II before Level I. David stated a question has come up as to how coaches decide what position a child plays in a game. He would like to discuss this in October at the next meeting and suggest that people give it some thought.

Valley League

Ed Ducharme reported that he had checked with Mark Robinson and everything seemed to be going fine. Conflicts should be resolved through their online system.

Dual State League

Dave reported that the Dual States Coaches list is available.

Learn to Skate

Learn to Skate will begin on October 21 at 5:00 PM at the Flynn Rink. Patty Perrigo and her group will be handling the program again this year. Tom Troiano stated that he had extended an opportunity for Linda Eberth at Edgeworks to bid on the opportunity but they declined stating a conflict with the time slot. Patty's group has received positive comments. It is helpful to have a Board member present at these sessions as there is a lot of commotion at the beginning of the sessions and many new parents have questions.

Tri-City League

Scott stated that Learn to Play Hockey starts this Sunday October 1 at Fessenden at 5 PM.

Friends of Flynn Rink Inc.

Nothing to report.

Fundraising

Tom Troiano stated that it has been a couple of years since we have done a major fundraiser. We have most recently done the Casino Night, Bruins Alumni Game and 50/50 Raffle. It was decided that we should email our ideas to John Addonizio and Jim Kiley. We should make a decision at the next meeting so that we can set a date and notify the leagues to prevent scheduling on the date we choose for a fundraiser.

New Business

Nothing new at this time.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Scott Fusco and John Addonizio and unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Goodyear
Secretary