

WINCHESTER HOCKEY PARENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 22, 2007

Attendees Directors - Tom Troiano, Hugh Mullin, Jim Kiley, Ed Ducharme, Denis O'Donnell, Roland Goff, John Addonizio, Brud Houllahan, Carl Pascuito, Bill Redler, David Hennessey, Erik Knutzen

Members – None

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 September Meeting

The Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Hugh Mullin made a motion that the Minutes as recorded be accepted. The motion was seconded by Erik Knutzen. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board and the Minutes of the September 2007 meeting were entered into the record.

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 \$85,125.60. The balance in the 12 month Certificate of Deposit is \$134,225.16 and the rolling 3 month CD has a balance of \$77,301.71. The total cash on hand is \$296,652.48.

Hugh stated that he moved \$20,000 from the 3 month CD, that came due at the end of September, to the checking account to meet our cash needs. This was anticipated and Hugh classified the cash flow as normal.

Hugh also updated the Board on the overall budget. Currently we have contracted for \$122,000 worth of ice. Tom has been working to sell our Cambridge ice time after Thanksgiving, but has been unsuccessful thus far. Tom had been hoping to get this total down to \$118,000. Even with this additional ice, Hugh projects that we will have an approximate "break even" year from Core Hockey Operations.

Hugh stated that the Route 1 Girls League had folded. Our U12 and U14 team had planned on playing in this League. The Girls' tuition had been based on two Leagues, therefore these tuitions should be lowered an appropriate amount.

Tom Troiano moved that the U12 and U14 tuitions be adjusted to \$1,135, from \$1,595, this would allow the Girls to enter 2 tournaments and the State Tournament. The motion was seconded by Denis O'Donnell, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mass Hockey/District 9

Erik Knutzen stated that signed rosters and play down applications were being collected from the Head Coaches, to date he has received these from about half of our teams. Erik said that the ½ season Midget team had lost in OT in their playdown game. He is petitioning to get our Pee Wee B team into the Pee Wee C (Tier 4) district play down bracket.

Ice Committee

As stated in the Treasurer's report, Tom is attempting to sell some of our surplus ice time. Tom said that he's reduced or eliminated ice commitments at Cambridge, Somerville, BU and The Fessenden School and that he's trying to reduce Cambridge further. Tom said that even with the reductions we may still have 10-15% more ice than required given the number of teams in the program this season.

Coaches Committee

David Hennessey stated – nothing to report.

Girls-Only Program

Denis O'Donnell went over the history of the Route 1 League. Last season our U12A and U14 Girls teams played in this League and had a very positive experience, even though there were only four teams in each age bracket. The League did not have enough teams entered this season to start play and has recently folded. We had planned on our U12 and U14 teams playing in this League in addition to the MYC League. This leaves the two older Girls teams with only one League - The Middlesex Yankee Conference.

The Girls teams tuition will be adjusted – see Treasurer's report. This tuition adjustment would allow these two teams to enter an additional tournament. Tom said that given the ice surplus he would allow the Girls teams to schedule scrimmages using some of our game sheets if the Head Coaches desired.

Dual State League

Nothing to report.

Valley League

Nothing to report.

Learn to Play Hockey (Tri-City)

Tom Troiano reported that we currently have approximately 43 players signed up for Learn to Play Hockey. This will allow us to have two "big rink" teams and one "little rink" team. Steve Keating has stepped up and is running the on-ice program. Tom stated that there will be eight teams in the Tri-City League, they will play 10 weeks of cross-ice hockey and 10 games of full ice hockey. Tom stated that we plan to move two or three players up from Learn to Play Hockey to the Mite C team.

Learn to Skate

Tom reported that Patty Perrigo, who had run our program the past few years, is not available this year because she has been hired by Scott Fusco's new organization in Bedford. We have contracted with Edgeworks, run by Lynda Murphy and Linda Eberth, to run our Learn to Skate program. Despite the short notice, Edgeworks has adjusted their schedule accomplish this.

Equipment / Jerseys

Tom reported that we have three sets of jerseys for the Girls Program and a number of “odd jerseys” on order to complete sets for various teams.

New Business

Tom Troiano reported that WYH had entered players in the Mini One on One program run by the Bruins and shown on TV between periods of games. Patrick Gill and Lincoln Stratton for the Squirts, Jack Keane and Cole Nagahama for the Mites – were the entrants.

Tom noted that the first cross-ice travel team night is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 25th at the Flynn.

Denis O’Donnell noted that J.P. Martignetti, was named Atlantic Hockey’s Rookie of the Week for the first week of the season. J.P. Martignetti, played in WYH from Learn to Skate through Midgets.

Adjournment

Denis O’Donnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Kiley 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 Nov. 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria.