

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday November 21, 2005

Attendees Directors – Tom Troiano, Jim Leo, Hugh Mullin, Scott Fusco, John Addonizio, Erik Knutzen, Chris Goodyear, Tim Smith, Dave DiCecca, Denis O'Donnell

WYH Members – Mike D'Avolio

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 October 17, 2005 BOD Meeting

On reading of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 17, 2005 there were no corrections or changes made. A motion to accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting was made by Denis O'Donnell and seconded by Tim Smith.. The motion was unanimously approved and the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 17, 2005 were entered into the record.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin presented the November Treasurer's Report as follows;

- The Cash Flow Statement showed total cash position of \$199,705. with \$99,976 included in a Certificate of Deposit. Hugh said that we are at the point in the season where more money is flowing out than is being received in. This is the result of significant ice rental and league payments that are due in November and the timing of our final tuition payment that is due not until December 1st. For example, in October expenses totaling \$66,173 were mostly offset by revenue from tuition of \$60,174. In November expenses totaled 67,119 but revenue was only \$11,674. In November, the major expenses were 1) three checks totaling \$33,095. for league game fees, 2) an \$11,160. USA Hockey registration fee and 3) \$19,970. for ice rentals.
- The Winchester Savings Bank on-line statement showed as of 11/21, a \$99,728. checking account balance and \$99,976. balance in a Certificate of Deposit.
- Hugh said that this is the time of year that we have to file our tax returns. In conjunction with this we have a financial review performed by Hartnett and

Company. Hugh noted that this year we fall under the threshold of not requiring a full financial audit since the state and federal guidelines now exempt 501(c)(3) organizations with revenue and expenses below \$500,000 from an audit. WYH is required to undergo a financial review by an accounting firm which is less extensive than a full audit. Hugh is also pleased to report that WYH can continue to report its finances on a cash basis of accounting instead of an accrual basis. Hugh also said that some numbers in the financial statements prepared by our accounting firm Hartnett & Co. are slightly different than our cash flow statements due to adjustments made for checks that have yet to clear. WYH filed its tax returns and the necessary forms for the State of Massachusetts for 2004 by the November 15th deadline. Hugh said that our accountants are pleased overall from a financial view and were complimentary in our ability as a program to improve our financial management over the last few years.

- Hugh reported that we are in receipt of a letter from the IRS stating that they are applying a \$6,820. lien against our organization for failure to file our 2001 tax return in a timely matter. After researching the history of our filings, the organization failed to file in the late 90's but eventually caught up. A return was not filed on time for 2001. A return was actually prepared for 2001, but was not filed until the fall of 2002. It is a normal proceeding for the IRS to take such an action. We have been fined in the past, but each time it was waived based on our not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) status. Our accountant Mike Hartnett is fairly confident we will be able to do the same for the 2001 lien, but right now our potential liability stands at \$6820.

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

Registration/USA Hockey/Mass Hockey

Chris Goodyear reported that the Girls District 9 Play-downs will begin on December 5th. We need volunteers for the 7th and 14th at Belmont Hill to register teams and run the scoreboard. The seeding meeting for the District 9 Play-downs is scheduled for the 1st Monday in January at the O'Brien Rink. The first round of the play-downs is scheduled to begin on the MLK day and run through February 16.

Ice Committee

Tom Troiano reported that the December practice schedule will be out in a day or two. He said the good news is that this Wednesday's 4PM ice sheet at shifts to 5PM as the high school season begins. We pick up a few 5PM sheets in Malden and Wednesday nights at Belmont Hill. Hugh Mullin asked about whether we had excess ice. Tom said that we did pick up two hours of practice ice on Sunday night at the Flynn Rink, therefore are trying to sell our 7-9PM ice we have at Somerville. John Roderick who does skills for Stoneham Youth Hockey indicated that they may be interested in this ice. Belmont Youth Hockey may also be interested.

Coaches Committee Report

Nothing to report

Girls-Only Program

Denis O'Donnell reported that for the first time there will be Tier II district play-downs. There have always been Tier I play-downs, but for the first time town programs like ours will be able to participate. Our U14 teams will participate in the District 9 play-downs that will begin in December. Each entered team must provide an hour of ice each. We will be providing one hour each of our Belmont Hill ice on consecutive Wednesdays in December.

Dual State League

Erik Knutzen said that the new round of schedules is out and he has not heard from anyone in terms of parity issues after the most recent team re-alignments.

Valley League Report

Dave DiCecca said there have been some issues regarding the contact list for the Valley League. It is incomplete as a couple of towns do not list their coaches and phone numbers which are needed to work out game conflicts and rescheduling. There is a work around by going to a different leagues website common to the opponent. For example; the Medford Coaching information missing from the Valley League website can be found on the Middlesex League website. Dave also said that a coach must use the assigned Winchester password to access the coaches section of the website. Tom Troiano said that we have been working with the league regarding the placement of our Squirt C team. They are on a weekly basis scheduling games that are appropriate as we all realize that they are not at the right place now. There was a scheduling mishap this past weekend but we should be fine going forward.

Learn to Skate

John Addonizio said that we have registered between 65-70 children for the program. He said there was some confusion over the registration fee's between the cost of 1 session and 2 and how it looks on their payment statement. Tom Troiano said that this should be fixed next year when we have everyone pay on-line. Tom asked if we have been taking attendance. John said that we have been taking attendance but only half have been signing in. Patty Perrigo has asked if we want to take the program up a notch by adding power and figure skating to the program. Hugh Mullin said that we normally offer the Learn to Play Hockey program to the 1 or 2 skaters who stand out at Learn to Skate. Denis O'Donnell said that it has not been uncommon in the past to move up as many as 7 or 8 players who are ready for the 2 practices a week and some may even be ready for travel mites. Tom Troiano said that he has ordered black knit hats for the Santa Skate.

Learn to Play Hockey

Scott Fusco said that he has put out a revised schedule to alleviate the parking problem caused by the number of teams on the ice at the same time in consecutive hours. This problem will go away after the first week in January when they go to full sheet phase of the program. Scott said that the program needs to track down a net and has spoken to a Flynn employee about obtaining another one. Dave DiCecca said that he can donate a net that he has built to the program. Scott also said that there was a reported problem involving LTPH coaches from another town who were on the ice at 9:00 AM and refused to remove the bumpers after their hour. This was a problem for our girls-only teams who had a practice scheduled at 10:00 AM.

New Business

- Tom Troiano said that it is acknowledged that some Squirt C parents are upset that the team was dropped down in league play and wants to stress that they are invited to this meeting to discuss the matter. Tom said that he feels it is only a small minority that has an issue and maybe only one family that is upset with the notion of moving down even further. Tom said that it is documented that the #1 reason why children drop out of organized sports is not having fun. It is not fun to lose big and this team has been averaging 10 goal losses, therefore needs to move down several brackets. Tom said that he believes if this team continues in the upper bracket we will have serious problems (team falling apart) that we want to avoid at all costs. Unfortunately we had a situation where an E-Mail message on this issue, from the league to the head coach was forwarded to some parents of which the wording upset some parents. This was not the intention, but rather the #1 motivation is to find the appropriate level for this team to play at. Tom said he hopes this team bounces back and the families give the latest league placement a chance. Tom also mentioned that some families may be concerned that dropping down may impede a players development. Tom said that games do not add a significant amount to development. Games add a significant amount of fun if the team is properly placed in the league. Scott Fusco added that losing 20-0 provides no development at all.
- Tom Troiano said that there is no update on the Winchester Community Center and the funds for our donation towards the feasibility study have yet to be transferred. He will ask Mark Robinson for an update. Tom also asked the Board if we should consider adding a time limit on our donation to the WCC feasibility study. The Board agreed that at this point the WCC must come back to WYH with more details and another request for a donation.
- John Addonizio said that he is collecting digital images taken this season to display at the end of season banquet. Please contact him if you have any images of your team from this season.
- Tom Troiano asked if a Casino Night on a Saturday will conflict with High School Hockey. He proposed that a Friday Night may be a better solution.

- Tom Troiano said that there are handouts available tonight for head coaches for the Medford Thanksgiving Tournament. Tom reminded everyone that the program budgets for 2 holiday tournaments for the Mite A and Mite B teams and 1 holiday tournament and 1 district play-down for the Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam teams.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

Tom Troiano made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hugh Mullin and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.