

WINCHESTER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

December 18, 2006

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

President Tom Troiano opened the meeting at 7 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.

The minutes of the November were reviewed. No corrections were noted. Denis O'Donnell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Erik Knutzen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Hugh Mullin reported that the organization has a Check Book balance of \$47,948.28 and a \$128,778.05 balance in the CD account for a Total Cash amount of 176,726.33. There is about \$35,000 outstanding in tuition payments. Reminders were being sent to those families who still have balances. It was asked if the delinquent payments were higher than usual. Hugh stated that this amount is about the same as it is at this time each billing period.

Hugh said that our league fees for the Valley and Dual States are paid. There is about \$50,000 outstanding in ice cost, banquet etc and other cost that will be incurred by the end of the current hockey season.

Hugh discussed the current enrollments – there are two new goalies one at the Bantam level and one at the Squirt. Learn to Skate has about 52 skaters enrolled – Tri- City enrollment is down about 25 skaters from other years, partly due to adding a Mite C team. The 5 yr average enrollment for TriCity is 50 skaters.

A motion was made by Jim Kiley to accept the Treasurer's report. Erik Knutzen seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Registration/USA Hockey/Mass Hockey/District 9

Chris Goodyear reminded everyone that the seeding meeting for the district playdowns would be held January 2, 2007 at 7:30 in the meeting room at the O'Brien Rink in Woburn. All coaches whose teams are playing are expected to attend or provide Chris and Jay Tedesco with the results of their team vs. District 9 teams, as well as information regarding their league play. The division in each league and the most recent standings should be provided. The play down games will begin MLK weekend and should be completed before or during February vacation. Coaches should review their rosters and make sure all their players and coaches are listed. Coaches must present their current CEP card or proof of most recent certification. The coaches should carry a copy of their rosters and TMA with them to all games.

We will need assistance at all the games – a timekeeper, and sign in help – We have 3 games on successive Wednesday nights beginning Jan 16 and Thursday January 17 and 25th.

Equipment and Jerseys

The black team jerseys are ordered and should be in this week – they are going to the Girls U10 and U12 B teams as well as the Squirt C2 team

Girls Only Program

Denis O'Donnell reported that the U14s and U12 A's will remain in the Route 1 League this season despite the small numbers of teams in their brackets. The U12B's have withdrawn from the league.

Coaches Committee Report/ACE Director

Dave Hennessey stated that the Coaches Committee had nothing to report. Dave reminded coaches that all coaches whose certification was expiring this year needed to do their re-certification by December 31.

Valley League

Nothing to Report – New Round of games has been posted. The question of when the new rinks in Haverhill would be on line. It was stated that the original date was slated for January '07 but nothing has been heard as to if this is still the case.

Dual State League

Nothing to report. A question was asked by a coach as to whether the league was scheduling more weeknight games then in previous years. It was stated that as the as the players play in the older age groups and depending on the division some of the games tend to be on weekday nights.

Learn to Skate

The LTS will be off for the Christmas Holiday break and resume January 6, 2007 when the new 9-week session will begin.

Tri-City League

There are two more weeks of cross-ice hockey. Three teams currently but will be combined to make two teams of 15 players for the full ice. Arlington has entered a team in the league. The feedback is that the coaches would like to continue some cross-ice play through the rest of the year. Tom will discuss this suggestion with Melrose.

Fundraising Mardi Gras Event

John Addonizio presented the latest news on the Mardi Gras Fundraiser, which will be held at the Woburn Country Club on Feb 2, 2007. John stated that the committee has been working hard to secure sponsorships, donations and auction items. The event is projected to generate revenue of about \$20,000. Each team has been given tickets to purchase. The leagues will be asked not to schedule games on that night.

New Business

Tom Troiano asked the Minutes to reflect a sincere thank you to Fred Cusick who donated \$5 per book for each book that was signed at a recent book-signing event.

Tom Troiano brought to the attention of the Board the question of whether minimum attendance requirement should be made for players receiving financial aid from the WYH program. The situation is that there are at least 2 players who receive financial aid from the program and have had extremely poor attendance for games and practices. Apparently both players are playing outside the

program, which appears to impact their commitment to the program. A discussion ensued regarding the issue of attendance in general if playing outside the program and the issue of a player's commitment to the program if they have received financial aid. The general consensus is that most players playing outside the program are making at least 75 % of the practice and games. It was felt that the commitment of players outside the program and the issue related about the players on financial aid were somewhat different, but related issues. Since the number of players receiving financial aid is small in scope, it was felt that the discussion of commitment should be addressed on an individual basis. It was felt that when financial aid was granted to a player that it should include a discussion about commitment to the team.

David Hennessey suggested that general letter with the financial aid award include a statement about commitment to the program. It was felt that a soft verbal communication regarding commitment and expectations of the player be conveyed. The issue brought up tonight regarding current financial aid players will be discussed privately with the families involved.

A discussion regarding player's commitment to WYH teams was felt to be a separate discussion and would be tabled until the January meeting. It was felt that February was a good time to announce expectations for players playing in the program for the 2007-2008 season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the WYH Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2007 7:00 PM in the Winchester High School Cafeteria – at the back of main area

Adjournment:

Tom Troiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Goodyear and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Chris Goodyear
Secretary