

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association**  
**Minutes of the May 18, 2009**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Davis, Ms. Wagner, Mr. Bizal, Mr. Glover, Ms. Quale, Mr. Normandin, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Kruger, Mr. Bizal, Mr. Winter, Mr. Hillen, Mr. Staack, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Gainsley, and Ms. Whitmore.

Guests: Ms. Carol Solberg and Ms. Libby Hewitt.

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

New Business-

Welcome of New Board Members and Goodbye to Former Members – Mr. Bizal.

Mr. Bizal welcomed the new Board members and thanked the departing members for their service. Mr. Bizal stated that he hoped the new Board will look toward growing the Mite program through recruiting efforts, equipment bags, outdoor and indoor ice.

Association Merger and Recruitment Issues – Mr. Bizal and Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Bizal reported on the current status of both the Association and the St. Louis Park Hockey Association regarding merged teams. Mr. Davis discussed the possible elimination of the Blake youth program and its possible incorporation into the Association under the new Minnesota Hockey registration proposals under consideration.

Mr. Davis reported that St. Louis Park's association is full, having combined with Minneapolis Park and that Blake School may be an option but because it is a private institution, they must join under an existing association's umbrella. Discussion was had pertaining to Blake Bantam B's joining HYHA's program. Emphasis of discussion was on the Mite level and the goal of recruiting 50 new families to the program. Incentives to new families to include subsidized ice time and free equipment bags. Discussion was had regarding promotion of the Hopkins Hockey Program via skating with the stars, i.e. former HHS players Jack Hillon, of the New York Islanders and Becky Kortum, Ms. Hockey 2009.

Charitable Gambling Report – Ms. Wagner.

Ms. Wagner presented her May 2009 report including background information for the new Board members relating to the number of sites; reporting obligations to the State of Minnesota and the City of Hopkins; operations; taxes; voting by all Association members on uses of charitable gambling proceeds; monthly reports available to members, and end of year issues.

Ms. Wagner next presented a recap of the charitable gambling April 2009 income and expenses including at \$480 net profit at the Tuttle's site and a \$3,993 net profit at the Main Street site. She reported a slightly reduced game payout in April, compared to March, 2009. She next presented estimated expenses for June 2009 of \$44,110 including a expenditure of \$500 to

Hopkins School District Alice Smith School for an environmental education program as a lawful purpose expenditure (“LPE”)

Ms. Wagner moved to approve the estimated June 2009 Charitable Gambling expenses for both locations in the amount \$44,410. Ms. Quale seconded the motion. Mr. Davis called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Davis called for a vote. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Wagner reported cash bank balances of \$65,411 as of April 30, 2009 and \$69,724 as of May 18, 2009. Mr. Bizal reported that his meeting with the State of Minnesota went well regarding previous communication problems with Association’s Charitable Gambling staff including suggestions for improving such communications.

#### Approval of April 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Glover

Mr. Glover moved to approve the April 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes with the changes submitted by Mr. Davis. Mr. Keiser seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Bizal called for a vote. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Puck Systems, Guest Speaker- Libby Hewitt of *Puck Systems*, aka, *Team Sports Technology* (TST) offered a slide show presentation of their on-line registration product. Users logging onto the Hopkins Hockey registration page will automatically be rerouted to the USA Hockey registration page. The annual hosting fee for the system is \$780. A one-time set-up fee for the premium package is \$995; for the basic package the cost is \$395. There is a one year contract commitment period. Several members asked about coordination for Mite clinics registration before full season registration. Following the presentation, Ms. Hewitt agreed to provide an estimate of prospective costs to verify the reported 5% (or more) cost savings associated with conversion to Puck Systems. Board discussion was had and a motion brought by Ms. Whitmore to move to Puck Systems (TST) and USA Hockey on-line registration this year IF the resulting transaction fees are determined to be less than a combined 5%, and to opt for the premium set-up package. Mr. DeGiulio seconded the motion. Mr. Davis, for Mr. Bizal called for discussion. Following discussion Mr. Davis called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Subsequent to the meeting Mr. DeGiulio received cost figures from Ms. Hewitt. It is estimated HYHA will save approximately \$2,000 per year on visa transaction fees and \$700 per year in annual website fees. Accordingly, HYHA shall switch website service providers from Mystify to Puck Systems (TST).

#### Election Update – Mr. Davis

The installation of new Board members occurred, as follows: Bill Winter, Secretary; Anthony DeGiulio, Treasurer; Mike Beck, C-League Coordinator; Greg Foslien, Communications Director; Steve Staack, Equipment Coordinator; Scott Bloom, Fundraising; Peter Gainsley, Girls Travel Coordinator; Tim Sweeney, Outdoor ice Coordinator; Bob Anderson, Mite Coordinator; and Machel Whitmore, Registrar. Angela Quale and Carol Solberg were appointed Co-Tournament Directors. Tom Martin was appointed ACE Coordinator.

Proposal for Compensation for Board Members- Ms. Whitmore.

Discussion was held pertaining to possible compensation for several Board positions in keeping with several area Associations and to incent prospective new members to join the Board. Points were raised that we are a volunteer organization and that once individuals are paid it would be very difficult to go back to the volunteer model currently in place. Following discussion the issue was tabled for further discussion by Mr. Davis, pending receipt of survey report results.

Members Reports

Treasurer – Mr. DeGiulio

Mr. DeGiulio stated that collections continue to be slow. One problem is coordination with other associations for players waived out earlier this season. Several members discussed collection issues within the Association. Mr. DeGiulio expressed confidence that all collection problems would be resolved by the end of the fiscal year.

Vice President Report – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis welcomed new members and winners of the Association election.

Mr. Davis recommended appointment of Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg as Co-Tournament coordinators and Mr. Martin as the ACE Coordinator.

President – Mr. Bizal

No further report.

Secretary – Mr. Glover

No further report.

C League Coordinator

Not present. No report.

Ice Coordinator Report- John Hoffman: was absent from the meeting-Brad Davis summarized John's report on his behalf. All the required ice time has been purchased for fall of 09 tryouts at every level.

Machel Whitmore ... indicated she is looking for donations for the mite "skate with the stars" event at Minnetonka Ice Arena July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mite coordinator report- Tom Martin: Tom stated that he has purchased a list of students "coming into the school district to attend Kindergarten the fall of 09. He will be mailing the skate with the stars promo held July 19<sup>th</sup> to all of them in an attempt to bring up the numbers for new registrations at the mite level.

Registration coordinator report: Machel Whitmore: Ms Whitmore reported that all birth certificates will be removed/returned to the registered players after the verification process. This means that the team managers will not need to have birth certificates in their team binder for the travel tournaments. She also stated that all associations in Minnesota and bordering states will honor the pilot program and should not create any confusion at tournaments that HYHA teams are entered in.

Travel Coordinator- John Hillen: No report.

- Steve Staack asked John Hillen if he anticipated HYHA having a travel "A" team at every level next year. Mr. Stack's concern was that at the squirt level next year they may not have the skilled players to compete at an A level. John Hillen responded that he always recommends "A" level teams to nurture the players, but is open to discussion in the future about any changes.

Equipment Coordinator- Steve\_Staack: John stated every HYHA travel team has turned in their jerseys and all jerseys have been accounted for.

Brad Davis moved to Adjourn and Anthony DeGuilio seconded the motion.

Adjournment- 9:40 P.M.

Bill Winter  
Secretary  
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