

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association  
Minutes of the April 20, 2009  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Patterson, Mr. Davis, Mr. Bizal, Mr. Ostenso, Mr. Glover, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Martin, Ms. Whitmore, Mr. Staack and Ms. Quale.

Charitable Gambling Report – Ms. Wagner

Ms. Quale gave Ms. Wagner's report. Ms. Quale reported on the March 2009 gross and net income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported a slight increase in payouts due to quick payouts on games. The Main Street and Tuttle's locations showed a net profit of \$1,190 with no changes between the actual and the previously estimated expenses.

Ms. Quale reported that the estimated May 2009 expenses will be \$99,910 including a \$50,000 LPE to the Association.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ moved to approve the estimated May 2009 Charitable Gambling ("CG") expenses for both locations in the amount \$99,910. 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.

Mr. Keiser moved to approve a \$50,000 LPE from the CG program to the Association to fund prepaid ice costs. Mr. Ostenso seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no further discussion. Mr. Bizal called for a vote. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Quale reported cash in the bank of \$63,602 as of March 31, 2009 and \$73,148 as of the meeting date.

Mr. Ostenso reminded the Board that all Association members may discuss and vote on LPE proposals. He further suggested posting all LPE requests as well as CG Committee minutes and agenda on the Association website well in advance of each Board and CG Committee meetings.

Mr. Bizal reported on the results of a meeting with the State of Minnesota regarding the Association's CG operation. Mr. Bizal stated the State's primary concern was a lack of responsiveness by the Association CG Manager to requests from the State of Minnesota. Mr. Bizal stated that he now recognized the problem and agreed to address improving communication.

Approval of March 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Glover

Mr. Glover moved to approve the March 16, 2008 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.

#### Minnesota Hockey Residency Proposal – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that he received, and forwarded to District 3, comments he received from Ms. Ostenson, Mr. Glover and Ms. Whitmore. Mr. Davis stated that the major change in existing policy is recognizing open school enrollment. Mr. Davis described several examples of how the proposed rule would operate. Several members participated in a general discussion about the proposal. Mr. Davis stated that private schools will no longer have teams. Mr. Davis further reported that the proposal would define a full team as 11 players and one goalie.

He last reported that waivers will be automatic within MAHA Districts then administered with other MAHA Districts as necessary.

Ms. Witmore stated that the MAHA meeting to discuss this issue will occur later this month. Mr. Davis stated if the proposal passes, many waivers will be denied unless based on school attendance. Mr. Davis concluded that that the new proposal will be better than the existing rule but not work perfectly.

#### Election Update – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that the Association received 33 ballots. He assigned members Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg to count the ballots. Ms. Quale reported that one ballot was unsigned and, therefore, invalid. Of the valid ballots the following persons received a majority of the votes, and are the winning candidates:

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. There were no votes, and no candidates, for the positions of Tournament Director or for Volunteer Coordinator.

These winning candidates will be installed into the Association Board at its May 18, 2009 meeting.

#### Squirt Combined Teams - Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin reported on meetings of a committee consisting of Mr. Staack, Mr. Beck, Mr. Bloom and Mr. Sweeney. Mr. Martin reported that the committee recommended a combined Squirt A team with St. Louis Park. Mr. Martin reported that St. Louis Park has combined teams at the Pee Wee and Bantam levels with Minneapolis and Richfield. Mr.

Martin stated that St. Louis Park may not be favorable to such a combined team at the Squirt level.

Ms. Whitmore briefly discussed the “numbers” of returning and possible new players at the Squirt level for next season. She stated, at most, there would be 46 possible squirts based on registrations from last year. Mr. Staack stated that an Association Squirt A team would be “short” five “A” level players. Mr. Staack further stated that the current Squirt B1 teams was competitive, but in bottom half of the District standings.

Several members raised concerns about joined programs including tryouts, coaching and player placement. Mr. Staack stated his concern is to have players to play at the appropriate level. Mr. Bizal stated that community based hockey is at risk. Mr. Davis stated that there would have to be one big tryout. Mr. Staack responded says that it could be done. Mr. Staack stated there is a gap of players at the 98-99 level. Mr. Hoffman stated the low numbers could be a problem for being competitive within the District. Mr. DeGiulio encouraged moving players “up” to play at the proper competition level. Ms. Whitmore raised a concern about goalies and registration of combined teams.

Several members mentioned issues relating to options available to players including private programs and Minnesota Hockey addressing large associations. Mr. Bizal suggested obtaining Mr. Nyberg’s opinion and that this issue should be brought to the attention of the new Board.

#### Recruiting and Equipment Bag Proposal – Mr. Martin.

Mr. Martin stated is proposing a Mite recruiting budget of \$5,000. See Mr. Martin’s Mite Recruitment and Retention Action Items and Proposed Budget (the “Mite Recruiting Budget Proposal”) He further stated he will apply for a Minnesota Wild program to fund purchase of youth equipment for use by the Association mite players. Mr. Martin suggested requesting an additional 10 hours for volunteer time in exchange of the equipment bag. Members raised several points regarding Mr. Martin’s presentation including costs and distribution of equipment. Several members asked about similar programs in the past. Mr. Martin stated offering equipment could increase the number of players at the Mite level. Mr. Martin suggested coupling the equipment bags with participation in the pre-season clinics and further discussed the costs of such clinics. Mr. DeGiulio stated that he recommended waiting to budget for the program.

Ms. Whitmore moved to Mr. Martin’s Mite Recruiting Budget Proposal, except item #7, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Mr. Hoffman 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.

#### Member 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 stated that, next month, he will recommend 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 – Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman reported speaking with Pavilion Manager, Don Olson. Mr. Hoffman stated he will soon receive the new ice allotment for next season. Mr. Hoffman stated he assumes two Bantam teams.

Several members discussed ice times, shared practices, and related ice issues.

Outdoor Ice Coordinator – Mr. Sweeney

Not present. No report. Mr. Bizal stated he will contact Mr. Sweeney to coordinate storage of the outdoor ice equipment.

ACE Coordinator – Mr. Normandin

Not present. No report.

Tournament Coordinator – Ms. Quale

No further report.

Girls Travel Coordinator – Open

No report. Mr. Bizal stated that Mr. Gainsley is looking forward to moving forward with this position.

Registrar – Ms. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore reported on the status of possible on line registration with Puck Systems. Several members discussed concerns with on line registration.

Equipment Coordinator – Mr. Staack

No further report.

Travel Coordinators – Mr. Ostenso and Mr. Hillen

No further report.

Fundraising – Mr. Patterson

No further report.

Communications Director & D-3 Alternate Representative – Mr. Keiser

No further report.

Volunteer Coordinator – Mr. Montgomery

Not present. No report.

Ms. Glover moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ostenso seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Bizal called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Michael Glover

Secretary

April 20, 2009.