

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association
Minutes of the March 16, 2009
Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Ms. Wagner, Ms. Quale, Ms. Whitmore, Mr. Martin, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Keiser, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Glover, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Ostenso, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Patterson.

Guests: Members, Mr. Buck Olson, Mr. Scott Bloom, Mr. Greg Foslien, and Mr. Steve Staack. Mr. Scott Dornfeld from Minnesota Hockey District 3.

Call to Order

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Charitable Gambling Report – Ms. Wagner

Ms. Wagner briefly described the process of reporting financial and other issues to the Board and the general membership. She further described the process of purchasing, playing and closing out pull tab games. She finally described to process of paying state taxes.

Mr. Davis asked how busy the two CG sites had been. Ms. Wagner stated that traffic is about the same, but predicted it will increase. Ms. Wagner commented that the game payouts decreased to about 79% meaning that the games were selling more pull tabs and that increased profitability.

Ms. Wagner reported cash in the bank as of February 28, 2009 of \$65,685 and current cash in the bank of \$72,780.

Ms. Wagner stated the actual expenses for February 2009 were \$35,614.

Ms. Wagner introduced revisions for the March 2009 expenses to include two Lawful Purpose Expenditures (“LPE”). The first is to pay HYHA for the Coach in Chief and non-parent coach expense reimbursements in the amount of \$11,000.00. The second is to pay for one Pavilion dasher board advertisement for the Main Street Bar and Grill which as part of the original agreement last year for HYHA to operate CG at that restaurant in the amount of \$650. The total LPE total is \$11,650.

Ms. Wagner moved to approve an \$11,650 LPE from the CG to the Association to pay for the Coach in Chief and pay for the non-parent coach expense reimbursements in the amount of \$11,000 and for a Pavilion dasher board advertisement for Main Street Bar and Grill in the amount of \$650.00. Mr. Keiser seconded the motion. Mr. Davis called for discussion. Ms. Wagner said that all members, not just Board members, can vote. Mr. Ostenso asked about which coaches receive the expense reimbursement. Ms. Wagner

responded that only non-parent coach. There was no further discussion. Mr. Davis called for a vote. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Wagner next reported on estimated April, 2009 expenses. She stated she is requesting April expenses in the amount of \$39,410.

Mr. Keiser moved to approve the estimated April 2009 Charitable Gambling expenses for both locations in the amount \$39,410. Mr. Glover 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 that the owner of the Main Street Bar and Grill asked about CG organizing bingo games. Ms. Wagner reported she met with others familiar with bingo operations and learned that the City of Hopkins does not allow bingo within the city. Ms. Ostenso asked about the meat raffle. Ms. Wagner reported that the raffle only occurs on Thursday.

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

Mr. Glover moved to approve the February 16, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes with the changes submitted by Mr. Davis and Mr. Keiser. 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.

New Business

Mr. Davis introduced Mr. Scott Dornfeld, the new District 3 Director. Mr. Dornfeld discussed issues facing District 3 and Minnesota Hockey including retention of players. He reported on his experience at Armstrong. He stated District 3 is looking to form a retention committee. Mr. Dornfeld reported on a potential recreation league for District 3 modeled on the Minnesota Hockey “XL” league and similar Minnetonka league, including a dedicated board position and coaching materials.

Mr. Dornfeld discussed retention rates including losses of players between peewee and bantam levels. Mr. Davis stated that the Association needs 30 more players each year at the mite level to sustain levels through the rest of the program. Mr. Davis agrees there should be a retention chairperson to find more players

Mr. Dornfeld suggested exit interviews for families leaving the Association. Mr. Davis mentioned end of year surveys. Ms. Whitmore stated she contacted every squirt family that left last year. Mr. Keiser asked about the demographics of the District. Mr. Montgomery spoke about demographics and open enrollment. Mr. Davis suggested that the new board should look for a good person to take on this position.

Mr. Dornfeld spoke about grant money available for Associations to adopt retention programs. Ms. Whitmore asked how to apply for grants. Mr. Dornfeld said that

Minnesota Hockey may approve \$40,000 in grants for whole state. Several members discussed the process and the amounts necessary to implement a good program.

Mr. Dornfeld reminded that the Association to apply for a coaching sessions with Minnesota Hockey “expert” coaches.

Minnesota Hockey Residency Proposal – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis introduced possible changes to the Minnesota Hockey residency rules. He described that the proposals, including 14 general points are still circulating. Mr. Davis states that two points could survive: first, open enrollment is recognized and, second, “rainbowing” and partnering will still be allowed. Mr. Davis stated he believed a new rule will be adopted by next season. Several members asked about how the proposals would affect private schools students.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Dornfeld stated that the rule is not final but will substantially improve the old rule which is 18 years old. However, Mr. Dornfeld stated that rule will still emphasis community based hockey.

Election Update – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Whitmore for her recruiting new members for the Board. Mr. Davis reported that all positions will be filled except for tournament director and volunteer coordinator. He stated there are no contested positions. Mr. Davis will mail the ballots on March 18, 2008. Current Board members will count ballots before the Board meeting on April 20th and install new members in May, 2009.

Appointment of Steve Staack as Equipment Coordinator for 2009-2010 – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis introduced Mr. Steve Staack. Mr. Stack agreed to fill the remaining term of Mr. Hazuka, Equipment Coordinator, who resigned earlier this year. Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Staack to serve that remaining terms. Mr. Staack stated that he accepted the nomination.

Mr. DeGiulio moved to appoint Mr. Steve Staack as the Equipment Coordinator to serve the remaining term of that position starting immediately through the 2009-2010 season. Mr. Martin 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.

Player Waivers – Mr. Bizal and Ms. Whitmore

Mr. Davis proposed, at Mr. Bizal’s request, tabling full discussion of this issue until Mr. Bizal returned.

Ms. Whitmore, however, reported that all waiver requests required a \$50.00 fee. However, no fees were imposed for players where the Association did not have a team for the player.

Member Reports

Vice President Report – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that the Bantam B1 tournament ran “flawlessly” and thanked Mr. Keiser. Mr. Davis reported that the 10UB tournament was still going on and would conclude by the end of the week. He stated there have been no problem issues in either.

Mr. Davis stated that the district 3 referees reported a drop in major penalties this season from 79 to 62. The referees attributed that drop to better coaching. However, he reported there was an increase in “kicking” penalties.

Mr. Davis reported on the proposed District 3 Recreation League. He stated that players would register with home associations and would play once per week at the Peewee and Bantam levels.

Mr. Davis next reported that the District D3 Girls Coordinators meet late this month. Some of the issues will include 8U travel teams; and prohibiting play on 8U teams and advance mite teams at same time. Wayzata and Maple Grove are very interested in 8U travel programs. Ms. Whitmore believes that recruiting remains a very big issue for girls teams and that travel would be only within the District. Mr. Patterson mentioned that cost is an issue at this play level.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the Stanley Cup would be at the St. Louis Park arena later this month.

Treasurer – Mr. DeGiulio

Mr. DeGiulio identified several team managers who have not collected the appropriate funds from their teams nor forwarded it to him as required. Mr. DeGiulio distributed a team by team accounting which highlighted substantial accounts due from the 12A and Peewee A teams. Mr. DeGiulio further distributed a list of payables which should have all season costs accounted for. He stated that District 3 will soon pay for the ice expense for the two district tournaments hosted by the Association this year.

Mr. DeGiulio stated that the Pavilion wants to raise costs by \$10 per hour next year.

Secretary – Mr. Glover

No further report.

C League Coordinator

Not present. No report.

Ice Coordinator – Mr. Hoffman

No further report. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Hoffman for a very successful year. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Pavilion is concerned about assignment of 9:30-10:30 p.m. ice times. A member suggested assigning it to adult teams.

Registrar – Ms. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore reported on “on line” registration to use Puck Systems and the possible use of such system for next season.

Ms. Whitmore reported she should have all team books back by next month.

Ms. Whitmore next proposed, for discussion, creating compensated Board positions including ice coordinator, tournament director, treasurer and registrar. She stated other local associations, including Armstrong, Osseo Maple Grove, Wayzata and North Metro have such positions. Several members contributed ideas about this idea both in favor and opposed. Ms. Witmore agreed to provide additional information on this idea at later meetings.

Ms. Witmore agreed to remind managers to return jerseys to the new Equipment Coordinator.

Outdoor Ice Coordinator – Mr. Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney reported on a successful first season with players skating into March.

Mite Coordinator – Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin reported on his plans for recruiting and scheduling. He stated he has a volunteer to help organize and run Mite Day, Mite Madness and Kindergarten Roundup.

Mr. Martin proposed buying “starter” equipment kits for mites in exchange for volunteer hours. Several member suggested possible scholarship options for equipment. Several members discussed give away items including “player” cards to distribute to potential players as a recruiting tool. Mr. Martin agreed to return to the Board with a specific proposal.

Tournament Coordinator – Ms. Quale

No further report.

Girls Coordinator – Open

No further report.

Equipment Coordinator – Mr. Staack

Ms. Witmore agreed to remind managers to return jerseys.

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

No further report.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Michael Glover

Secretary

March 16, 2009.