

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

Members Present: Mr. Bizal, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Davis, Ms. Wagner, Ms. Quale, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Ostenson, Mr. Winter, Mr. Staack, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Foslien, Mr. Martin, Mr. Gainsely, Mr. Hillen, Mr. Beck, and Ms. Whitmore.

Guests: Matt Miller of *Sports World* in Eden Prairie, Scott Dornfeld, District 3 Director and Amy Sokoloski, parent.

Call to Order-

Mr. Bizal called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Charitable Gambling Report – Ms. Quale.

Ms. Quale reported that Ms. Wagner has resigned her position as co-gambling coordinator with the Board, that Jim Ditmer has agreed to assist her on an interim basis and that Greg Patterson will act as a consultant to assist the transition.

Ms. Quale reported on June 2009 charitable gaming income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported that June gross receipts at Tuttle were \$60,946 and net receipts of \$9,662. Allowable expenses were \$7,661 less taxes, resulting in a net loss of \$1,843. Payouts increased from 83.87% in May to 84.15% for June. Main Street had gross receipts of \$69,806 and net receipts of \$12,638. Actual allowable expenses were \$7,872 less taxes, resulting in a net loss of \$197. Payouts increased from 80.99% in May to 82.15% in June. The combined approved expenses were \$24,051 (\$15,533 plus taxes).

Ms. Quale reported estimated total expenses for July 2009 will increase by \$5,000 from \$43,910, to \$48,910 representing an increase in LPE, payable to HYHA for Mite Recruitment expenses. Ms. Quale reported the cash balance as of June 30, 2009 was \$17,779 with a current cash balance of \$7,180 after payment of taxes, rent, LPE for Mite Recruitment and other items in July. Mr. Davis moved to approve the revised estimated July 2009 total gambling expenses for both locations of \$48,910, Mr. Hillen 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.

Ms. Quale reported estimated total expenses for August 2009 are \$28,410. Mr. DeGiulio moved to approve the estimated August 2009 Charitable Gambling expenses for both locations in the amount \$28,410. Mr. Hillen 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.

There was discussion pertaining to the possibility of adding Majors as a third gaming site. Ms. Quale indicated she would speak with Majors representatives and review the financial issues to determine whether adding the site is viable. Accordingly, the issue was tabled for discussion at the August Board meeting.

Sports World guest speaker- Matt Miller from *Sports World* of Eden Prairie made a presentation seeking consideration by HYHA for uniform bids and as (non-exclusive) provider of Hopkins hockey apparel. Mr. Miller emphasized their ability to facilitate sale of Hopkins gear at fund-raising events with estimated 10-15% back to the Association from said sales, on-site embroidery services, and the fact that *Sport World* is the apparel provider for Hopkins boys basketball. The Board agreed to discuss Mr. Miller's presentation at the August meeting.

New Business-

a. Participation/Residency Rule:

Scott Dornfeld, District 3 Director, attended and reported on the June 28, 2009 Minnesota Hockey summer board meeting, specifically Rule IV, and replacement of the current Residency Rule with a Participation Rule. Mr. Dornfeld provided each Board member with a copy of Version 5 (Revision g) of the proposed new rule. The rule revisions focus is a participant's age in determining where that participant may register to play. Pursuant to the proposed rule revisions, Squirt-aged players (and above) must play within an association where they live. Discussion was had relating to the difficulty in policing the proposed rule given privacy data laws and its (specifically IV(B)(2)(c)) potentially negative consequence to smaller Associations. Further discussion was had that non-association teams such as Minnesota Made and Fire are in effect able to circumvent the rule to the detriment of associations. Subsequent to the meeting, on August 3, Mr. Davis reported that a District 3 Board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12th, at 7:00 pm at the Crystal Community Center and that Representatives from Minnesota Hockey will be at the meeting to field questions and to discuss the new Participation Rule replacing the Residency Rule. Mr. Davis, Ms. Whitmore and Mr. Sweeny reported they will attend the meeting and report back to the Board at the August meeting.

b. Recruitment Issues – Ms. Whitmore.

Ms. Whitmore reported on the Skate with the Stars promotion held July 19, 2009 featuring former HYHA player Jack Hillen, of the New York Islanders and Becky Kortum, HHS graduate and Ms. Hockey 2009. Ms. Whitmore reported more than 50 children participated in the event with approximately 15 new player families attending. Ms. Whitmore reported the Association has 60 new set of hockey gear and equipment bags available at no cost to new families registering to HYHA, with their commitment to volunteer 10 hours of time during the upcoming season. Additional incentives to new mite level families were discussed, including subsidized ice time (reduced program cost of \$150- 175).

c. Website- Mr. Foslien.

Mr. Foslien reported that conversion of the Association website to TST/Pucksystem is nearly complete after extensive and time-consuming efforts. Discussion was had as to whether the conversion will occur in time for player registration or whether the Association should consider deferring conversion to TST to next year while retaining the Mystify program for this season.

d. Fundraising- Mr. Bloom.

Mr. Bloom was not present but issued a written report that he is conversing with Gold Nugget representatives relating to their possible purchase of a board at the PAV and that he and Mr. Patterson are in the process of organizing a pancake breakfast event, to occur in September.

Approval of June 15, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Winter.

Mr. Ostenso moved to approve the June 15, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes with the changes submitted by Mr. Davis. Mr. Bizal 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.

Members Reports

President – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported that the 1999 Fire team has requested a slot in our 2009 Thanksgiving tournament. Discussion was had pertaining to the costs and benefits of allowing a non-association team to participate in the tournament. At the conclusion of this discussion Mr. DeGiulio brought a motion to deny the Fire's request for participation in 2009-2010 Association tournaments. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vice President – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported on details pertaining to the Scholarship Program. Mr. Davis reported that following a screening process by a Scholarship Committee, approximately 5 scholarships (three full and two partial) with a total contribution of between \$3,000 to \$4,000 are provided each year to families in the Association, to help defray or cover program and equipment costs. Mr. Davis brought a motion to seat a Scholarship Committee consisting of Mr. Davis, Mr. Bizal, Mr. DeGiulio, Ms. Quale, Mr. Sweeny and Ms. Whitmore. Mr. Hillen seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Davis reported on the contract status of the concession stand and that for 2008-2009 there were net sales from the stand of approximately \$10,000. Mr. Davis reported he anticipates a bid shortly from Lisa Hazuka to manage the concession stand for 2009-2010. Mr. Davis nominated Mr. Foslien and Mr. Staack to lead the Association Booster Committee. Mr. DeGiulio brought a motion to seat Mr. Foslien and Mr. Staack as Booster Committee. Mr. Ostenso seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer – Mr. DeGiulio

Mr. DeGiulio provided each Board Member with a summary and break-down of program costs with spread-sheet verification of same. Mr. DeGiulio then nominated Tim Sweeny to replace Jeff Keiser as Finance Committer member. Mr. Davis brought a motion to name Mr. Sweeny as Finance Committee Member. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. DeGiulio

provided a preliminary 2009 Association budget, and provided each Board member with profit and loss statements. Mr. DeGiulio stated the preliminary budget indicates a net of \$370.

Secretary – Mr. Winter

No further report.

C League Coordinator - Mr. Beck

Mr. Beck reported that clinic and try-out schedules have been finalized and are available on the website. Mr. Beck raised the issue of a B-2 team and tournament. The discussion was tabled for future discussion by the Board.

Ice Coordinator - John Hoffman:

No Report.

Outdoor Ice Coordinator - Tim Sweeney:

Not Present. No Report.

ACE Coordinator – Tom Martin:

No Report.

Co-Tournament Coordinators – Angela Quale and Carol Solberg:

No Report.

Girls Coordinator – Peter Gainsley:

Mr. Gainsley reported on projected number of U-10 and U-12 players for the upcoming season, and need for immediate recruitment efforts in order to field a U-12 A team. Mr. Gainsley further reported on the goal of having three teams for tournaments (U-12 A & B and U-10B).

Mite coordinator - Bob Anderson:

No additional Report.

Co-Travel Coordinators- John Hillen and Ned Ostenso:

No additional Report.

Registration coordinator - Machel Whitmore:

No additional Report.

Travel Coordinator- John Hillen:

No additional Report.

Equipment Coordinator- Steve Staack:

Mr. Staack reported on an inventory of jerseys and opined that they be utilized for squirt clinics.

Guest: Amy Sokoloski, parent of a squirt age player, addressed the board with concerns pertaining to the Squirt A team, specifically uncertainty as to who will be the A team coach this season and the focus of the potential coach to reach beyond bringing less experienced or skilled players along, and to provide opportunity for upper level player development. Ms. Sokoloski discussed other registration options available to parents. Mr. Staack echoed these comments.

Anthony DeGiulio moved to Adjourn and William Winter seconded the motion.

Adjournment- 10:06 P.M.

Bill Winter
Secretary
August 7, 2009
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