

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association
Minutes of the August 17, 2009
Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Davis, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Quale, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Winter, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Beck, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Bloom, Ms. Solberg, and Ms. Whitmore.

Guests: Pater Hayek, *Herbal Life*; Adam Boston, *Liberty Mutual*; Pete Waggoner, *Hat Trick Sports*; Jim Blanchard, parent, and Jim Dittmer, CG Consultant.

Call to Order-

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Charitable Gambling Report – Ms. Quale.

Ms. Quale reported on July 2009 charitable gaming income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported that July gross receipts at Tuttles were \$56,518 and net receipts were \$9,401. Actual allowable expenses were \$7,092 less taxes, and realized net profit was \$2,221. Payouts decreased from 84.14% in June to 83.37% for July. The Main Street site had gross receipts of \$94,211 and net receipts of \$15,449. Actual allowable expenses were \$7,939 less taxes, and realized net profit was \$7,422. Payouts increased from 82.15% in June to 83.60% in July. For both sites, there was a net profit after taxes, of \$9,643. The combined approved expenses were \$20,536 (allowable expenses of \$16,595 plus taxes). Ms. Quale provided copies of the July tax return, as well as supporting documentation to the secretary, Mr. Winter, which are available upon request.

Mr. DeGiulio moved to approve the revised estimated August 2009 total gambling expenses for both locations of \$20,536. Mr. Winter 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.

Ms. Quale reported estimated total expenses for September 2009 are \$_____. Mr. DeGiulio moved to approve the estimated August 2009 Charitable Gambling expenses for both locations in the amount \$_____. Mr. Winter 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.

There was renewed discussion pertaining to the possibility of adding Majors as a third gaming site. Mr. Dittmer reported that the start-up costs of such an entity would be approximately \$10,000. The Board discussed concerns that this cost likely outweighs the potential future benefit to be gained by the Association. The Board agreed to permanently table this issue for future discussion unless and until a Board Member researches the viability of such an entity and thereafter seeks to place that issue on a Board Meeting Agenda.

Approval of July 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Winter.

Mr. DeGiulio brought a motion to approve the July 20, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. 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.

Herbal Life guest speaker- Peter Hayek made a presentation seeking consideration by HYHA for the Association to become a distributor of their energy drinks and vitamins. Mr. Hayek indicated that the Association could earn significant revenue by selling these items at its concession stand and at tournaments. Mr. Bloom agreed to research viability of HYHA's involvement with *Herbal Life* and to report back to the Board at the September meeting.

Liberty Mutual guest speaker- Adam Boston made a presentation to the Board indicating that HYHA members could save 10% on auto and homeowner insurance through his company and the Association would receive \$10 per quote obtained by members through their website. Mr. Boston sought to have a link placed on the HYHA web site for quotes. The board agreed to discuss Mr. Boston's presentation at the September meeting.

Hat Trick Sports guest speaker: Pet Waggoner made a presentation to the Board pertaining to the availability to HYHA of two 3 on 3 mini-rinks and a shooting area in St. Louis Park. Mr. Boston further indicated there will be a Mite Jamboree at the rinks during the last week of December 2009 and inquired as to whether HYHA is interested and available for this event. The Board discussed interest but possible limitations under District rules of participating in this event. It was agreed that Mr. Dornfeld, District 3 Director, will confirm whether participation is allowable under the rules.

Mr. Waggoner further indicated he is interested in purchasing advertisement space at the PAV in the form of a dasher board; the Board will pursue this issue and contact Mr. Waggoner following a determination relative to participation at the Jamboree.

New Business-

a. Website Migration- Mr. Foslien.

Due to the absence of Mr. Foslien, Ms. Whitmore reported that conversion of the Association website is complete. The website is up and running and registration is proceeding smoothly. Initial response to the appearance and format of the website is favorable.

b. Player Move-up- Mr. Hillen.

Mr. Hillen provided a report by email which was supplemented by Mr. Davis, clarifying the procedure required for players wishing to play up a level, i.e., from Mites to Squirts. In such instances, the child is to register for the higher level to then have the opportunity to try out for a team at that level. When registering online, registrants are to input their child's age appropriate to the higher playing level. A player's parent is then required to forward a letter request to the Board, along with a written recommendation from that player's previous season's coach. The child will then tryout and if he or she is determined to be in the top 25, he or she will be allowed

to play up to that level. The Board will review player move-up requests at the September 18, 2009 Board Meeting.

c. October Travel Parent Meeting- Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis reported that there will be a Travel Parent Meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the lunchroom at North Junior High. Bantam Travel Parent sign-up will begin at 6 p.m. Mr. Hillen and Mr. Bizal will attend and make a presentation at the meeting. Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg indicated they will also attend the meeting to assist parents. Mr. Winter agreed to contact NJH to reserve the lunchroom for this event.

d. Team Declarations- Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis reported that team declarations will be made on August 20th. Based upon preliminary participant numbers he anticipates the following team declarations for Boys: Bantam A, B1 and B2; Peewee A, B1 and B2; Squirt A, B1 and B 2; for Girls: 12 A and B; 10 A and B.

e. Equipment Manager Resignation- Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis reported that Steve Staack has resigned as Equipment Manager. Mr. Degiulio brought a motion to accept Mr. Staack's resignation which was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. Mr. Davis called for discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Whitmore agreed to collect any outstanding keys from Mr. Staack. Mr. Davis indicated Pat Greeley was interested in becoming Equipment Manager. Ms. Whitmore brought a motion to appoint Pat Greeley as Equipment Manager to fulfill the remaining term of this appointment through the end of the 2009-2010 hockey season, which was seconded by Mr. Degiulio. Mr. Davis called for discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

f. New District Residency Rule- Mr. Davis.

Jim Blanchard, an Eden Prairie resident who is the parent of a child attending school within the Hopkins District Area and who played for Minnesota Made last year, appeared before the Board seeking explanation of the new Residency Rules.

Mr. Davis explained that pursuant to the new participation rule, if a child attends school within the Hopkins Hockey District (i.e. Blake, Breck or Immaculate Heart of Mary), and played for a non-Association team the previous season, i.e. Minnesota Made, and now wishes to return to Association hockey, that child must register to play in the Association covered by his or her school attendance area. Mr. Davis reported that the Board is required to enforce the rule. The new rule was previously outlined in detail within the August 2009 Board Minutes.

g. Future presentations before the Board- Mr. Davis.

Mr. Davis discussed the need for procedure and protocol for future presentations before the Board. It was agreed that future presentations shall require prior executive approval before being added as a monthly meeting agenda item.

Members Reports

President – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal was not present but reported by email on opportunities for Association involvement with community-related charities including Hip-Check Hunger and a possible Thanksgiving campaign, chuck-a-puck and a non-perishable food donation drive.

Vice President – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that a volunteer is needed to help facilitate and over see team photos. Ms. Whitmore agreed to seek out and obtain a volunteer to carry out this task. Mr. Davis reported that the District 3 calendar has been distributed and due to current economic conditions there are fewer tournaments scheduled this year. Mr. Davis further reported that there is one more year remaining on the Blake School Affiliate Agreement with Minnesota Hockey.

Treasurer – Mr. DeGiulio

No further report.

Secretary – Mr. Winter

No further report.

C League Coordinator - Mr. Beck

No further report.

Ice Coordinator - John Hoffman:

Mr. Hoffman reported that a draft ice schedule has been completed and will be finalized subsequent to the closing of registration when exact participant numbers will be available.

Outdoor Ice Coordinator - Tim Sweeney:

Mr. Sweeney reported that Hat Trick Hockey has a Zamboni for sale or lease for Association outdoor ice. He further reported that PAV rink officials have discussed the possibility of building a shed for storage of a Zamboni to be located adjacent to the PAV. Mr. Sweeney will research the issue and feasibility of a structure and report to the Board at its September meeting.

ACE Coordinator – Tom Martin:

No further report.

Co-Tournament Coordinators – Angela Quale and Carol Solberg:

No further report.

Girls Coordinator – Peter Gainsley:

Not Present. No report.

Mite coordinator - Bob Anderson:

Mr. Anderson reported that he has been contacted by a potential scholarship candidate, who will be advised to fill out an application and a make a formal request to Mr. Davis.

Co-Travel Coordinators- John Hillen and Ned Ostenso:

No additional Report.

Registration coordinator - Machel Whitmore:

Mr. Whitmore reported that to date eight families (10 bags) have participated in the new family-free hockey bag offer.

Travel Coordinator- John Hillen:

Not present. No report.

Equipment Coordinator- Steve Staack:

Not Present. No Report.

Fundraising Coordinator- Mr. Bloom:

Mr. Bloom reported that he is waiting to hear from the Gold Nugget relative to their purchase of dasher board advertising space.

Tom Martin brought a motion tto Adjourn and William Winter seconded the motion.

Adjournment- 9:46 P.M.

Bill Winter
Secretary
September 18, 2009

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