

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

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

Call to Order-

Mr. Bizal called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**1) Charitable Gambling Report- Ms. Quale**

Ms. Quale reported on October 2009 charitable gaming income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported that October gross receipts at Tuttle were \$79,283.00 and net receipts of \$12,063.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$12,462.94, less taxes of \$3,360.20 for a realized net loss of \$399.94. Payouts increased from 83.13% in September to 84.78% for October. Mainstreet site had gross receipts of 91,372.00 and net receipts of \$14,380.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$13,031.71, less taxes and fees of 3,996.87 for a realized net profit of \$1,348.29. Payouts decreased from 84.29% in September to 84.26% in October. The combined approved expenses were \$25,494.65 (allowable expenses plus taxes). Ms. Quale reported that gaming receipts have now resulted in reaching the second tier taxation level and that the third and final taxation level will be reached within approximately two weeks. Ms. Quale provided copies of the November tax return, as well as supporting documentation to the secretary which are available upon request.

Mr. DeGiulio moved to approve the October Actual expenses of \$21,252. 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. Mr. Beck moved to approve estimated November 2009 total gambling expenses for both locations of \$25,579.01. 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.

In addition to the foregoing, Ms. Quale reported that the Association will have an anticipated net from gaming for 2009 of \$20-25,000. Discussion was had that \$15,000 be held back as available in the event gaming were to shut down (as wind-down costs).

**2) Approval of the October 19, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes- Mr. Winter**

Following a revision relative to C-League ice credits, Mr. DeGiulio moved to approve the October 19, 2009 meeting minutes; Mr. Foslien seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Bizal called for vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### 3) New Business-

#### a. HYHA Elections- Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported on election process, and named a committee to facilitate election of Directors to the HYHA Board for 2010-11. The election committee is: Mr. Sweeney; Mr. Davis; Mr. Bizal; Mr. Anderson and Ms. Quale. The Committee is to identify and recruit individuals for open positions on the Board, and create nominations and ballots for discussion and elections at the December Board meeting. Mr. Davis further reported on the role and duties of the HYHA Vice President, which include but are not limited to: acting as HYHA District 3 Representative; acting as liaison to District 3; and to process scholarship requests.

#### b. Scholarships – Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that HYHA has approximately \$8,000 in LPE money available for scholarships and that to date \$5,000 has been paid out on behalf of scholarship recipients. Mr. Davis further reported that within the past week three new scholarship requests were received, two at Peewee level and one at squirt level. Mr. Davis discussed possible future corporate donations to assist in funding of scholarships.

#### c. HYHA Board/Coaches Screening and Consent- Ms. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore reported that as of this date several Association mite coaches have yet to return completed background checks, CEP's and USA hockey registrations to her. Ms. Whitmore will provide a list to the ACE coordinator and Mr. Gainsley and Mr. Ostenson, as Travel Coordinators agreed to speak with and stress compliance to Association coaches forthwith.

### 4) Member Reports-

#### a. President Report-Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported relative to the following:

- i. HYHA Mission Statement: the Mission Statement will be revised and forwarded to the Executive Board for approval and subsequently to Mr. Foslien for posting on the web-site;
- ii. Hip-Check Hunger: Mr. DeGiulio will be organizing food donations and collection bins for non-perishable items to be donated and received at the Thanksgiving Tournament;
- iii. Storage Shed: the Hopkins Planning Committee denied HYHA's request for a permit due to setback requirements (must be at least 10 feet from the PAV). Accordingly, discussions will be had for an amended plan;
- iv. Hockey is for Everyone campaign: promotion of free hockey for Hopkins district children will commence with coordination of coaches and volunteers, fliers to parents and in the schools, and emails to families, including schedule of ice times with goal of adding 20 new participants;
- v. Outdoor ice: report on status of rink openings and importance of skills development and informal outdoor hockey;
- vi. Phase II of Branding Hopkins Hockey: discussion of Association-wide style and skill development;

- vii. Long-Term Planning Commission for Hopkins Hockey: Mr. Bizal requested commitment from current Board members to part of this initiative. The Committee will consist of: Ms. Whitmore; Mr. Sweeney; Mr. DeGiulio; Mr. Winter; Mr. Martin; Mr. Bizal and Mr. Anderson.
- viii. Identification of tournament Co-Directors: as Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg.

b. Vice President-Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that he attended the November District 3 Meeting and that significant changes will be made to the new Residency Rule for 2010. Mr. Davis further reported that only two or three individuals had contacted him regarding Junior Gold, and even with four or five potential players seeking to participate once Benilde selects its high school team there will not be enough players to field a Junior team. Accordingly, HYHA will honor waiver requests; alternatively these players may opt to play in the Metro League Clearing House.

Mr. Davis further reported that he attended the Minnesota Hockey presentation, where the *American Hockey Model* was promoted. One of the recommendations of this plan is for larger Associations to field multiple A-teams. Mr. Davis conveyed the referee's report, which indicates 8 or 9 misconducts were levied in the first week of District play. Mr. Davis reported that mandatory coaches meetings have been scheduled and notices sent. Mr. Davis reported that possible redistricting for 2010-11 could split District 1 into two or more districts, with one-half of those teams coming to District 3; alternatively Mound West Tonka and Crow Wing could join District 3. Finally, Mr. Davis reported that HYHA will host a Bantam A tournament this season but not a Squirt C tournament.

c. Treasurer-Mr. DeGiulio

Mr. DeGiulio provided copies of the LPE to Board members and reported on the Association spend-down budget. Mr. DeGiulio reported \$735 received from old jersey sales and around \$600 net from Spirit Wear sales. Mr. DeGiulio reported that tax reporting requirements have changed and now require inclusion of charitable gambling money as part of the Association gross. After speaking with Jim Ditmer, it is estimated the Association will need to pay between \$5,000 and \$10,000 as the cost of the upcoming audit and an additional \$4,000 for the charitable gaming audit. Mr. DeGiulio reported the Association has approximately \$10,000 in savings and \$90,000 in the General Fund, which is appropriate.

d. Secretary-Mr. Winter

No further report.

e. C-League Coordinator-Mr. Beck

Mr. Beck reported that the Squirt C team has 12 skaters and a goalie and is set for play.

f. Ice Coordinator-Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman reported that all ice has been scheduled through February 19, 2010.

g. Outdoor Ice coordinator-Mr. Sweeney

No further update.

h. ACE Coordinator-Mr. Martin

No further update.

i. Mite Coordinator-Mr. Anderson

No further update.

j. Co-Tournament Coordinators-Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg

Ms. Quale and Ms. Solberg reported a need for additional volunteers for the Thanksgiving tournament to run chuck-a-puck. Mr. Greely offered to assist in this event.

k. Girls Coordinator-Mr. Gainsley

Mr. Gainsley reported regarding the formation of the U-12 team and that flexibility pertaining to their registration deadline and intra-seasonal rostering is necessary and will be allowed.

l. Registration coordinator-Ms. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore reported that team rosters are complete except for the Squirt C team, which will be completed by November 23. Ms. Whitmore further reported that pictures have been completed and that Sports Star Photography owes the Association \$1,200. Ms. Whitmore further reported that the names of student coaches (between the ages of 13-17) will be provided to Bob Anderson (notes say Bob O'Neil) for scheduling 2-hour training and registration with USA Hockey.

m. Travel coordinator-Mr. Ostenso

Mr. Ostenso reported that Andrew Knapp has been moved up from PeeWees to Bantam B1.

n. Equipment Coordinator-Mr. Greeley

Mr. Greeley reported the need for goalie equipment. Following Board discussion it was determined that Mr. Greeley will provide a proposal of cost for said equipment to the Executive Board for determination of same. Mr. Greeley further reported that he will contact Jay Weiner for Squirt goalie pads, and may place a request on the web for goalie pad donations.

o. Fundraising-Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom reported on formalizing fundraising through association-wide efforts, i.e. for jerseys (sewn on and removable advertising) and on sale of PAV dasher boards. Mr. Bloom is to follow up regarding on-web logo wear at the December Board meeting.

p. Communication Director- Mr. Foslien

Mr. Foslien reported that he will work with Mr. Keiser and Ms. Quale to facilitate communication relative to the Thanksgiving tournament and he will add the HYHA Mission Statement to the web site. Mr. Foslien further reported that he will add the schedule of Hopkins high school games to the web site.

**5) Adjourn**- Mr. Martin brought a motion to Adjourn and Mr. DeGiulio seconded the motion.

Adjournment-9:08 PM

Bill Winter, Secretary

December 18, 2009