

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association
Minutes of the January 18, 2010
Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Bizal, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Anderson, Ms. Quale, Mr. Martin, Mr. Winter, Mr. Foslien, and Mr. Sweeney.

Call to Order-

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

1) Charitable Gambling Report- Ms. Quale

Ms. Quale reported on December 2009 charitable gaming income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported that the Tuttle site had gross receipts of \$73,710.00 and net receipts of \$14,094.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$15,872.51, less taxes of \$4,396.00 for a realized net loss of \$1,445.75. Payouts decreased from 81.83% in November to 80.88% for December. The Mainstreet site had gross receipts of \$101,508.00 and net receipts of \$16,794.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$14,200.81, less taxes and fees of \$4,396.00 for a realized net loss of \$2,260.43. Payouts increased from 82.26% in November to 83.46% in December. The combined approved expenses were \$28,431.00 (allowable expenses plus taxes). Ms. Quale further reported that total estimated expenses for January are \$24,910 and cash balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$31,951.67. Ms. Quale provided copies of the December tax return, as well as supporting documentation to the Secretary, which are available upon request.

Mr. Winter moved to approve the December actual expenses of \$28,431. Mr. Sweeney 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. Davis moved to approve estimated January 2010 total gambling expenses for both locations of \$24,910. Mr. Winter 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.

2) Approval of December 21, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes- Mr. Winter

Mr. Davis requested a minor revision to the draft minutes relating to amendment of By-Laws and updating the Outside Ice Coordinator position to comport with those By-Laws. Ms. Quale moved to approve the December 21, 2009 meeting minutes as amended; Mr. Martin 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) Old Business- HYHA Mission Statement. Mr. Bizal reported on the status of the HYHA Mission Statement. Mr. Foslien reported he will add the approved statement to the HYHA web page.

4) **New Business-**

a. **HYHA Board Elections-** Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported on the election process regarding selection of Directors to the HYHA Board for 2010-11. Mr. Davis confirmed the Nomination Ballots will be mailed out on February 8, 2010; are to be returned by March 1; ballots will then be mailed out by March 19 and counted by April 19. The new Board will be seated at the regular monthly meeting on May 17. Mr. Sweeney reported his intent to resign his position as Outdoor Ice Coordinator to pursue an Executive Committee Position. Mr. Davis asked that other Board members email the Executive Committee to provide notice of intent to pursue other positions within the Association. Mr. Davis requested that Board members consider individuals in the Association available to fill open Board positions and forward those names to the Election Committee of Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Davis, Mr. Bizal, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Quale.

b. **Woodstick Tournament** – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported that the Woodstick tournament has been rescheduled to January 20th as a 4-team round robin and that future tournaments will be scheduled to take place on or near Hockey Day Minnesota.

c. **Board Amendments** – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported on the properly noticed intent to amend the Volunteer Coordinator position to Hockey Recruitment Coordinator (HRC), and to update the position of Outside Ice Coordinator. Ms. Quale moved to amend article 4.2 of the HYHA By-Laws to amend the position of Volunteer Coordinator to Hockey Recruitment Coordinator (HYC) and to add to the By-Laws the previously named position of Outdoor Ice Coordinator; 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.

d. **Five Year Plan for HYHA-** Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported on his vision of a five year plan for the hockey Association. Discussion was held relating to process for bringing participants back from Minnesota Made and other programs to HYHA. Mr. Bizal identified himself to focus on girls; Mr. Anderson to focus on mites; and Mr. Sweeney to focus on squirts. Mr. Bizal reported on the formation of a planning group to contact parents early next fall to aide in recruitment efforts. Mr. Bizal further reported on effective communication to and optimal summer and out of season hockey opportunities for Association participants. Mr. Foslien was identified and agreed to obtain complete email lists from Ms. Whitmore to target mite level participants and to thereafter distribute to them four or five options for off season skating and skills development. Mr. Davis agreed to locate and disseminate to Board members the Association Mite Handbook as an additional summer hockey promotional tool.

Mr. Bizal indicated a desire to meet with the Five Year subcommittee right before the January meeting to continue discussion related to this concept.

e. **Cycling Station** – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported on slow progress related to the plan to install stationary bikes in the PAV for use by parents and as a conditioning tool by team members. The matter was tabled to next month for continued discussion of the issue.

f. **Shooting Room at Minneonka B Arena** – Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported that the Minnetonka Hockey Association rejected the concept of building a shooting room at Minnetonka B Arena, indicating their belief that based upon division of ice time such a room would more benefit HYHA than its own Association.

5) **Member Reports-**

a. President Report-Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal's parital report is as set forth hereinabove. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Bizal reported on a concept of hanging framed photos of former Hopkins players who have gone on to play college and/or professional hockey in the PAV. Discussion was held and it was agreed to pursue this concept and to discuss same at a future regular monthly meeting.

b. Vice President-Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported on the Participation Rule and that Minnesota Hockey will again be amending the rule for next year. Mr. Davis further reported that the intent of the rule is to keep participants who were waived out of an Association from playing 'A' level hockey the following season. Discussion was held that implementation of the rule may result in a discriminatory fashion to treat individuals differently and thereby violate Due Process. Mr. Davis indicated this issue will be discussed at State Meetings in the near future. Mr. Davis further reported on the upcoming Bantam District 3 tournament, beginning February 20. Mr. Davis further reported on the referees report and that the number of majors called is down in District 3 from 69 last season year-to-date to 50 this year. Mr. Davis reported on potential redistricting of District 3 to include: Mound Westonka; Delano; (Crowriver); Southwest; and Washburn. Mr. Davis reported that there will be an Association President's meeting held on January 30 at 9:00 a.m. in Saint Louis Park.

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 that the Association is on budget for the year and that all but the U-12A team have paid their required fees in full. Mr. DeGiulio reported the shooting room rent of \$5,000 and storage room rent of \$1,800 will be paid by February 17. Mr. Degiulio further reported that there was one team who paid for but then withdrew from the Thanksgiving tournament and who will receive a refund. Ms. Quale agreed to provide Mr. Degiulio with exact refund information to complete this task.

d. Secretary-Mr. Winter

No further report.

e. C-League Coordinator-Mr. Beck

Not present; no report.

f. Ice Coordinator-Mr. Hoffman:

Mr. Hoffman reported that the 4-team round robin Squirt A tournament in Duluth was a great experience for the team. Players were hosted by local families and played 3 outdoor games. Mr. Hoffman provided a spreadsheet of ice hours used this year compared with the last year indicating the Association has used fewer hours due to more shared ice this year and fewer 1.5 hour practices. Mr. Hoffman further reported that the District playoff schedule is set and as a result several Squirt and U-10 practices may need to be moved.

g. Outdoor Ice Coordinator-Mr. Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney reported that the outdoor ice is in good condition and suggested team managers and coaches encourage their teams to make use of the ice.

h. ACE Coordinator-Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin reported the squirt B-2 team took third place in the recent 12 team tournament held in St. Cloud. Mr. Martin further reported there were 13 new participants to the Free Hockey Program, one of whom has already enrolled in the Mite program and 3 additional children have enrolled for next session. Mr. Martin indicated he will obtain additional jerseys for the program from Mr. Anderson.

i. Mite Coordinator-Mr. Anderson

Mr. Anderson reported a need for several additional hours of ice time for the Advanced Mites and that he will discuss and schedule for same with Mr. Hoffman.

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

No further report.

k. Girls Coordinator-Mr. Gainsley

Not present; no report.

l. Registration Coordinator-Ms. Whitmore

Not present; no report.

m. Travel Coordinator-Mr. Ostenso

Not present; no report.

n. Equipment Coordinator-Mr. Greeley

Mr. Greeley reported he needs a list of team rosters and jersey numbers for all travel and advanced mite teams.

o. Fundraising-Mr. Bloom

Not present; no report.

p. Communication Director- Mr. Foslien

Mr. Foslien reported that he will upload the HYHA Mission statement on the website. Mr. Foslien further reported on the need for updating and improvements to the warming house behind the PAV. Discussion was had regarding improving: lighting; painting interior walls white to brighten the room; installation of hooks for coats; and future construction of a viewing window.

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

Adjournment-9:02 PM

Bill Winter, Secretary

February 13, 2010