

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association
Minutes of the February 15, 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, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Whitmore, Mr. Beck, Ms. Solberg and Mr. Greeley. Guests present were Darla Hines and Lisa Hazuka.

Call to Order-

Mr. Bizal called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

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

Ms. Quale reported on December 2009 charitable gaming income and expenses. Ms. Quale reported that January 2010 Tuttle's site had gross receipts of \$106,816.00 and net receipts of \$17,591.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$16,929.00, less taxes of \$5,898.00 for a realized net gain of \$662.00. Payouts increased from 80.88% in December to 83.53% for January. Ms. Quale further reported the Mainstreet site had gross receipts of \$121,259.00 and net receipts of \$20,944.45. Actual allowable expenses were \$16,406.00, less taxes and fees of \$5,898.00 for a realized net gain of \$535.74. Payouts decreased from 83.46% in December to 82.73% in January. The combined approved expenses were \$33,149.00 (allowable expenses plus taxes). Ms. Quale provided copies of the January 2010 tax return, as well as supporting documentation to the Secretary, which are available upon request. Ms. Quale further reported she is scheduling a meeting with Majors to investigate the viability of adding it as a third HYHA gaming facility.

Mr. Winter moved to approve the January, 2010 actual expenses of \$33,149. Mr. Davis 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. DeGiulio moved to approve estimated January 2010 total gambling expenses for both locations of \$33,320. Mr. Martin 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 January 18, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes-** Mr. Winter

Mr. Davis requested a minor revision to the draft minutes relating to the word order within the Treasurer's report. With that revision Ms. Quale moved to approve the January 18, 2010 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) **Guests-** Darla Hines and Lisa Hazuka.

Ms. Hines and Ms. Hazuka made presentation to the Board relative to concession duties and the issue of exemptions from working raised this season. Following discussion, consensus of the Board was that everyone should work concessions, and that doing so is fair, facilitates formation of a bond with the Association, builds relationships with member families, and is a way to give back to the Association

community. Mr. Bizal moved to eliminate exemptions for the 2009-2010 season and that any future exemptions be for Advanced Mite coaches, as determined by the Mite coordinator. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Mr. Bizal called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Bizal called for vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4) **Old Business-**

a. **Board Nominations.**

Mr. Davis reported that the nominations have been mailed out and 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.

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

Mr. Bizal reported that an architect has been hired and two sketches will be completed in the near future. Mr. Bizal further reported that bids have been received for excavator and block work at a combined bid price of \$25,000.

c. **Introduction to Hockey-** Mr. Anderson and Mr. Martin

Mr. Anderson and Mr. Martin reported on the success of Intro to Hockey and that *Minnesota Hockey* had made plans to attend a Mite practice and game session to observe and film our program.

d. **Alumni Relations-** Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported on the issue of fostering improved alumni relations while improving the aesthetics of the PAV by reaching out to Hopkins alumni who have gone on to play college hockey or professional hockey, obtaining hockey histories and current contact information, and thereafter creating and hanging framed photos of those players in the PAV. Discussion was held and Mr. Winter agreed to contact alumni and obtain information from those individuals for this purpose.

5) **New Business**

a. **Minnesota Hockey Reorganization-** Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that redistricting of District 3 has been finalized with new members for 2010-11: Mound Westonka; Delano; (Crowriver); Southwest; and Washburn. Mr. Davis further reported that the redistricting will effect game travel, tournaments and will result in creation of more B teams.

b. **Mite Handbook-** Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis reported that the Association Mite Handbook has been distributed to Board members and asked Mr. Martin, Mr. Anderson and Ms. Whitmore to review the book and provide to the Board proposed revisions thereto for implementation with the goal of future association-wide dissemination and use. Mr. Foslien will post the revised Handbook on the Association website.

c. **Hockey Planning, Five Year Plan for HYHA-** Mr. Bizal

Mr. Bizal reported and expounded on the progress of this initiative from last month to date, and on his vision of a five year plan for the Hopkins Hockey Association. The objective of this plan was formalized as producing better Hopkins Association hockey. Discussion was held and consensus reached that the Association build on the current platform, and enhance it by:

1. Creating and focusing on a Hopkins System, to be followed by all Association coaches and to include mandatory break-out, forecheck and offensive plays;
2. Formalizing skating and stick-handling programs, with outside instructors, the cost of which would be supplemented by HYHA; and
3. Implementing two new distinct break-out instructional vehicles for players aged Squirts/U-10 and up by: a) large group skating development, for example six Monday sessions in a row at the beginning of the season; and b) small group skills development, for example 4 to 6 morning sessions.

d. **Ice Usage Plan-** Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman reported on a proposed ice usage plan which addressed: evening out game schedules; addressed the number of travel tournaments per team per season; and utilization of open hours of PAV ice usage when teams are out of town at tournaments. Mr. Hoffman further reported on the 3:1 practice to game ratio and on maximizing ice usage efficiencies by possible move to more 1.5 hour practices. Mr. Hoffman further discussed altering the annual ice usage draft in order to maximize efficiencies and to be more complete by having the Ice Coordinator complete this task. Mr. Hoffman further reported on a need to formalize outdoor ice times by team to maximize its use.

6) **Member Reports-**

a. **President Report-Mr. Bizal**

Mr. Bizal's partial report is as set forth hereinabove.

b. **Vice President-Mr. Davis**

Mr. Davis' partial report is as set forth hereinabove. In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Davis reported that if HYHA teams are participating in out of state invitational tournaments their participation must be preapproved by District 3 Director, Scott Dornfeld. Mr. Davis further reported that the By-Law Amendment needed to be added to the website; Mr. Foslien agreed to complete that task.

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. Mr. DeGiulio called for remittance of outstanding reimbursements for the season and confirmed coaches will receive a CEP credit of the \$40 paid by them. Mr. Winter provided a copy of Chad Nyberg's contract for his review relative to terms of compensation and budgeting.

d. **Secretary-Mr. Winter**

No further report.

e. C-League Coordinator-Mr. Beck

No further report.

f. Ice Coordinator-Mr. Hoffman:

Mr. Hoffman's report is as set forth herein above.

g. Outdoor Ice Coordinator-Mr. Sweeney

No further report.

h. ACE Coordinator-Mr. Martin

No further report.

i. Mite Coordinator-Mr. Anderson

No further report.

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

Ms. Whitmore reported that she attended the end of the year Registrar meeting and that their discussion raised the issue that coaches complete certification and provide paperwork prior to the start of the season. Ms. Whitmore further reported that the Association is set for online registration (for next season).

m. Travel Coordinator-Mr. Ostenso

Not present; no report.

n. Equipment Coordinator-Mr. Greeley

No further report.

o. Fundraising-Mr. Bloom

Not present; no report.

p. Communication Director- Mr. Foslien

Mr. Foslien reported that \$464 was received by Cutface Embroidery from merchandise sales and \$500 from Qwest as a matching grant to HYHA. Mr. DeGiulio agreed to draft and send a thank you letter to Qwest.

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

Adjournment-9:58 PM

Bill Winter, Secretary

March 10, 2010