

**Hopkins Youth Hockey Association  
Minutes of the July 19, 2010  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Members Present: Mr. Sweeney, Mr. P. Greeley, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. DeGiulio, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Beck, Ms. Quale, Mr. Winter, Mr. Schmanski, Mr. Olson, Mr. Dornfeld, Ms. Whitmore, and Ms. Solberg. Guest present was Jon Smart.

Call to Order-

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

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

Ms. Quale reported that June, 2010 Tuttle's' site had gross receipts of \$97,170.00 and net receipts of \$18,685.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$7,599.00, plus taxes of \$9,159.00 for a realized net realized profit of \$1,927.00. Payouts decreased from 82.62% in May to 80.77% for June. Mainstreet site had gross receipts of \$102,876.00 and net receipts of \$14,239.00. Actual allowable expenses were \$9,851.00 plus taxes and fees of \$4,006.00, for a realized net gain of \$382.00. Payouts increased from 81.37% in May to 82.59% in June. The combined approved expenses were \$30,429.00 (allowable expenses plus taxes).

Ms. Whitmore moved to approve June, 2010 actual expenses of \$30,429; Mr. Pat Greeley seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Sweeney called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Quale further reported that estimated August expenses for Tuttle's are \$9,440 and for Mainstreet \$10,575, resulting in combined estimated August expenses from both sites of \$20,015. Mr. Anderson moved to approve estimated August expenses; Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for discussion. There was no discussion. Mr. Sweeney called for a vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Quale reported that as of June 30, 2010 there was cash on hand of \$19,542.19.

2) **Approval of Minutes** – Mr. Winter

It was determined by and between the Board that approval of June and July Board Meeting Minutes will occur at the regularly scheduled August meeting.

3) **Old Business**

a. **Skills Clinics** - Mr. Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney reported that Shon Podein will run HYHA Skills Clinics, with his staff of former professional players. Discussion was had that each coach on the ice must be CEP Certified. Clinic dates are set to commence November 1, 2010: Mondays for large group; and Tuesday morning for small group. Discussion was held that Mr. Podein may have additional commitments to Saint Louis Park Hockey; he will let us know his ability to be here all or part-

time by July 26. Registration for the clinics will be separate from regular season registration, completed earlier, and as first come 1st served until filled. Discussion was held pertaining to the need to finalize price and insurance issues.

**b. Travel Team Designation.- Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Greeley.**

Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Greeley reported that registration will begin August 1. Discussion was held that we will need to know participant numbers and then declare teams in order to begin scheduling tournaments (1st week of August). Jon Smart suggested HYHA field a U-14 A-team for the 2010-11 season. Coaches, parents and Mr. Gainsley will attend the Travel meeting on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Gainsley will email his recommendations for team declarations on Monday or Tuesday, July 26-27. Discussion was held that the goal with said designations is minimizing girls opting out of the Hopkins Association to play and for outside association girls to seek to play here.

**4.) New Business.**

**a. Calendar Raffle – Ms. Quale.**

Ms. Quale reported on the Calendar Fundraiser for travel players, to be applied as an ice credit back to each team. This is a Monthly calendar; on the back is a raffle ticket with prizes. Cost is \$20 for the calendar; names will be drawn as winners throughout the season. Discussion was held relative to the need to determine the amount of each prize. Ms. Quale reported that the Burnsville Association made \$32,000 from this promotion last season. It was estimated that HYHA could raise approximately \$19,000 net from this fundraiser (\$30,000 gross - \$10,000 in prizes - 5% for expenses = approximately \$19,000 net. The fundraiser would commence in late October with sales of the calendars through December 15.

Mr. DeGiulio brought a motion to require 2010-11 travel players to participate in our fundraiser raffle and to sell a minimum of 10 calendars at \$20 per calendar to offset ice costs. Mr. Bloom seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**b. Language in HYHA Travel Policy re: Player Move-up – Mr. Greeley.**

Mr. Greeley reported on the need to eliminate language in the HYHA travel policy which states that a player wanting to try out to move up must have played on an A team the prior year. Discussion was held pertaining to this issue and that the revised language needs to expressly include that all move-ups require Board approval. Mr. Anderson brought a motion to amend the Travel Policy to eliminate the requirement that a participant played on an A team the prior year in order to move-up, while maintaining Board discretion to make move-up decisions for the betterment of the overall program. Ms. Quale seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

## 5. Director Reports.

### a. **HRC** - John Schmanski.

Mr. Schmanski reported that he is seeking funding to run an advertisement in the Sun Sailor sports section, promoting and recruiting registration for Hopkins Hockey for children starting at age 4. Mr. Schmanski reported that the cost of this advertising is \$505. Mr. Sweeney brought a motion approve funding to run an ad in the Sun Sailor promoting and recruiting for Hopkins Hockey. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Mr. Schmanski further reported on plans to have HYHA representatives at each elementary school at their respective Activities Night, where school fall activity sign ups occur. Mr. Schmanski reported on plans to set up a table for each elementary school. Mr. Anderson agreed to collaborate with Mr. Schmanski to obtain student lists for each school to facilitate and streamline said recruitment efforts.

### b. **Fundraising** - Mr. Bloom.

Mr. Bloom reported on the above-referenced Calendar raffle, and that he will work with Ms. Quale on this effort. Mr. Bloom further discussed the possible sale of hockey boards to Chipotle, Buffalo Wild Wings, and similar, local franchises.

### c. **Equipment Coordinator** - Mr. P. Greeley.

Mr. Greeley reported that three teams will have uniform replacement, specifically the Girls U-10 and two U-12 teams. Exact replacement will be determined once team designations have been made and that ideally those designations will be known by the end of July. Mr. Greeley brought a motion approve purchase of three new sets of jerseys for the girls teams. Mr. DeGiulio seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no discussion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Greeley further reported that the new Equipment Coordinator is Brad Reifsteck. Mr. Greeley reported that HYHA is receiving free practice jerseys from USA Hockey. Mite Level will receive: two sets or red, royal, blue, green and gold could be used as game jerseys. Girls 9-10 will receive: royal, black, gold. Discussion was held and it was recommended as a significant cost-saving vehicle that HYHA change our girls' sock from the premium currently charged for 3-color socks. Mr. DeGiulio brought a motion to go to a 2-color sock; Ms. Quale seconded the motion. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

### d. **Registrar** - Ms. Whitmore

Ms. Whitmore reported that registration will commence August 1st. Ms. Whitmore is unavailable to attend the Registrar Meeting on July 29th in Plymouth; Angie Quale agreed to attend the meeting. Ms. Whitmore reported on the need for HYHA to purchase the school list of names to mail registration information by post card direct flier to incoming kindergartners. Mr. Greeley agreed to obtain the list and send to Brad Davis from DPI for distribution. HYHA will also send an email blast.

e. **Boys Travel Coordinator** – Mr. Olson

Mr. Olson had no further report.

f. **Girls Travel Coordinator** – Mr. Gainsley

Mr. Gainsley was not present and provided his report by email.

g. **Tournament Director** – Ms. Solberg

Ms. Solberg reported that tournament invitations are beginning to come in. Ms. Solberg further reported on the need to have information pertaining to team tournaments by the first week in August in order to send applications.

h. **Mite Coordinator** – Mr. Anderson

Mr. Anderson reported that he is waiting for a determination of mite registration participation numbers. Mr. Anderson further reported on a need for names of CEP eligible parents to be on the ice to coach and that this information will be on registration forms. Discussion was held about a plan to hold a parent meeting in the stands at the beginning of the season and to provide mite hand books to parents at that time, as well as holding a coaches meeting before the beginning of the season. Further discussion was held pertaining to altering this season's ice schedule to have three sessions of 1- ½ hours each -vs- 4 sessions of 1- ¼ hour each (see also report of Mr. Hoffman hereinbelow).

i. **Ace Coordinator** – Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin was not present; no report.

j. **Outdoor Ice coordinator.** Mr. T. Greeley

Mr. Greeley was not present; no report.

k. **Ice Coordinator** – Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman reported on adjustment of the Mite Clinic schedule to 3 blocks of 1- ½ hours each instead of 4 sessions of 1- ¼ hours. Mr. Hoffman further reported that the Squirt clinic schedule is set; Pee Wee and Bantam schedules are finalized; practice schedules for PeeWee's and Bantams through October are finished; Tuesday morning ice time is to be finalized; hours of advanced mites are finalized for November and December.

l. **C-League Coordinator** – Mr. Beck.

Mr. Beck reported that he has been working through Pee Wee team classification issues and that the team classifications have been finalized to include: A; B1; and B2.

m. **Communication Director** – Mr. Foslien

Mr. Foslien was not present; no report.

n. **Secretary** - Mr. Winter.

Mr. Winter had no further report.

o. **Treasurer** - Mr. DeGiulio.

Mr. DeGiulio reported that the Stauber Goal Crease goalie contract has been signed and the rate is the same as it has been the past 3 years. The contract is the same as it has been the last 6 years re: allotment of time. Mr. Greeley brought a motion to continue the Stauber Goal Crease goalie training as part of our lawful spend-down, the motion was seconded by Mr. Beck. Mr. Sweeney called for further discussion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. DeGiulio raised the issue of goalie equipment and a need to ensure at least one bag per team and the concept of team security deposits from team checkbooks.

p. **Vice President** – Mr. P. Greeley.

Mr. Greeley reported that John Hoffman attended the District-3 meeting and the proposal of reducing penalties from 2 minutes to 1.5 for the upcoming season.

q. **President**. Mr. Sweeney

Mr. Sweeney reported he met with Matt Boente of The Blake School and that the affiliation with Blake is moving forward. Mr. Sweeney met with Scott Dornfeld, HYHA District 3 Director, and spoke with Brady Bizal about the process. Mr. Sweeney further reported on goal of more Blake and Breck players skating in HYHA. Mr. Sweeney indicated need for Agenda items provided to Board members at least 10 days prior to future Board meetings and email exchanges among committee and/or Board members to occur prior to meetings to make efficiency improvements.

Adjourned at 9:42 p.m.  
William A. Winter, Secretary  
August 9, 2010

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