

## **WYHA Board Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2008**

**Present:** All board members present excluding Ron Fiemann and Brad Langfus.

**Secretary's Report:** Approval of June minutes; Jim S motion, John B second.

**President's Report – Greg Gibson:**

**Eric Blank, City of Plymouth Park and Rec Department** presented update for outdoor rinks. Participation is decreasing, 11,500 participants last season. More residents are utilizing indoor skating, including the open skate at PIC. Due to the cost of maintaining and grooming underutilized rinks, the city is planning to decrease the number of existing ice rinks from 11 to 8 over the next one to two seasons; long term will decrease to six outdoor rinks. In addition, the city is exploring construction of new artificial outdoor rink facilities with boards and longer season to encourage greater use. City is suggesting both full size and smaller 160x60 rink. City is interested in WYHA input and collaborative efforts; desires feedback this fall. Eric praised President Gibson for his demonstrated leadership and keeping youth interests forefront in decision-making.

**John Perry from District 3** presented update: District has denied requests for new affiliations; Blake School has existing affiliate agreement that will cease in two years. New processes for ensuring coaches are certified: coaches will be redlined off roster if not CEP certified by 12/28. CEP class sizes will be decreased, but number of class options will increase. District is working on residency rules. Tournament game scheduling changes: still 2 game/day, 4 and 12 rule changed to 3 and 10. Mr. Perry provided praise to WYHA for a model hockey program.

**Administration – Paul Hahn:**

Online registration will go live 7/21. Walk in registration scheduled for 9/21 from 9am to 12n. Suggestion provided to advertise registration in local sport's stores. Arena WYHA office space has been secured in center ice room, old coat rack room. Need electrical volunteer to prepare office. Providence Academy has approached WYHA requesting placement of their students on one Bantam B2 team. Discussion ensued without board agreement; administration will obtain specifics from Providence and bring to next board mtg. Sound system complete at Central arena and sounds terrific. Next board meeting date changed to 8/11.

**Treasurer's Report – Bob Vold:**

Balance sheet distributed. Discussed ideas to better utilize CMS bubble for training; cost is fixed yearly commitment regardless of hours used by teams. Teams will be scheduled for all dry land dates prior to game scheduling. Seek to provide coach education on effective training at bubble facility. Additional suggestion to explore selling financial commitment and use of facility to other sport associations.

**Girls Program – Derek Gullett:** Interviewing coaches. Fall clinics being set up. Still planning for U19 team.

**BlueLine – Brenda Senden:** Additional fees for unfulfilled hours collected; fifteen families will be blocked from registration. Silent auction items being sought for gala on 11/14/08.

**District 3 – Alex Becker:** District seeking qualified trainers for CEP classes.

**Mites Program – John Buan:** Enrollment dip projected at 150-160. Discussion points brought forward as to what type of mite structure best meets youth numbers. Developing coaching skills for all team levels ongoing challenge. Concurred 2 or 3 tier system dependent on actual enrollment numbers. Recommendations to be made at August meeting.

**C-League – Ron Fiemann:** no report

**Boy's Travel – Jim Smith:** Tryout dates set. Jr Gold A Coach update: Ted Olson replaced by Tim Olson. Decision made for one Squirt A team.

**Adjourn-** 9:50pm motion to adjourn Jim S, second B Orke.

**Next Meeting Date: August 11, 2008, 7pm PIC**

**2008 Meetings: 9/8,10/6,11/3,12/1**