

## **WYHA Board Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2008**

**Present:** All members present excluding Derek Gullett and Brenda Senden.

### **Open Forum:**

**a. John McGinty, Providence Academy:** Providence requests WYHA allow 13 students from Providence to play together on a Bantam B2 team for upcoming season. Approximately 70% of Providence students and players are from within Wayzata district; remaining from outside hockey associations would seek waiver to play. Level of team would be evaluated on year-to-year basis; Providence uncertain if any currently purchased ice would be turned back for purchase by WYHA. Response requested as soon as possible.

**b. Kelly Fairchild, Erik Jacobs, Darren Nauss, Lance Pitlick, Todd Zejdlik, WYHA Mite Program:** Based on the 2008 Mite Survey\* results and our established WYHA goals the following recommendations to further enhance our mite program were presented: Establish "Coaches Committee for Mites" to provide coach support and development (supported by importance of coach as single largest contributor to the success or failure of a season); provide standardized curriculum, practice plans and shared practices for beginning of season; recommend no mite games on PIC A, encourage splitting rink for practice to reduce ice cost; re-evaluate mini mite pricing; maintain tier level structuring with strong coaches for all teams at each level; include school and grade information as part of team formation. Board president requested presenters to provide leadership and coordination of mite program enhancements; board requests VP Mites (John B) to meet with presenters and come back to board with detailed plan once mite registration numbers are known.

\* Mite Survey: 97% of parents indicated their child had a positive experience; 97% indicated their child improved their hockey skills; 97% indicated their child had fun; 93% indicated their child would play again next year; 87% indicated their child played at the right level; 79% indicated the tryout process was fair and objective; 81% indicated the cost to play hockey is reasonable; 93% indicate mite teams should be created by both skill and school.

**Secretary's Report:** Approval of July minutes, Jim S motion, second Rob R, motion carried.

**Administration – Paul Hahn:** Providence Academy request for Bantam team: Jim S motions to approve for one year, Carrie S seconds. Motion denied: 9 votes against, 2 in favor, none abstained.

Registration Dates: On-line went live 7/21; walk-in registration scheduled for 9/20/08.

Arena office at PIC is progressing. Appointment of directors on website with email addresses promoting efficient communication.

**Treasurer's Report – Bob Vold:** YTD fiscal report distributed. Motion to approve Jim S, second Alex B. Motion carried.

### **Girls Program – Rob Rude (for Derek Gullett)**

U10: Proposal to consider having two balanced U10 A teams. Board supportive of further dialogue with following conditions: Both teams must have 15 skaters and be equal. All level coaches will be submitted to board for approval at September meeting.

**BlueLine – Brenda Senden.** No report

**District 3 – Alex Becker:** Annual coaches meeting for all levels. Distribution of HEP/ACE materials for the season at the meetings. Expanded library of materials available. Updated

"coaches" tab on website. Screening and consent forms by all board members completed for this coming season.

**Mites Program – John Buan:** Mailings to school age will be done in August; 1st-3<sup>rd</sup> grade and then kindergarten. Follow up to open forum presentation once registration numbers known.

**C-League : Ron Friemann.** No updates.

**Boy's Travel – Jim Smith:** Motion by Jim S to approve Alex Becker for Pee wee B coach, second by Greg G; motion carried unanimously with two members unable to vote. Motion by Jim S to approve Andy Cossette and Alex B for Squirt B coach, second by Greg G; motion carries unanimously with two members unable to vote. Motion by Jim S to approve Ben Moffitt for Bantam B, second Greg G; motion carries unanimously with two members unable to vote.

**8:50pm Adjourn-**Motion by Paul H, second Bill O.

**Next meeting Monday 9/8/2008 7:00pm at PIC**

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

**2009 Meetings: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/13, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7**