

Minutes for WYHA Board Meeting 1/16/12

President Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: ABecker, SGengler, GGibson, THewitt, DNAuss, TNelko, MNispel, RRude, BSenden, CSivets, JSmith, BSorensen, SSorenson. MBrandt (Player Development Chair).

Secretary's Report – Sarah Schilling: JSmith motions to approve December minutes, second by BSorensen. Motion carries unanimously.

President's Report – Greg Gibson:

Kaylee Druk, WYHA alumni and Benilde High School girl's hockey player, presented an opportunity to support Jack Jablonski. Her team is selling wristbands; group purchase price is two dollars each and all proceeds will be donated to Jack and his family. RRude motions to approve \$3000 for purchase of wristbands for all WYHA players and coaches; motion seconded by BSenden. Motion carries unanimously. Board dialogued and discussed means to support ongoing education at youth hockey level, including use of website links.

Paul Hahn, on behalf of WYHA, attended the January 9th Wayzata School Board meeting and presented checks for \$25,000 and \$4,000 from WYHA.

The lease of CMS arena has been renewed; a ten-year contract has been signed and endorsed.

WYHA has received two checks, one for \$82.68 from United Way and a check for \$120 from DSC Images. Thank you!

The City of Plymouth has informed WYHA of an increase in ice rates. Effective 4/1/12, PIC ice rates will increase to \$175 per hour; and effective 9/1/12, ice rates will increase to \$190 per hour as approved by Plymouth City Council.

Administration – Alex Becker:

Gambling Update – THewitt: Report distributed; profit of \$5979 in December; profits on track for making additional ice purchase donation soon. JSmith motions to approve February 2012 expenses of \$13,300, second by TNelko, motion carries unanimously. JSmith motions to approve monthly results and report to Board for December 2011, second by SGengler, motion carries unanimously.

Registration Update - CSivets: Colleen distributed historical data from 2003-4 to present demonstrating the number of rostered players by level; 1121 players are rostered for 2011-12 season. Mite recruitment for next fall discussed.

JrGold Updates – Steve Burk: No update.

Website Update- Mike Nispel: Mike is reviewing the WYHA website to improve information accessibility; table of contents is being built; goal is to get documentation up by summer; maintenance of information will be coordinated. Board members discussed necessity of teams utilizing WYHA team pages; this is mandatory to avoid potential errors in ice scheduling; educational and reinforcement efforts discussed.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Turnquist: Report distributed; it was noted open ice costs are under review for equal distribution to teams in upcoming seasons.

Girls Program – Rob Rude: Going well; tryout dates for next fall in process.

BlueLine – Brenda Senden: Sponsorships are down. BlueLine is continuing efforts to recruit sponsors.

District 3 – Mark Brandt: MN Hockey plans to redistrict several districts, including D3. Crow River desires to remain in D3 for multiple reasons including travel times and financial implications; board discussed and supports Crow River's request to remain in D3; Greg will write a letter of support on behalf of WYHA. C League hockey game lengths are under review at district; district considering changing C League games from sixty to ninety minutes; board dialogued; due to increase ice and referee fees associated with this potential change, WYHA supports retaining sixty minute games.

Mites Program – Scott Gengler: Randy Ehlers, Intermediate Mite Coordinator, is chairing the Mite Madness Committee and plans are underway.

C-League – Mike Nispel: Mike is coordinating with Dr. Mark Melin to have Dr. Melin present his concussion presentation. The meeting will be conducted by mid February. Invitations will be sent to all parents of WYHA players.

Boy's Travel – Jim Smith:

Player Development - Mark Brandt: Mid season discussion held recently with player development and coaches to discuss A team structure at Peewee and Squirt level. Overall, positives of current structure were discussed including character development and challenging players to produce their greatest efforts to maximize team potential.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by JSmith, second by BSorensen.

2012 Meetings: 2/6, 3/5, 4/9, 5/7, 6/4, 7/9

Annual meeting: April 2012