

## **Minutes for WYHA Board Meeting 3/4/13**

President Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Present:** Greg Gibson, Alex Becker, Scott Gengler, Trevor Nelko, Mike Nispel, Brenda Senden, Rick Spaude, Shawn Sorenson, Carrie Starry.

**Secretary's Report – Sarah Schilling:** Mike Nispel motions to approve February minutes, second by TNelko, motion carries unanimously.

### **President's Report – Greg Gibson:**

Scott Gray, Minnesota Hockey VP, Publicity and Promotions and Chair of the Screening Committee, discussed new requirements of the USA Hockey SafeSport Program that will be effective Fall 2013. Associations will be required to have a SafeSport Coordinator to ensure all coaches, managers, locker room monitors and other hockey participants are fully trained. In addition, the coordinator will ensure policies and violation reporting mechanisms are fully in place. Part of the SafeSport program requirements include consistent locker room monitoring; locker room oversight is critical for all age groups; the majority of violations and complaints of harassment and injury occur from locker room incidents; team adherence will be required, non compliance will result in potential affiliation consequences. USA Hockey is in the process of producing and distributing materials for mass education. Screening processes are under review and may include national background checks. The SafeSport Program Handbook is available on MN Hockey's website.

Training Facility at PIC: Mark Brandt, Trevor Nelko: City plans for project to be part of 2014 Cap Improvement Project.

### **Administration – Alex Becker**

Gambling Update: Estimated profit for last month was \$5,000; checkbook balance on Feb 28, 2013 is \$71,000; a suggested June donation and a request for approval to repay remaining gambling loan of \$12,500 will be presented at April 2013 board meeting. TNelko motions to approve monthly results for February and report to Board, second by SGengler, and motion carries unanimously. April expenses slightly higher due to city tax payment, SGengler motions to approve April 2013 expenses of \$22,000, SSorenson seconds, and motion carries unanimously.

Tournaments-Mike Nispel: Looking at organization of tournaments for away and home. Identified some areas to improve and scheduling discussions; surveys will be sent to managers for feedback. Brad Langfus will continue to coordinate regional and state tournaments and Rick Spaude will coordinate district tournaments.

Board Nominations-Carrie Starry: Board nomination information is on website; applications due by March 15; an email blast to all members will be sent. Each year, there are four open board positions.

Coach Committee and Player Development Chair Nomination: Nomination form will be posted on website; interviews will be planned for early summer.

Congratulations to teams advancing to State Tournament competitions: Jr Gold B, Bantam AA, Bantam B1 Navy, Pee wee AA, and U14 A Blue. Good luck at State!

Locker Room memo boards: Open item previously researched; Brenda and Alex will follow up on installation of memo boards to PIC locker rooms.

**Treasurer's Report – Gary Turnquist:** Tim Jewell presented executive summary for Feb 2013.

**Girls Program – Rob Rude:** No report.

**BlueLine – Brenda Senden:** Most volunteer positions filled; academic awards in process; March 18<sup>th</sup> is turn in day at 7pm for medical bags and team books.

**District 3 – Mark Brandt, Ricky Spaude:** No new report.

**Mites Program – Scott Gengler:** Mite Madness coming up; mini mites completed.

**Boy's Travel – Rob Rude:**

Coaches Committee - Greg Luedke: No report.

Player Development - Mark Brandt: TNelko reports dryland facility at CMS is now down. Coach advisory group is in place; C level coaches will be added to advisory group in future. ABecker motions to approve one Squirt A team for 2013-14 season, second by CStarry, motion carries unanimously. RSpaude reports skills will be reformatted for next year with improved scheduling and on ice skills.

JRG Update - Steve Burk: No report.

TNelko motions to adjourn, second by ABecker, meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

**2013 Meetings: 4/8, 5/6, 6/3, 7/8, 8/5, 9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2**

**Annual Mtg: April 27, 2013; 10:00am PIC Center Ice room**

**2014 Meetings: 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 6/2, 7/7**

**Annual Mtg: April 26, 2014; 10:00am PIC Center Ice room**