

Minutes for WYHA Board Meeting 7/11/11

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

Present: ABecker, GGibson, SGengler, THewitt, TNelko, CNelson, MNispel, RRude, BSenden, CSivets, JSmith, BSorensen, CStarry. MBrandt (Player Development Chair), GLuedke (Coaches Committee Chair), GTurnquist (Treasurer).

Open Forum: Several parents discussed C League and the balance of ice time vs. program cost to participants. Board invited additional ideas and thoughts.

Secretary's Report – Sarah Schilling: JSmith motions to approve June minutes, CNelson seconds, revision requested to include members absent, motion carries unanimously.

President's Report – Greg Gibson:

Diane Evans is the new City of Plymouth Park and Rec Director; she replaces retiring Eric Blank. A donation of \$82.68, designated for the WYHA scholarship fund, was received via United Way.

Administration – Alex Becker:

Gambling Update- THewitt: Report distributed; fiscal year ends this month; year-end audit will occur soon. Additional positions for part time day hours are open. It was noted WYHA's Charitable Gambling efforts have thus far donated \$42,000 to City of Plymouth for the purchase of ice for WYHA teams.

ABecker motions to approve August expenses of \$10,800, second by CNelson, no discussion, and motion carries unanimously. ABecker motions to approve June Gambling report, second by CNelson, no discussion, motion carries unanimously. Motion by ABecker to approve \$720.93 tax payment to City of Plymouth, second by CNelson, no discussion, motion carries unanimously. Motion by ABecker to approve \$2700 payment for purpose of required gambling audit, second by CNelson, motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Turnquist: Report distributed; overall, cash flow is up compared to same period last year. In process of revising team budgets to better prepare and communicate to teams.

Registration – Alex Becker: Registration fees for 2011 discussed. Motion by ABecker to approve 2011 registration fees without overall changes from 2010; second by JSmith, motion carries unanimously. Online registration will begin 8/1/11; email blasts and post cards will be sent to membership base for web account and registration information. Discussed discount for "early bird" registration; CSivets motions to offer members a \$50 discount on registration fees for early bird registrants; second by ABecker, motion carries unanimously. Early bird info will be reflected on mailed cards. Board members will review and update posted FAQ's.

JRG Level Coordinator – Alex Becker: Motion by ABecker to approve Steve Burke as JrGold Coordinator, second by RRude; discussed this is a new position structured to assume responsibilities similar to those of level coordinators at the youth travel levels; motion carries unanimously.

C Program – Mike Nispel: Parent survey for C league participants was emailed; close to 78% responded; results and comments distributed. Recommend formulation of model based on parent feedback for finalization at August board meeting. New director needed.

Other Admin – Alex Becker: Coach/manager/treasurer meeting scheduled for 10/17/11;

second date to be scheduled for squirt and younger teams. Approved team structure recommendations for 2011-12 (Squirt, Pee wee, Girls) needs to be communicated to association members; MBrandt will work with DNauss to create.

Girls Program – Rob Rude: Approved team structure of two unbalanced U14A teams noted.

BlueLine – Brenda Senden: Recommended volunteer policy for 2011 distributed; ten required volunteer hours for single player's families and fourteen required volunteer hours for multiplayer families. CNelson motions to approve volunteer policy, SGengler seconds, motion carries unanimously.

District 3 Update– Carrie Starry: District supports WYHA's approved A level teams at Pee wee and Squirt level. Checking rule discussed, date of implementation to be determined. New administrator for D3 needed. MN Hockey Day will be on Lake Minnetonka; teams scheduled to participate are WBL, Grand Rapids, Duluth East, and Minnetonka.

Mites Program – Chad Nelson: Mite program will not be participating in November's USA Hockey "Try Hockey for Free Day" due to lack of volunteer coordinator.

Boy's Travel – Jim Smith:

Coaches Committee - Greg Luedke: Committee recommends following coaches at Pee wee A and Bantam A levels: Scott Brokaw, Blake Friesen, Todd Larson and Nate Hagemo. Qualifications discussed. Motion to approve recommendation by JSmith, second by SNelko, six members unable to vote due to player at level, motion carries unanimously.

Player Development - Mark Brandt:

Player development has invested considerable time and effort in implementing a coach mentoring and development program for upcoming season. Board values and support efforts to continuous education and training of WYHA coaches. Coach adherence to required training will be an expectation.

Dryland training for Advanced Mite age group discussed; JSmith motions to approve proposed Acceleration NW Training for advanced mite training; discussed pros and cons of additional training for this age group, no second, and no action.

Player Development has further reviewed the approved balanced A team structure for Pee wee level based on open forum from June meeting; MN Hockey has expressed support of current structure; no change to recommendation of balanced structure.

Motion to adjourn by JSmith, second by CNelson, adjourned at 9:05 pm.

2011 Meetings: 8/1, 9/12, 10/3, 11/7, and 12/5

2012 Meetings: 1/9, 2/6, 3/5, 4/9, 5/7, 6/4, 7/9