

**Westfield Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2011**

Executive Board Members Present:

Paul Labbe, President

Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President

Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President / Ice Scheduler

Appointed Board Members Present:

Jennifer McMahon, USA Rep

Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator

Heather Schnopp, Registrar

Meeting began at approximately 6:35 PM

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the November meeting.

President's Report: (Paul Labbe)

- There will be a meeting held on December 15th, 6:00 PM at the rink to kick off the fundraising committee. The purpose of this committee will be to raise money to help offset the cost of new jersey's next year. All are encouraged to attend.
- There will be a meeting held on December 15th, 7:30 PM at the rink to kick off the In-House League committee. The new In-House league will start Sunday January 29th, will run 10 weeks. This is a novice league for children ages 8-12 that have not played hockey before. There will be 32 skaters.
- An email was sent to teams impacted by the WSU hockey schedule due to locker room availability. Only Carol, Bonnie or Paul can make any changes. If there are any concerns, call Paul directly to discuss.
- The following appointed board member positions were nominated and approved:
 - Ace Head Coach coordinator – John Danahey
 - GSL Rep – Tom Roskey
 - Team Rep coordinator – Keith Duboff
 - USA Hockey Rep – Jennifer McMahon
 - Merchandise coordinator – Brenda Labbe
 - Registrar – Heather Schnopp
 - Health & Safety – Chris King
- The Midgets pre season is done. There will be a full season team, 10 skaters and 2 goalies from WYH. We will merge with Holy Name bringing the numbers to 18 skaters and 3 goalies. There will be a scheduling meeting coming up. Holy Name will be administering the teams (rosters, etc).

1st Vice President Report: (Bob Jacques)

- Many coaches still have outstanding modules to complete. The deadline is 12/31. Head coaches have been notified. A request was made to include the team reps on these types of emails in the future as well.
- Second session for LTS/LTP has started, very well attended
- Fire & Ice – 10 of the 12 teams are all set, Bob working on additional 2 teams. A sign up sheet was passed around for each team rep to sign up for a themed basket for the raffle. These baskets should be brought to the next board meeting (Jan). We will need volunteers for the weekend, Heather Schnopp to coordinate. We are also looking for donations for the bake sale (no cookies) and the raffle table. We will not be doing the book sale this year as it was too much work with not enough return.

Ice Scheduler Report: (Todd Jensen)

- All open ice time has been assigned through 2/19. There is still ice time available after 2/19 however it is dependant on the midget needs.
- Reminder, if having a scrimmage be sure to complete the form and notify Todd if refs are needed. Be sure to let him know if it will be a 60 or 80 minute game.
- For the championship games, the Falcons will be working with the GSL for a celebration. Sat. 3/31 vs. Providence Bruins. 4 playoff teams will be honored with a parade on the ice. Tickets will be \$10 each.
- For the mite teams, there will be a Mite Matinee on March 11th with the Falcons. All mites are invited, parade on the ice, tickets \$10 each.
- GSL Championship scheduled will be posted by the end of the month.
- If a team is going to a tournament and will not be able to use their practice time on Monday or Friday – let Todd know so he can find another team to use the ice.

Director of Finance Report: (Steve Jarvis – absent)

- Reminder – second half ice bills due January 15th. Coach's credits will be on these second payments. Email Steve with any questions.
- If no payment the skater will not be allowed to skate
- Board members will be at the rink for check-ins on 1/16, 1/17 and 1/18
- Do not mail any checks after 1/7 – place a check (no cash) in Pam Bussell's envelope at the rink instead.

Communications report (Jeff Koziol – absent)

- Please encourage teams to send game write ups to Jeff. Currently only about 50% of the teams are doing this. The kids love to see their names in the paper!

GSL Report: (Tom Roskey)

- Midgets and Bantams are supposed to receive 2 minutes for minor penalties. Please let someone know if this is not happening.
- Level 4 coaching clinic is weekend of May 18 in Framingham (\$325)
- Modules – need to be completed for each age group that the coach is coaching. Each module takes approx 8 hours to complete and are due by 12/31
- There is supposed to be a No tolerance for head related penalties. Please let someone know if this is not happening.
- Nonotuck in the Squirt East division requested permission to change divisions – this was not allowed.
- Pioneer Valley is upset that too much ice was returned and they have requests that a committee be formed to look at the team to ice ratio – no action has been taken at this time. They would also like to look into making the schedule in 2 halves to allow for movement like Nonotuck – no action at this time.
- All games have been rescheduled from the snowstorm on 10/30
- Novice session 2 – 18 teams signed up. Jamboree to be held at Mullins Center on 1/29 from 10:30 to 1:50
- Ice is supposed to be made between Novice and Mites games. Specifically, at the Olympia, if the borders are not picked up and moved when the Zamboni doors open, ice will not be made. Coaches are suggested to stop games 5 minutes early to move the borders and stay on the ice to move them around.
- Novice / Mite games – the use of a referee is still being investigated. If one is used, the ref will keep the game going. Only 1 face off to start the game. Problem with coaches as referees is developing into a larger problem. A solution is forthcoming.
- Reminder – game misconducts need to be served the next game and annotated on the game sheet.
- GSL championships will take place on 3/23 and 3/24 at Olympia. The top 4 teams with the exception of Pee North (top 8 teams) will be playing. Bantams and midgets will start their first round on Friday 3/22. The schedule is complete and will be available on the GSL website within the next 30 days.
- Coaches – a reminder – do not edit anything with GSL games. Home team only needs to enter the score.
- No December GSL meetings. Next meeting scheduled to take place on 1/18/2012

USA Hockey Report: (Jennifer McMahon)

- Play downs for squirts and peewee will all be on the Presidents day holiday. This is due to many schools cancelling Feb vacation.
- All teams have final rosters in
- Coach's modules must be complete by 12/31. They will no longer be available on the website after 12/31
- Coaches will only be required to take another module next year if they jump up into the next age group.
- Scholarships forms are now available on the website for midgets.

Merchandise Report: (Brenda Labbe – absent)

- There will be a WYH shopping night on 12/14 and 12/15 5:00 to 8:00 in the large conference room. Last minutes gifts for the holidays.
- As merchandise arrives Brenda will get it out to the teams. Some orders were received last week. No definite date as of yet on the Tackla orders. Please remember, the vendors lost a week due to the Oct storm.
- No news to report on the progress of the new logo or artwork.

New Business:

- Saturday night (12/10) is WYH night at the Falcons. Free t-shirts to the team with the largest amount of players attending.
- Sunday 12/11 Shawn Thorton will be at the Falcon's game.
- Scholar patches are postponed until January.
- Photos were received last week. They were not acceptable and we are working to have the corrected. Should be received next week. As soon as we receive them they will be handed out.
- Next Meeting – Thursday January 12, 2012. Bring raffle baskets to this meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM