

**Westfield Youth Hockey Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 9, 2012**

**Executive Board Members Present:**

Paul Labbe, President  
Todd Jensen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President / Ice Scheduler  
Pam Bussell, Secretary

**Appointed Board Members Present:**

Jennifer McMahan, USA Rep  
Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator  
Heather Schnopp, Registrar

**Team Reps Present:**

MM, M1, M2, M3, S1, S2, PW1, PW2, PW3, B1

Meeting began at approximately 6:35 PM

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

**President's Report: (Paul Labbe)**

- The Social ~ will take place Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Shaker Farms. Tickets are \$25. Order forms were given out to team reps for members to order tickets. Order forms and monies are due tonight. After our meeting, please exchange forms and money with Pam for tickets. We will still continue to sell tickets until the event. There are many great raffle prizes to be won.
- The new In-House league has 23 kids registered. We are getting incredible feedback. We can accept 9 more skaters over the next week.
- LTS/LTP 3<sup>rd</sup> Session. We have 33 LTS players and 24 LTP players. 57 kids in total which means 259 skaters with WYHA. We will continue to take on new LTS/LTP players at any time, we can pro-rate fees.
- Evaluation Committee will meet during the first week of March. We will "tweak" the evaluation process, no major changes. We will also discuss the possibility of taking checking out of the evaluation process.
- Fire and Ice was a huge success. We received tremendous feedback regarding how great a tournament it was and how organized we were. We cleared approximately \$3,000.
- We will have registration for next season on-line only. It is scheduled for March 5 to March 16, 2012. We are streamlining our registration process. Present players must register by March 16, 2012 to be included in evaluations. New skaters can register at any time. We are also looking to take on-line payments for

registration as well, however it is not known if this will actually happen. If current players do not register by March 16<sup>th</sup>, a late fee of \$25 will be incurred. Details will be posted on the website.

- Executive Board Elections will take place during Evaluations. Positions available are Director of Finance, Communications Director and 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. President – which is currently held by Bob Jacques, Bob has decided to run again for a two year term. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, be see a current board member. During Evaluations we will also accept Parent Evaluations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report: (Bob Jacques-absent)**

No report.

**Ice Scheduler Report: (Todd Jensen)**

- Evaluation Schedule – The evaluation process is listed on the web site and starts March 26<sup>th</sup>. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Saturday there will be optional skates for players who did not participate in the “A” evaluations for the Squirt and Peewee age level.
- Play downs – Will be Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Olympia. The play downs are for the opportunity for teams to compete for a chance to play in the state tournament. The format is Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4. The tiers are based on what number team you are in an organization, not what division the GSL. The winner of the play-down is considered the District 6 winner.

**Director of Finance Report: (Steve Jarvis-absent)**

- Registration fees will be the same as last year \$75.00 with the third child in the family being \$35.00.

**Communications report (Jeff Koziol-absent)**

No report.

**GSL Report: (Tom Roskey-absent)(Report by Todd Jensen)**

- Mark Sampson has asked that players must be in full equipment and have helmets fastened for all handshakes.
- Suspended players should not be on the bench, they should be serving suspensions from the stands.
- Discussion around bringing officials to Brattleboro is tabled for next season as part of the contract negotiations.

**USA Hockey Report: (Jennifer McMahon)**

- USA Hockey will start accepting registrations for next season on April 1, 2012.

**Merchandise Report: (Brenda Labbe)**

- The new logo is done and will be unveiled at the Social.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.**