

**WESTFIELD YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2011**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Paul Labbe, President
Bob Jacques, 1st Vice President
Steve Jarvis, Director of Finance
Todd Jensen, 2nd Vice President/Ice Scheduler
Pam Bussell, Secretary

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer McMahon, USA Rep
Keith Duboff, Team Rep Coordinator
Brenda Labbe, Merchandise
Heather Schnopp, Registrar

Team Reps Present: MM, M!, M2, M3, S1, S2, S3, PW1, PW2, PW3, B1, B2

Meeting began at approximately 6:45 p.m.

A Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the October meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Paul Labbe)

- Play Hockey for Free, USA Hockey took place in 440 rinks across America. Approximately 11,000 kids skated that day. Due to the unexpected October snow storm, we only had 6 participants.
- If you are in need of a banner or pins for tournaments, please contact Paul in advance.
- January 20, 2012 will mark the 1st session of our in-house league. It will be offered to kids ages 8 to 12 and we can accommodate up to 32 kids who are not currently playing hockey with any organization. There will be a lower fee as it will only occur once a week. The session will last 9 weeks. We are in need of volunteers to coach and get this program off the ground. We will be providing equipment. We are considering advertising the program in the schools. The 1st few weeks will consist of practices, then cross-ice games with the last few weeks consisting of games.
- LTS/LTP 1st session ended this past weekend. 2nd session starts November 19, 2011 and will end January 28, 2012. 3rd session will begin February 4, 2012 and end March 24, 2012. It is not necessary to re-register for each session once you have completed one session, you simply can pay.
- Mini-Mite Jamboree will take place November 20, 2011 in Enfield, CT.
- There are no games on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years weekends.
- Mini-Mites 2nd ice payment is due Friday, December 2, 2011. You can put payment in Pam or Steve's envelope (\$200 per session) or pay at the table on December 2, 2011.
- 2nd ice payment for Mites, Squirts, PW and Bantams is January 15, 2012.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (Bob Jacques)

- There was a coaches meeting 2 weeks ago where coaches were updated on patches and classes.
- If you have scheduled a scrimmage with another team who is not in the GSL, you MUST be sure their roster is approved by USA Hockey or you are not insured by USA Hockey. The organization you are playing MUST be approved by USA Hockey.
- The Mite 3 team played during the Springfield Falcon's this past weekend.
- Fire & Ice Tournament will take place on January 13, 14 and 15, 2012. The first meeting is November 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
- Each team is responsible for supplying a basket for the Fire & Ice Tournament. Teams will be required to tell the Board at the December meeting what their theme will be.
- In addition, the mites are officially "full ice" during the Fire & Ice Tournament.
- We should only have student coaches on the following teams: S3 Tyler Wilk; PW1 Jake Neilsen, PW2 Mason Rock, B2 Andy Jacques.

ICE SCHEDULER REPORT: (Todd Jensen)

- There are open ice sheets available to teams to host scrimmages. The schedule of available ice sheets will be posted on the web site by tomorrow and teams are asked to request ice times via email to t.jensen@westfieldhockey.org by Sunday, November 13th.
- Monday, November 14th I will review the requests and allocate the available ice. After the first allocation, any remaining ice will be available on a first come basis.
- There are a handful of 80 minute sheets available after the new year, but these will not be allocated until a final decision on a Midget team for this winter.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT: (Steve Jarvis)

- 2nd ice payment has been posted on the website and is due January 15, 2012. \$375 for mites, \$650 for squirts and pee wees, \$750 for bantams.
- We distributed \$9,350.00 between 11 teams as a result of the calendar raffle this year. Each team received \$850.00. Team Reps please provide your team with an accounting as to how the money is spent.
- Coaches will be reimbursed for USA Hockey Registration, Coaches Clinics and Modules via your child's ice bill prior to the January 15th payment. If you do not have a child playing, you will receive a check.
- We will be fundraising for the new jerseys for next season. We need to form a committee to spearhead the fundraiser to fund the entire cost of the new jerseys. The new jerseys will cost approximately \$20,000 to \$25,000.
- We have approximately \$91,000 in bank, we will draw this down to \$60,000 after ice payments are made.
- We are looking for a new Finance Director for next season.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (Jeff Koziol-absent):

- Nick-name results were a landslide: Junior Bombers 96 votes, Red Hawks 35 and Wings 27. Brenda is in the process of getting samples and mock-ups of logos for the December meeting.

GSL REPORT (Tom Roskey-absent):

- No report.

USA HOCKEY REPORT (Jen McMahon):

- Needs S3 and B2 roster.
- Please remind coaches that age modules must be done by December 31, 2011. They must be completed 30 days from the day you register to complete them.
- We need CORI forms please!

MERCHANDE REPORT (Brenda Labbe):

- Storm has set back vendors a week.
- Nothing is guaranteed for Christmas.
- We deliver orders once received.
- New orders will be accepted through February unless they are sold out.
- A cash and carry night will take place in December.
- If you need coaches gifts, please order them now.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need volunteers to form committees for in-house league and fundraising for jerseys.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.