



**Regular Monthly Meeting of the
Western Connecticut Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors**

Date: October 12, 2016

Call to Order at: 7:20 PM

Present:

Brendan McCollam, Co-President Isabel Boulanger, Co-President John Browne, Vice-President Cynthia Stango, Secretary Matt Dutton, CHC Representative Luisa Britton, Treasurer

Absent:

Dana Colwell, Communications Brien Merrill, Registrar
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Old Business:

Item	Discussion	Action/Motion
Minutes	John motioned to accept the September minutes, Matt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.	- Cindy to format the minutes to remove all confidential information in order to post them on the WCYHA website
CHC Report	CHC is looking for payment of \$500 per team for the state tournament. Luisa already sent in \$3,000 this week to cover all the Western teams (Mite A, 2 Squirts, 2 Pee Wees, 1 Bantam). CHC is really pushing the use of the SI Sports app. They would like us to get familiar with the app and use it on a regular basis. CHC announced/it was determined that electronic contracts (such as the ones we use at Western) do hold up in court and can continue to be used. A situation was discussed regarding a CHC organization that recently allowed a non-rostered player to play in one of their games. The kid ended up getting hurt. Since he/she was non-rostered USA Hockey insurance would not cover them. CHC stressed that all players need to be rostered in order to play or insurance will not apply. CHC is getting reports of Midgets having fights on the ice. That issue needs to be addressed at	-



	<p>the team level. CHC released a stat that 13% of the referees are currently down with injuries. They are encouraging folks to sign up to be a referee if interested. 2017 is a rule change year so the CHC is encouraging people to submit suggestions for the next revision. The goalie quick change pads company that was initially recommended by the CHC (via email from CHC Administration) has declared bankruptcy. WCYHA has paid for pads and were supposed to be getting reimbursement for one set. Working to recover our money. Word has gotten around that a Midget U20 team from China is attempting to schedule games in CT against U18 teams. This is against CHC policy and is not permitted. The CHC is encouraging schedulers to know the teams they are playing before you book a game at all times.</p>	
Financial Report	<p>Account balances were communicated. Upcoming expenses include DIA 2nd ice time installment approx. \$28k; \$3k for CHC state tournament; \$450 DIA ice time for family kick-off event; approx. \$800 for Mite Thanksgiving tournament in Shelton; \$4,500 per team for challenge cup; and \$3k for coaches payments. Pro Crease bill is also outstanding but hasn't been received yet. \$1,000 moved into a separate checking account for the raffle. It is a state requirement.</p> <p>An old receivable is being collected. It has not come in yet because the system is not allowing access. The family told Isabel he would mail her a check last Wednesday. There is only one other family that we may be able to collect from. Isabel is going to work with Joe to remove the old outstanding receivables at this point as they are uncollectible and should be removed from the books.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Isabel to reach out to Joe to write off the old outstanding receivables that are not collectible
2016/2017 Budget Updates	<p>Western is currently \$35k under budget but that is just due to timing.</p>	
Survey Monkey	<p>Survey monkey went out this week. Over 50 responses have been received. A reminder email will go out this week letting families know it will be open for just about 10 more days. The majority of the responses received so far are from the squirt families, some from the Mites and barely any from Pee Wees and Bantams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dana to send out a reminder email letting the families know that the survey will be open for 10 more days
ESPN	<p>Brendan had a conversation with John Balis – Pee Wee As are out. Too much push back from the families. Moving forward with the Pee Wee B team. It will be more Disney like because it is a bit younger group. Same type of things. He will bring some Pee Wee As down and Squirt As up to participate as well. He has two more families left to confirm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -



	then he will talk to the rink. Brendan told him that he may get some push back from the rink as a result of a previous bad experience with a figure skating reality show that took place in the NJ arena. John will give us an update in the next couple weeks. Still aiming for filming to begin in January and go through the remainder of the season.	
Disciplinary Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three team/player incidents were brought up at the meeting. They are all/have been addressed by the BOD - Western is waiting to hear back from the CHC regarding our Pee Wee B game where we played three non-rostered Pee Wee A players. The CHC referenced a rule that Brendan can't find on the CHC website in either the policies and procedures manual, or in the minutes. Brendan is waiting to hear what the final ruling is on any of the coaches being suspended. Nick is currently the only coach listed as the head coach. Brien was the assistant coach who told the head coaches it was OK to roster the players. CHC rules say you can double roster players for 10 games for the B level up to the A level. We know we are in the wrong as the CHC was not notified in a timely manner of our plan for the game. The three players in question should have been moved to the B roster and been allowed to "play up" to the A level as alternates for 10 games at which point they could no longer play on the B team. The Presidents will send out an email to the organization explaining the situation once the decision comes down. 	-

New Business:

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Parent Night Out/Raffle	Raffle – books of 40 tickets are being produced and handed out to each pleyer to sell for \$5/ticket. Last year we made approximately \$8,700 on this raffle. The parent night out event has been set for December 3 rd from 7:30-10:30 at the Black Hog Brewery in Oxford. Tickets will be sold for \$50/\$55 each. The potato food truck has been contracted for the evening. Tickets to be distributed to the families a week from Thursday. John to contact Wesco to get the participation prizes. Drawing will be done at the event. The price per person is \$20. Therefore the goal is to make approximately \$1k on the event itself. No table rentals are needed this year. Some bottles of wine are needed for the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John to distribute tickets to team managers for distribution - John to contact Wesco to obtain participation prizes - Brendan to reach out to friend to see if he can get some wine donated for the event.



	event.	
General/Misc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mite practice on Thursdays should be set for 6:30 but Brendan is going to check with Jody. If she confirms that is correct John will update the website for the rest of the season. - DIA Thanksgiving tournament - 5 Pee Wee B teams and 4 Squirt B teams including Western have signed up so far. - Mites have an opportunity to play in a Christmas tournament in Stamford called the Frozen Biscuit. It would take place from December 26-28. The tournament is a full ice tournament so we may not be able to participate as we already have the maximum of 6 full ice games scheduled. Cindy to reach out to the Mites to take a poll on how many kids could play. - Silversticks tournament – email came out saying some local teams may have to play on Tuesday and Wednesday night. All other teams will start playing on Friday of Thanksgiving weekend. We are concerned about this due to traffic concerns and the danger of being on the roads the night before Thanksgiving. We believe this change may be the result of a clinic being added to the arenas schedule that weekend. John thinks we should be proactive and reach out to the tournament organizers to let them know we can't play on Tuesday or Wednesday as we already have ice time booked for practice on Tuesday. In addition that was not what was advertised in the tournament flyer. - Picture day is Tuesday November 1, 2016. Isabel to pick up forms this week for distribution. Also on November 1st will be Operation Christmas Child. - The rink has asked the Mites to move the benches back after their home games. - Locker Rooms – Brendan is working with three parents to start on the locker room project. Measurements need to be taken in Patriot locker rooms 2 & 4. A supply list needs to be submitted to the DIA for approval so that we can get started on the work. Once the high school season starts it will be more difficult to get in there as the rooms will be taken. - John reviewed the schedule with Jody recently and identified 10 game changes. 7 more changes came in today. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brendan to reach out to Jody to confirm Mite practice times for Thursdays. - Cindy to reach out to the Mites to see who would be interested in playing in the Christmas tournament. - Brendan to send an email to organizers at Silversticks to communicate that Western can't make the Tuesday or Wednesday games. - Isabel to pick up Picture day flyers this week - Isabel to send out the video from last year for Operation Christmas to the whole organization. - Cindy to draft an email to Tricia (copy Brendan and Isabel) asking about a status update on all of the open items. - Isabel to send artwork to Jed and ask about pricing. - Isabel to send a thank you note to Wesco because they donated a goalie glove to the mites.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Titans – Titans want our logo to create banners for a “Western” section. Jed wants us to check with the arena to make sure they won’t charge us for the banner.- Bobby Stearns to come to practice tomorrow to evaluate the coaches and see how they are progressing. He want to implement certain things on the ice like having the players loosen their skates during practice to strengthen their ankles. He will provide tips to the coaches on how to talk to referees and how to hold yourself on the bench. He hopes to create Western specific drills that will be used at every level based on skill sets.	
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Next Meeting Date: Wednesday November 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM – 219 Greenwood Ave, Bethel

Motion to Adjourn by: John; Seconded: Luisa

In favor: 6 **Opposed:** 0

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted by: Cynthia Stango, Secretary