

WMC ICE HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB

MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2008

Attendance:

Michael Monaco, Michael Jeske, Dave Kavanaugh, Keith Schultis, Tricia Williams, June Jeske, Ed Sommerkorn, Gail Halko, Pete Halko, Tom Stadlander, Laura Winters, Rob Villano, Doug Rentsch, Vito Mangiapane, Tricia Staab, Tom Staab, David Folkes, Blane Harrison, Denis Stypulkoski, John Creamer, Debbie Peirson, & Lila Kosciolek.

Call to order: 7:40 PM

The minutes from the December 11, 2007 meeting were accepted by Tom Stadlander and seconded by Rob Villano.

Presidents Report (Gail Halko):

Club Functions & Activities:

-Treasurer Position-This position will be available next year. We will accept nominations at next month's meeting. Please consider volunteering for this position. **-By-Laws**-Thank you to the By-Laws Committee, Mike Jeske, Ed Sommerkorn, Dave Kavanaugh & Gail Halko for all their hard work.

-Game Notification System & Text Messaging Notification-If you have not already done so, please sign up on the high school web site for notification of changes in games. If you are a Verizon customer, please sign up to be put on the text messaging notification list to be informed of changes with practices. **Morristown does not want to play us on 1/21, Martin Luther King Day, so that game will be changed. The game against Roxbury at Chill Out is being rescheduled and the Kinnelon game also has to be rescheduled.**

-Beef Steak-All information is on the website.

-Banquet-Scheduled for 3/30/08 at Our Lady of the Mountain Church from 12 pm-3 pm. Still need a chairperson(s). Many people have signed up to help.

-Team Photos-Are ready to be ordered. See the website for information.

-Next Meeting-Tuesday, 2/12/08 in the WMCHS Library.

Survey-Please complete the Booster Club Survey that was emailed to all members.

Vice President's Report (Ed Sommerkorn)

-Grocery Cards-Please continue to buy them to receive credit toward your tuition next year and to help our club. Seniors will receive checks at the end of the season.

-Beef Steak-Scheduled for 2/23 @ a cost of \$40/person @ Our Lady of the Mountain Church from 7 pm -11 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are now available and they will be sold up until 2/3/08. You can sign out tickets to sell to others. All tickets are numbered. Gail will contact LV Ice Hockey Club. Tables can be reserved (8-10 to a table). Encourage friends and family to attend. There will be a tricky tray, 50/50 and door prizes. Ed & Tom will hold a planning meeting with those that have volunteered to help.

-Spirit Wear-Karen Creamer and Maryanne Armenti sent a message that one more order for spirit wear will be placed on Friday, 1/11/08. Email your order to Karen Creamer and follow up with a check to the PO Box. Or you can hand the order in at the game on Thursday. Gail will send out an email with the catalog of items available.

-New Fundraiser-See Ed if you have any ideas.

Coach's Report:

-Sandwiches are working out great.

-The boys are allowed to speak briefly with their parents/friends after the games. He is just trying to keep the boys together as a group and get them on the bus quickly.

-New curfew-He is trying to get the kids to be responsible. It is not meant as a punishment.

-There is a misconception that Doug is unapproachable and that kids will be benched if they talk to him.

A player should go to Doug himself if he is having a problem. If the problem can not be worked out, the player, parents, coaches and AD can meet. There is no reason to go higher without first speaking with Doug. If a player does not feel comfortable approaching Doug, the parent can call Doug and he will speak with the player.

-Helmets-There is a concern that some cages are too big. There are an adequate number of new cages that fit the helmets much better. Parents asked the coach to check the fit of the helmets and cages on the boys. There are extra helmet parts in the locker room. All Varsity helmets fit well. Doug is not sure if Eric has checked JV. He will speak with Eric about checking the fit of the helmets on JV players. Doug has 3 or 4 new cages left and a case on hold at Mennen. If you are not happy with the helmets, you can buy your own as long as the color matches.

-Doug needs someone to take stats at the Varsity games. It is helpful to get the location of where the shots are taken. Gail will put out an email.

-Dave Folkes questioned the idea behind closed practices. Doug is trying to be consistent with other sports and was told by the school to keep practices closed. It is hard to enforce this with outdoor sports.

-A parent questioned what telephone number is being called during curfew check. The home number should be called and not all players will always be called.

-Blane Harrison asked if JV can play more than the 10 games they have scheduled (Randolph is playing 28). In the past, JV has played Blair (parents objected because they have a lot of older kids on JV) and Montclair (parents objected because of the distance and time slot). Doug did not schedule games this year because of the complaints in previous years. There are a lot of JV teams out there that are willing to give ice time. Doug will try to get some extra games (Gill & Mendham). Varsity coaches will cover the games if JV coaches are not available. Freshman Varsity players are required to play at least 5 JV season games to play in the JV playoffs (Coach Jacobsen rule).

Athletic Director's Report:

Kent had to leave to attend another sporting event.

Treasurer's Report (June Jeske):

The final ice payment has been made to Aspen. It was \$1600 lower than expected. We budgeted \$30,400. We still have to pay Chill Out for ice time. We will have to see what expenses we have for the remainder of the year. If the club has a net profit at the end of the fiscal year and the surplus is in excess of 5% of the player contributions collected, the Board will make a recommendation as to what to do with this profit. Options may include increase the capital fund, refunding money back to the general membership, or using the funds for special expenditures. The membership will then vote on it.

By-Laws (Mike Jeske):

The committee met throughout the summer and fall to update the By-Laws. The recommended changes were reviewed extensively at the last meeting. The revised By-Laws were emailed to the general membership and were posted on the Club Web Site. Mike Jeske made a motion to accept the 12/3/07 amendments to the By-Laws as presented at the last meeting and amended at the last meeting. A vote was taken by the members in attendance which represented 18 families and all were in favor. Mike realized that there was a possible conflict

in the By-Laws concerning the non-budgeted \$250 threshold that the Board can spend at their own discretion (Article 7.5 B) and Scholarships (Article 7.6 D). The way it is written now, the Board can vote to award scholarships over \$250 without consent of the general membership. Mike would like to make an amendment that the Board will make scholarship recommendations to the club membership, and that any such recommendation must be approved by a majority of members. Mike will present this amendment at the February meeting and a vote will take place at the March meeting.

Old Business:

Gail did a meeting recap and reminded everyone to complete the survey and pick up Beef Steak Flyers.

New Business:

Rob Villano asked if it was possible for the seniors to get the new blue jerseys with their names on them as a senior gift since the jerseys have to be replaced anyway. In the past, seniors have always gotten the white home jersey as their gift. Coach Rentsch said that would not be a problem since the jerseys have to be replaced anyway and the new light blue jerseys are not any more expensive than the white jerseys.

Senior parents were reminded to pick out a picture that the photographer took for the senior plaques. Parents can also provide their own pictures. The club will pay for the pictures and the plaques. Photos are available at dotphoto.com. Check your email for more information.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Tom Stadtlander to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Dave Kavanaugh seconded it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th @ 7:30 PM in the WMCHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Williams, Secretary

