

WMC ICE HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Attendance:

Karen Creamer, Kevin & Karen Cotter, Guy Armenti, Scott Wiatroski, Denis & Denise Stypulkoski, Ed Esposito, Mike & Sharon Monaco, Bill Smith, Lou Primavera, David Folkes, Tom Stadlander, Peter & Gail Halko, Nick Kosciolk, Blane Harrison, Ed Sommerkorn, Mike & June Jeske, Tricia Williams, Ann Terese Soares, Tracey Gelsinger, Greg Seymoure, Brian & Laura Winters, Doug Rentsch, Steve Scerbo, Jeff Wagner, Dan Caracciolo, Dave Kavanaugh, Dan Domaratsky, Rob Villano, Keith Shultis, Vito Mangiapone and Kent Schilling.

Call to order: 7:35 PM

The minutes from the October 9, 2007 meeting were accepted by Tom Stadlander & seconded by Ed Esposito.

Presidents Report (Gail Halko):

Club functions & Activities:

-Game Signs-Mike Manaco reported that the school approved a game sign to be put up on the high school property by the Four Bridges entrance. He is missing a few school name signs but will stencil their names on the backside of other signs. The Captains will each be responsible for keeping one of the signs current.

-Player Team Photos-Varsity will be on 11/26 & JV will be on 12/6. Players should have their away Jerseys. Gail will give us a link to the photographer to purchase photos. The Photographer will be at the 12/1 Varsity game to take action photos.

-Pasta Parties-Tricia Williams explained the pasta parties and asked everyone to consider signing up for one either on their own or with another parent. Signup sheets will be at the face off dinner.

-Player Info-Gail handed out a spreadsheet of player info for carpooling, etc.

-Banquet-The banquet has been scheduled for 3/30 @ Our Lady of the Mountain Church from 12-3. We are still in need of a chairperson.

-Spring League Coordinator-Two people still needed.

-Senior Night-We still need a date for this event. We can have an intersquad game during one of the ice slots we have at Chill Out. Kathy Summerkorn will need help.

-Varsity Game Snacks-Laura Winters has contacted Valley Pizza. Sign ups will be at the face off dinner. The boys will have a choice of two sandwiches, chips & drink. You must pay for the entire season at the face off dinner. The Jeskes will take care of picking up the snack before games. The kids must clean up the bus.

-Text Messages- Verizon Wireless customers should sign up to get a text message for last minute notification of changes with practices.

-Boat House Jackets-Jackets distributed.

-Player Medical Release Forms-All players are cleared to play.

-Face Off Dinner-Denise Stypulkoski and Shelli Folkes are coordinating. It is scheduled for one week from today @ 7 PM. A few families haven't responded yet. Bring your dish hot and don't forget a serving utensil. Boys must be dressed as they would for games. Jim Dietrich will take a photo of each boy.

-Web Site-All schedules are on the web site. Please check it regularly.

By-Laws- Mike Jeske reported that he has been meeting with Dave Kavanaugh, Gail Halko, & Ed Sommerkorn to update the By-Laws. They have clarified the responsibilities of the club officers and how items will be budgeted for among other things. By-Laws will be distributed by email to members for review prior to the December meeting. We will go over the proposed amendments to the By-Laws at the meeting. The amendments will be voted on at the January meeting.

Vice President's Report (Ed Sommerkorn):

Fundraiser Reports:

-Supermarket Cards-There are only about 10 families buying cards on a regular basis. We need everyone to participate to make this successful. If you use Shop Rite cards, be sure to sign up to get Continental One-Pass Miles every time you use your Price Plus Card. Go to www.ShopRite.com for details. This way you will get a triple bonus every time you shop at Shop Rite; One-Pass Miles, credit toward your player fees and money for the

Booster Club. Don't forget to use your Shop Rite and A&P cards to purchase other types of gift cards as holiday gifts. Also consider selling to your neighbors and family as well as supplying your college students. We previously voted to have player fees credited for purchases from 4/1-3/31. We would like to change that to 11/1-10/31 since our players fees are due by 11/1 each year. Seniors will still get a check for accumulated credit at the end of the season. All other players will receive a credit toward their player fees for the next year. Dave Kavanaugh made a motion to change the dates as previously stated and Mike Jeske seconded it. A vote was taken and all were in favor.

-Beefsteak Dinner-It has been scheduled for 2/23 @ Our Lady of the Mountain Church. The Schooley Mountain Lodge was too expensive. OLM will cost \$250 and can fit more than 120 people. The cost will be \$40/person and will include beer and wine. Ed & Tom Stadlander will need help. Please sign up. We will do a tricky tray (will need donations) and a 50/50. Bring your friends (adults only).

-Spirit Wear-We still have some inventory items on sale. All orders for new spirit wear must be in by tonight. Please contact Karen Creamer or Maryanne Armenti.

-New Fundraisers-If anyone has any other ideas, please contact Ed.

Coach's Report:

Coach Rentsch introduced Assistant Varsity Coach, Steve Scerbo. He was a 2-year Varsity Player for WMCHS and captain his senior year. He also introduced a new volunteer assistant coach, Jeff Wagner. He was a 4-year player for WMCHS and an assistant captain his senior year. He will work with the defense.

As Coach Rentsch previously stated, we are in the JV A-League at Aspen Ice. No seniors are allowed to play in the A-League. A JV Coach from Mendham High School contacted Coach Rentsch about combining our JV teams. Mendham only has 8 JV players and they are playing in a B-League at Bridgewater. This league allows seniors to play. Coach thought that some of our seniors might like to play on this team since they will not be guaranteed playing time on our Varsity Team. We have 35 kids in our program. There will be 17 on Varsity with 5 floaters and 13 will be on JV. Some concerns were brought up; how would these kids feel about playing for Mendham, what would the cost be and how would it effect our budget? A suggestion was made to consider this for next year. The Coach will discuss the possibility of playing with Mendham with the some of the seniors. The Coach and AD will look into this for the future.

Coach reminded parents that tryouts and practices are closed to parents.

The Team Rules were reviewed (see attached). Some of the highlights are as follows:

-Coach Scerbo will assign players to make sure the locker rooms are left clean. He will also assign freshman to bring water bottles and pucks on and off the ice for practice.

-Players, not parents, must call Coach Scerbo if they will miss practice or a game.

-Even though a league rule was passed no longer requiring players to have their mouth guards attached to their helmets, the parents voted to keep it as a school rule for safety purposes. They must be colored mouth guards.

-Neck guards must be worn at all times when on the ice-practice as well as games.

-If a player is suspended for a misconduct penalty, they will receive an additional game penalty. They will be expected to attend the game, sit in the stands dressed in dress pants, dress shirt, tie and dress shoes.

-Negative talk of any kind to an official will result in the player being removed from the game.

-Sportsmanship is a priority. There will be no tolerance of bad sportsmanship. The team must rise above last year. Kent Schilling will have a school official at every game to make sure the fans are behaved as well.

-Parents stressed that the Coach must be held accountable to enforce these rules and that the players' talent level should not be taken into consideration.

All 17 Varsity players will receive letters regardless of how much they play. The 5 swing players may letter depending on their playing time. Twenty players will dress per game. JV players may be brought to Varsity games as the season progresses. The 4th line players may possibly play in games. All Varsity Games are played to win. These players will benefit from participating at the Varsity Practices. Swing players will go to a Varsity game over a JV practice. Players will be told at the end of tryouts on Friday if they are on Varsity or JV.

Equipment will be handed out on Tuesday, 11/20, after school.

Players must bring shorts and sneakers to all games for pregame warm-ups.

Players still playing on full season travel teams may be excused from dryland if they have travel practice on the same day. Players should discuss this with the coach.

The schedules have been revised. We do not have a practice slot on Sundays. It is on Saturdays instead. This now gives JV some additional practice slots since some Varsity games conflict with this practice time. Please check the website.

Athletic Director's Report (Kent Schilling):

School cancellations and dismissals: If school is canceled or we have an early dismissal due to the weather, all after school activities are canceled even if the weather has cleared up by the time the event is scheduled to take place. Sign up @ HighSchoolSports.net for notifications by email and text message for changes and cancellations of games only. Instructions for creating an account have been provided on the club web site and the WMCHS web site.

WMCHS Web site: Check the web site for game times, locations & bus departures.

Chill Out Games: Some non-league games have been scheduled at Chill Out to follow another school sport (i.e. basketball or wrestling). The hockey game will be announced at the other sport to encourage high school fans to attend the hockey game.

Parents were asked to encourage their children to speak with the coach themselves if a problem arises and try to work things out themselves without involving the parents.

Treasurer's Report (June Jeske):

Account Balance-The account had a beginning balance of \$29,075. Two payments totaling \$13,459 were made for ice time and we have two more payments to go. An additional fee of \$300/Varsity & Swing Players is due by 12/1/07. Payments will be accepted at the Face-Off Dinner. June clarified that Jeff Wagner is a volunteer coach.

New Business:

There is no weight room this Thursday, 11/15 and Friday 11/16 due to Try-Outs. The players will be held accountable for dryland practices and attendance will be taken. (Except for players still involved in Travel as stated previously.)

Mike Monaco announced that he is collecting used sporting goods in good condition to donate to a charity. Please contact him if you have anything to donate.

Club Calendars:

Please check the web site, www.wmcicehockey.com, regularly to keep updated on schedules, meetings, and club functions.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mike Jeske to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 PM. Lou Primavera seconded it.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 11th @ 7:30 PM in the WMCHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Williams, Secretary

WEST MORRIS ICE HOCKEY TEAM RULES

- 1.) Be fully dressed 15 minutes before game time all equipment and bags under benches.
- 2.) All tape and garbage is to be picked up off the locker room floor and placed in trash cans.
- 3.) Underclassmen bring water bottles and pucks on and off the ice for practice.
- 4.) If you miss practice for any reason, you will fall behind the team and jeopardize your ice time.
- 5.) You must be on time for all team functions.
- 6.) Missing practice for any reason requires a phone call to coach Scerbo (973-886-1496). This is your responsibility not your parents.
- 7.) Anytime that you enter the ice for practice, all rink doors will be closed for safety.
- 8.) You will wear all equipment during games and practice. League games require colored mouth guard and approved neck guards. Failure to wear these items results in a 2 & 10 minute penalty. League rules also require all uniforms to match including socks, jerseys, helmet color and shells.
If you are missing a piece of equipment or YOUR jersey, you will not play until you get it.
- 9.) Carry an extra mouth guard and skate laces in your bag.
- 10.) We are a team!, any bad mouthing or harassing of any other member of your team or bad mouthing the team, or complaining about your ice time will result in less ice time for you.
- 11.) If you do not understand any drill or instruction, ask me to explain it again. If you do not, I will assume that you know what I want and we will judge your capabilities based on what you did.
- 12.) You have the right to know why I am asking you to do things. If you can not see what's in it for you ask me and I will explain it to you.

- 13.) You are expected to be familiar with everything in this playbook. If we go over something in practice from the playbook for the first time you should already have some familiarity with it.**
- 14.) You are expected to act in a professional manner when representing your school. Any negative comments directed towards a referee, teammate, opposing player, coach or fan will result in you having plenty of time to think about it sitting on the bench during the game.**
- 15.) Practice is run in full game situation mode. Meaning that if you wouldn't do it during a game, don't do it in practice.**
- 16.) Wear shirt (dress shirt), tie, dress pants (no cargo pants), dress socks, dress shoes, Boathouse pullovers to all games. No hats.**
- 17.) During the National Anthem all players will stand on the blueline facing the flag with helmets under their right arm and remain still. No banging of sticks on the ice until the Anthem has completely ended (I don't care what the other team does!).**