

Prince William Hockey Club
Meeting Minutes 1/10/05

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The following Executive Committee members were in attendance: Sean Evans, Rosemary Ocksrider, Mike Artist, Nancy McDonald, and Bill Elder. Guests in attendance were Scott Warren and Chris Jaufman.

President's Report – Bill Elder reported in Steve Stewart's absence. The PWHC General Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2005 at 1 PM at the Hillendale Fire Station.

Executive Secretary – Doug Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2004 meeting. Sean Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed. Nancy McDonald reported that in accordance with the PWHC Bylaws, Steve Stewart, as President needed to appoint a Nomination Committee for the upcoming election of officers.

Nancy McDonald confirmed that Steve Malley was prepared to speak to the membership after the bylaw amendment vote at the Special Membership Meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb 3 at 7 PM. Discussion followed regarding possibly moving this meeting to Tuesday, Feb 1. Nancy will see if the meeting can be changed and will get communication out regarding both events to the entire membership.

Finance – Rosemary Ocksrider reported that the PWHC had good cash flow for this time of the year. Our accounts receivable was at \$41,500 which is high compared to last year at this time (\$16,000). Rosemary reported that she has many more families on payment plans this year than in previous years.

SkateQuest – Bill Elder reported that he and Steve Stewart had met with SkateQuest (Scott Warren, Nate Smith and Jay Thompson) twice since the last Executive Committee meeting in December. PWHC laid out our plans for the next year in terms of goals and changes. SkateQuest agreed to not pursue a youth hockey program in competition with PWHC until March of 2006, at the earliest.

Scott Warren, General Manager SkateQuest of Prince William, reported that SQ was interested in having better communication with the PWHC. He offered to have the PWHC play a demonstration game on the last day of his Learn to Play Hockey Program and allow us to have a sign up table in the lobby. Sean Evans will coordinate this event with RJ Ziegler. Scott provided a preliminary summer hockey camp schedule at SQ. Scott explained SQ's plan to have one Junior "B" team and a Junior "C" team out of both the Reston and Prince William rinks next season. Scott reported that the ice contract with the PWHC would be for 7 – 10 hours less per week during the fall/winter season 2005/2006. Much discussion followed. Bill Elder requested a deadline for the number of hours the PWHC would have available to us next season so that programs and fees could be established. Bill requested a section of dasher boards for the PWHC to sell as fundraising.

VP Operations – Bill Elder made a motion that the E.C. accepts the proposed amendments to the PWHC bylaws that would allow the PWHC to hire a paid Head Coach. Sean Evans seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the selection of a Head Coach Committee and the tasks to be completed by this committee. If the membership approves the bylaw amendment, then Steve Stewart will head up the Head Coach Committee. The H.C. committee will consist of a representation of Ice House, Ice Travel and Inline to include the V.P. of each program. This committee will be tasked with reporting back to the E.C. the following:

- Job description
- Minimum qualifications
- Salary range
- Recruitment budget
- Recruitment plan

Doug Thompson volunteered to get an article posted on the CBHL website regarding the PWHC seeking a Head Coach (if amendment passes).

Bill reported on an incident report that he received regarding a house squirt incident.

A discussion regarding the PWHC hiring a Power skating instructor resulted in Rosemary volunteering to contact Helena Nyman to determine her interest, availability and cost.

Inline – Mike Artist reported that the Total Sports Pavilion was closed down by PW County office of Code Enforcement on Tuesday, Jan 4th. Mike notified all PWHC-IL members immediately. The PWHC has suspended all inline games and practices until the facility can be re-opened. Mike is working closely with TSP and PW County to resolve the issues. Mike is hoping for a speedy resolution. Failing a quick resolution, Mike is considering 1. Refund unused house funds, cancel the house season and seek legal redress from TSP 2. Move the house league outdoors to Cherry Hill and continue play (a partial refund may still be due) and legal action possible or 3. Cancel the season, refund the money and begin a new season with funds for outdoor play.

Bill Elder made a motion that the E.C. approve refunding a pro-rated registration fee and pro-rated practice fee to inline participants due to the closure of the TSP facility up to a maximum of \$7500, if needed as determined by Mike Artist, V.P. Inline. Sean Evans seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mike Artist further reported that Ted Cuneo, Travel Director, Inline, is planning tryouts for late Feb / early March to avoid CBHL / SE District conflicts. Tryouts will include drills, scrimmage and a physical fitness test (1 mile run, sit-ups, push-ups, etc). Ted expects to field two teams at 10U, 12U and 14U and one team at 16U. PWHC-IL will continue to manage the VHSIHL with Paul Reid directing that group. Paul Reid conducted an inline referee clinic on Jan 9th in Ashburn.

Registrar – Doug Thomson reported on an on-line registration system that includes electronic payments. Doug will invite Gary Schwartz to demonstrate the system at the next E.C. meeting.

Travel – Doug Thomson reported that 6 out of 10 PWHC travel teams have the potential to make the CBHL playoffs. Doug recommended that the PWHC establish the Easton navy warm-ups as the standardized warm-up for the PWHC. The warm-ups are available in the proshop for approximately \$46 / jacket and \$24 /pants. Doug will communicate this to the travel teams prior to tryouts for the 2005/2006 season.

House – Sean Evans reported that the Spring Ice Program will run from April 2 – June 5 (8 weeks). Lower House will be 5 X 5, Middle and Upper House will skate 4 X 4. Bill will work out the registration fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.