

Prince William Hockey Club
Executive Committee Meeting 3/14/05

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The following Executive Committee members were in attendance: Steve Stewart, Nancy McDonald, Cassandra Wright, Doug Thomson, Sean Evans, Rosemary Ockrider, Bill Elder and Mike Artist. Guests in attendance were Scott Warren and Brenda Borghi.

President's Report – Steve Stewart asked for help setting up for the General Membership Meeting on March 26. Tickets are now available and will also be sold at the door.

SkateQuest – Scott Warren, General Manager, and SkateQuest reported that Jeff Michaels, GM and Head Coach for the Virginia Statesman have parted ways. RJ Zeigler and Chris Borner are available to answer questions regarding the Statesman program. Paul Mulvey is heading up the Tier 1 program for SkateQuest. Nate Smith is temporarily the GM of Statesman while he searches for a replacement.

Scott Warren said that SkateQuest recognizes the need for an inline facility. He has gone to the PW Park Authority seeking financial assistance to convert the Olympic rink (concrete slab poured) into a sport court surface for spring / summer seasons. The Park Authority is conducting a feasibility study. Possible target date, if all goes forward would be spring 2006.

Scott reported that SQ will be melting the ice and re-painting both ice surfaces. Steve Stewart asked if the PWHC could have its logo painted into the ice. Scott will ask for approval and will get back to Steve.

House – Sean Evans reported that he has a serious shortage of coaches for his spring ice program. He reported that he picked up a few new registrations from SQ's LTPH and LTS programs. So, far he has 55 registrations for spring (18 Lower House, 19 Middle House and 18 Upper House). Of these 55 registrations, 22 are new to the PWHC.

Executive Secretary – Doug Thomson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Executive Committee meeting. Steve Stewart seconded and the motion passed. Nancy McDonald reported that the e-mail vote passed that approved the use of the Demosphere system for online registrations. Nancy reported that to date, no additional candidates have expressed a willingness to run for an Executive Committee position for 2005/2006 other than those already on the proxy ballot. Bill Elder clarified a few details for proxy votes in Virginia: Need live signature (no faxed or copies) and the proxy must be present at the meeting.

Finance – Rosemary Ocksrider provided a full financial report. She will have current financials available at the General Membership Meeting. The accounts receivable balance is currently \$24,786. After a lengthy discussion, the executive committee decided to require payment in full on all outstanding overdue balances prior to participation in any spring PWHC programs (Inline House, Inline Travel, Ice House or Ice Travel Tryouts). Cassandra will draft a notice to be posted on the PWHC website and e-mailed to the membership. All past due obligations must be paid prior to taking on additional financial obligations to the club.

VP Operations – Bill Elder reported that he will advise Gerry Oakman to submit a proposed bylaw amendment to the Executive Committee regarding his desire for At Large positions on the E.C.

Bill discussed the possibility of considering two year terms on the E.C. with staggered election years so that some experienced members remain on the board each year. Something for future consideration as this would require another amendment to the bylaws.

Bill reported that the Head Coach Committee has met 3 times and will meet once more prior to bringing their recommendations to the April E.C. meeting.

Sharon Becker came to the meeting and discussed the girl's ice hockey program. Ms. Becker recommended a few changes for the E.C. to consider for next season.

Inline – Mike Artist reported that TSP has re-opened under a temporary occupancy permit that restricts the facility to a 50-person occupancy maximum. The situation that is causing the occupancy restriction is supposed to be fixed next week. The House schedule has been adjusted so that no games were lost due to the closure. The house season will conclude April 17th.

Mike reported that travel team tryouts concluded today. Roughly 70 players tried out for teams at 12, 14, 16/17U. We will consider second teams at those age groups. There was a lack of interest in a 10U team. We've coordinated with the Central VA Sabres to consolidate our 10's with their proposed team. That decision will be made later this week. Eleven of our players will try out for AAU's Team USA in Raleigh NC 4/1-3.

Mike reported that he is considering operating summer clinics with either Peter Dale /USA Camps or Mike Teft (protege of "Uncle Bob" of Sport International) of Raleigh, NC. These camps would be a joint effort with Potomac Hockey. We would run each camp independently, but coordinate travel and hotel costs on a shared basis.

Travel – Doug reported that he had received the following number of applications for coaching positions: Squirt – 2, Pee wee - 3, Bantam – 5, Midget – 4, Girls U14 – 3 and Girls U19 – 2. Doug reported that travel tryouts are scheduled for April 15 – 17 and will be scrimmages. He will have a coach named for the top team in each division by tryouts.

Doug reported that the Girl's U19 team won the Baltimore Ponytail Girls Tournament in Baltimore and the Girl's U14 team lost in the semifinals in the CBHL Championship tournament. Doug reported that the Pee wee A team won the CBHL Playoff Championship. Steve Stewart will order a banner to be hung at the rink for the Pee wees.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.