

WEST SALEM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
October, 2008

Meeting called to order by President, Joe Belling at 7:00 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the report was made by Mike and seconded by Chase.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurers Report was read by Joan. Chase made a motion and Marv seconded it.

**League Report:** It was reported that there was nothing in substance to report. In two weeks he thought there would be more to report on; though the Mite 2 teams did get their league schedule start pushed back until January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Region Report:** Every association has an Ace Coordinator. Ours for WSHA is Marv Lehmann. All coaches if you move and re-register as a coach, you will need to put in your old zip code and once you are registered, you can then put in your new zip code. If your coaching license has expired, you can still go to the next level. You can also register for state on-line. Next year state is going to change it is recognized that with Mites and Pee wee's being held on the same weekend there is too many during one weekend. It is hard to get referee help etc. If any Bi-laws need to be changed it needs to be done by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. WSHA is Region 6. Every association must attend region meetings.

Board approved head coaches for WSHA (should the children of parent coaches fall on a different team, that coach has the option of keeping that team or moving to another TBD):

Termites- Dan Lenselink

Mite 1- Kevin Bigley

Mite 2- Unknown

Squirts- Joe Belling

Pee wee 1- Steve Antony

Pee wee 2- Nick Getter (assistant)

Bantams- Tom Monroe

(Still looking for Mite 2, and Pee wee 2 head coach)

**Old Business:**

**Registration:** After registration we had 20 Termites, 29 Mites, 15 Squirts, 29 Pee wees, and 15 Bantams. We are holding another registration Wednesday following the General Membership Meeting.

**Recognition Plaque:** No new news with the plaque. Curt did say he would like a little more direction with the plaque so he can run with it. We are hoping to have it up by the start of our first home game.

**Rink Set-Up:** The mats are down, the wiring is done, locker rooms are ready, and the West radius is bolted. The South radius still needs to be bolted. The advertisement boards are up as well. Tomorrow the glass will be put up and coils covered. There are 21 pallets of coil. Saturday the rink will be buttoned up. We will start at 8:00am on Saturday. A phone message will go out.

Chase has volunteered to instruct people how to resurface the ice. We still need to paint the red and blue stripes. We also talked about ordering new ropes for the goals; though we may already have some.

**Open Board Member Position:** We had four people who were interested in the open board position. After the Board of Directors talked about the open 6 month term, it was decided that Marv Lehmann would take over the position. The decision was based on the fact that Marv has many years experience and the term is only a 6 month term. We did not feel we should bring in a new board member for such a small term.

**Learn to Skate:** The Learn to Skate Program will last for 6 weeks. This program will be a basic pre-learn to skate program. Each session will be one hour. We are looking at the possibility of borrowing skates from the Middle School.

Mitch and Joe have a meeting tomorrow with the village.

Bonnie Trapp strongly suggests and would like noted, that it is kept away from Friday after school. She believes that the kids of WSHA like to hang out and skate at the rink on Friday after school. There was a tentative schedule sent out, but we don't have to follow that schedule. November 15<sup>th</sup> is when the actual schedule needs to go out.

### **New Business:**

**Try-out Procedures:** The try-out procedure had a small revision made to it.

Non-Parent head coaches will be able to fill out an independent score sheet which will be included in the final score sheet.

Kelly Sandvig wonders if there is anyway the kids can get a little feedback on their strengths and weaknesses. The Board replied that throughout the year the coaches can give the children feedback. If the kids ask a coach what they need to work on, the coach will tell them. Marv gave an example of what Mark Thorn the goalie coach asks each goalie, what they think they did good on and what they need to work on.

It was decided that even though we only have enough for 1 team at the Squirt level it was still important that each kid goes through the try-out procedure, in case we end up getting more squirts yet this year. Anyone who didn't try out would be put on the 2 team unless it was approved by the Board ahead of time.

**Oktoberfest Races:** Mike reported that we made \$500.00 in donations that weekend alone. It was not yet determined what The La Crosse Speedway was giving us for our help.

**Door Locks:** Chase inquired about having the same locks put on all the doors. He also noticed that pad locks were missing and that doors were open

**Safety Concern:** Chase brought up his concerns about parents dropping off their kids and picking them up on the side of the parking lot closest to the rink. He believes that once it is dark and other kids are walking to the parking lot to leave as well, the parents who are stopping to grab their kids quickly on the side and then leaving could be endangering the other kids by not seeing them and accidentally hitting them. He would like to see a sign posted stating that everyone must park in the lot to drop off and pick up just like everyone else has to.

**Motion to adjourn:** Joe called order to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Joan motioned it and Mike seconded it.

**Next meeting, will be held November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the American Legion Hall at 7:00**