

WEST SALEM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER, 2008

Meeting called to order by President, Joe Belling at 7:05 PM, 15 members present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the report was made by Brian seconded by Mitch.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read and it was decided that we need to put \$4,000.00 dollars down on our loan. Rich made a motion and Marv seconded the motion.

League Report: There were only four people in attendance at the League meeting. We were informed that WI Dells has dropped out of our league. There weren't enough people present at the league meeting to have a formal meeting. They did accept the idea of us having a half schedule for the mite 2 team this year. We were informed about other divisions and the A & B teams. If you only have 1 team in a level you must play on the A team. If you have 2 teams you have an A&B team and if you only have one squirt team you skate at the B level.

Old Business:

Coaching Committee: Coaching positions still available Mite 2, Squirt 2 and Peewee 2.

Registration: Registration dates set for September 13th from 8:00-12:00 and September 17th from 5:00-8:30. The new registration on-line forms were discussed along with the new WSHA registration policies. There was a parent who felt the Bantams were being alienated over the new work hour policy that was put in place for them this year. The rationale for the decision was explained by Mitch after carefully keeping track of everyone's hours last year and prior years. It was evident where the consistent lack of work hour completion had been happening. The main issue arose with the Bantams. A few parents did not complete their work hours and did not feel they needed to since they were leaving our association. The parent was satisfied with the explanation and agreed that everyone must do their work hours or pay the \$20.00 an hour fee that goes along with not completing the work hours.

Plaque: The final decision was decided on whether the plaque should be permanent or removable from the building. It was decided that it would be removable in order to make sure there is no vandalism done to the plaque during the off season.

Amendment to policy: As stated above under the registration, the new work hour and fundraiser requirements were discussed. It was put in the last newsletter and will be formally put in the policy book; also from a discussion on our try-out policy it was decided that we would like to see some input from the non-parent coaches during the try-out process.

Marv pointed out as well that the goalie position needs to clarification as to if and when they try out for the goalie position, it doesn't mean the goalie will play that position

100% of the time. It does mean if the team doesn't have a goalie they will have to play the position. Other kids can play the goalie position throughout the year if the coach makes that decision.

Oktoberfest Races: Mike is coordinating the Oktoberfest Races, and taking the help from J.C. Ledoux as well since Mike will be out of town that weekend. He did state that we need no more than 4 people a night. He thought that we were over staffed last year. He also wanted to make a point in saying we need to continue to hold up the reputation of the speedway when we take part in the event.

Learn to Skate: Mitch is putting together a "Learn to Skate," program that details 6 sessions, once a week to all the public. We are hoping to get a couple new skaters join the WSHA from the event.

Ice Shared: Rich suggested that we share ice this year. In doing so he stated we would free up ice time for other things we could coordinate into our program, like drill practicing, power skating and stick handling practices, for interested kids and parents.

Squirt Tournament: We debated about having the tournament at all this year after last year having to cancel half the tournament. We decided that \$3,000.00 + are worth having the tournament. J.C. Ledoux suggested we have a 2 level tournament.

Open Board Position: The Board of Directors will be accepting nominations to fulfill the rest of the open position term. The Board will appoint someone to the position. Mark Weilandt and Brian Plunkett both were nominated at the meeting. It was discussed that further nominations could come in via contact with a board member after the meeting. The decision was going to be made within two weeks.

Try-out Times: Try-out times were established and Marv will be looking for judges.

Motion to adjourn: Joe called order to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Kelly made a motion and Mike seconded it.

Next meeting, will be held October 13th, 2008 at the American Legion Hall at 7:00