

**WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 – 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Present: Rich Lundin, Chris O'Shea, Ernie Racine, Buzz Bayer, Gerry Collette, Linda Lachance, Kevin LaBouef; Boosters: Kim Bayer, Ritch Burgess, Judi Dionne, Heather Jenkins, Ashley Kiefer, Ronald Kiefer, Johanna Kirouac, Kyle Kirouac, Kevin Leonard, Kelsey McCullough, Linda Mosher, John Wetherell; Cathy Chandler, Director of HR, San Jose Sharks; Mike Myers, Matt Cattachio, Oren Eizenman, Worcester Sharks

Rich Lundin said the Booster Club would be working the concessions at the DCU Center on Sunday, March 30 during the NCAA NE Division 1 Championship game. The Booster Club will have a bus going to Manchester on Saturday, April 5 at a cost of \$39 per person.

Oren Eizenman is the newest player on the Sharks' roster on a PTO. He talked about his college and ECHL hockey experiences.

John Wetherell moved and Kevin LaBouef seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2008 general membership meeting as read by Linda Lachance. Unanimous

The Treasurer's report is presented below:

Beginning Balance January 31, 2008	\$ 9,133.49
Income	\$ 4,162.00
Expenses	<u>\$-7,709.55</u>
Ending Balance February 29, 2008	\$ 5,585.94

Expenses include payments for the Boston Red Sox, New York Islander & Norfolk tickets and the Albany bus trip. John Wetherell moved and Kevin LaBouef seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report prepared by Chris O'Shea and read by Rich Lundin. Unanimous

Linda Lachance gave an update on the membership drive with 215 subscribing members (80%) & 55 VIP members (20%) for a total of 270 members. We still have 32 families with 56 members who have not renewed yet. Linda also spoke briefly on various discounts Boosters can take advantage of.

Rich Lundin spoke about the following events: Door help for Special Olympics; \$750 donation to Special Olympics from the 50/50 raffle; Albany's full bus trip on March 1; annual AHL Booster Club convention to be held September 5 -7, 2008 in Wilkes-Barre with the payment balance due by May 15; St.Patrick's Day parade with close to 25 people participating; the Awards banquet with 65 boosters scheduled to attend; the Portland Pirates Booster Club outing recently held at The Gym; Bridgeport Booster Club will be coming this Friday with a get together at Uno's after the game; the recent participants of the Booster Seats program on March 19 with two more potential groups to come; Tornados outings to be held once a month June - August; possible Pawtucket Red Sox outing; and bus trip to either Toronto or Baltimore to see the Red Sox.

Chris O'Shea said she needs game night help on March 23 and 24.

The annual elections will take place in May. All positions are open with nominations to take place at the April 17 general membership meeting.

Rich Lundin said he would like to continue to do concessions to build up our treasury for the AHL All-Star event, which will take place in January, 2009.

The Booster Club's bylaws were officially filed with the State after being returned to the club several times for corrections. Rich explained that we are in 501c3 mode, which is done with the IRS. Josie will continue working on tying the two pieces of information together this weekend.

Rich Lundin stated that he felt it was the Board's responsibility to let the San Jose Sharks know about some of the frustration we feel on the development strategy the San Jose Sharks uses as it relates to the Worcester Sharks. Rich read a portion of the email he sent to Charlie Faas.

A raffle was held for a variety of prizes.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm at the Crowne Plaza.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lachance
Secretary