

**WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008-7:00 PM  
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Present: Rich Lundin, Ernie Racine, Chris O'Shea, Linda Lachance, Buzz Bayer, Josie Brown, Gerry Collette, Kevin LaBouef; Boosters: Kim Bayer, Allen Burgess, Ritch Burgess, Judi Dionne, Ashley Kiefer, Ronald Kiefer, Allen Marcell, Beverly Tatro, John Wetherell

Rich Lundin reported that he received an email from Darryl Hunt stating that Darryl would accept the nomination to the Worcester Sharks Booster Club Board of Directors.

Allen Marcell moved and Josie Brown seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the March 20, 2008 General Membership meeting as posted on the Booster Club's website. Unanimous

Chris O'Shea presented the Treasurer's report as presented below:

Beginning Balance March 20, 2008	\$ 5,585.94	from last General Membership meeting
Income	\$ 3,638.10	
Expenses	<u>\$-5,187.64</u>	
Ending Balance March 31, 2008	\$ 4,036.40	

Judi Dionne moved and Josie Brown seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Unanimous

Chris O'Shea presented recaps of the following trips/events:

February & March trips - expenses	\$-219.63	
Long Island trip - loss	\$- 12.00	
Albany trip - loss	\$- 56.32	not counting Booster Bucks
Awards Banquet - loss	\$-722.94	
Awards Banquet - raffle income	<u>\$ 426.00</u>	
Awards Banquet - net loss	\$-296.94	

Approximately 130 people attended the Awards Banquet.

Linda Lachance reported that we have 224 subscribing Booster Club members and 55 VIP members for a total of 279 members. Of these members, 6 people will be carried over to the 2008-09 season. Rich Lundin reported that he would like to try to reach 300 members for next year.

Rich stated he thought the Awards Banquet went very well. The Booster Club will be helping out with the Worcester Firefighters' Road Race, which will take place in June.

Rich reported on the 50/50 Fund. He said that 1 person still has not claimed his prize, which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of the season. He gave the following recap:

Income	\$12,880.05
Tax	\$ -644.00
Disbursements to winners	<u>\$-6,110.00</u>
Worcester Sharks Booster Club Deposit	\$ 6,125.00
Unclaimed ticket - Game #2	<u>\$ 158.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 6,283.00
Expenses - tickets	\$ -183.32
Paid out to charities	\$-4,730.78
Ending balance	\$ 4,023.28

Rich reported that we thought we would be doing more Booster seats. Chris O'Shea reported that the All-Star 50/50 raised over \$2,000 and that at the Manitoba All-Star game over \$8,000 was unclaimed. The Booster Club could anticipate about donating 100 Booster seats for the All-Star game.

Discussion was held on the Ticket Master program on donating seats for a charity or turning tickets in for 1 game for another game. Kevin LaBouef talked about taking season ticket holders' season ticket vouchers and donating them to the Booster Club to get a tax deduction.

Summer events were discussed with the first one being the Sharks Booster Club attending a New England Surge game on May 17. Other events include casino trips, Tornadoes outings (4), Six Flags Days (2), and Red Sox trips to either Toronto or Baltimore. . Rich said we need 25 people to sign up for each Tornadoes outing, otherwise we cannot commit to signing a contract with them. Josie Brown suggested that deadlines be established for each event.

Chris O'Shea thanked everyone for their help at game nights. Rich talked about doing youth hockey registration at the DCU Center lobby and having a hockey equipment swap at the same time.

The next general membership meeting is Thursday, May 15 at the Crowne Plaza at 7:00 pm.

The following nominations took place:

John Wetherell moved and Kim Bayer seconded the motion that Rich Lundin be nominated for president, which he accepted.  
Judi Dionne moved and Beverly Tatro seconded the motion that Ernie Racine be nominated for vice-president, which he accepted.  
John Wetherell moved and Allen Marcell seconded the motion that Chris O'Shea be nominated for treasurer, which she accepted.  
Rich Lundin moved and Beverly Tatro seconded the motion that Judi Dionne be nominated for secretary, which she accepted.

Rich Lundin moved and Kevin LaBouef seconded the motion that Darryl Hunt be nominated for an open board position, which he accepted.  
Rich Lundin moved and Kim Bayer seconded the motion that Josie Brown be nominated for an open board position, which she accepted.  
Gerry Collette moved and Kevin LaBouef seconded the motion that John Wetherell be nominated for an open board position, which he accepted.  
Judi Dionne moved and Josie Brown seconded the motion that Buzz Bayer be nominated for an open board position, which he accepted.

It was noted that Gerry Collette, Kevin LaBouef, Linda Lachance and Marc Lachance are not seeking re-election to the board. John Sbrogna had previously submitted his resignation to the Board. Kim Bayer, Ritch Burgess, Allen Marcell and Beverly Tatro all declined nominations for an open board position tonight. Rich Lundin, by acclamation, said that everyone nominated tonight is voted onto the Board due to the board positions not being completely filled. The current Board term will continue until the end of May with the new officers/board taking office in June. Rich thanked the Board members who are not running again.

Rich gave a brief overview of the Broomball team issues and complimented the Broomball team on the super job they did with obtaining sponsorships during their annual tournament last year. Chris O'Shea said that the Broomball team is willing to meet with the Board to discuss their mutual concerns. It is estimated that the Broomball team still has approximately a \$750 balance from the tournament. Rich requested a breakdown of income and expenses. He stated that the Booster Club contributed \$400 to the Broomball team for the tournament last year. The \$750 balance is part of the Booster Club's treasury. It was noted that the 50/50 fund the Broomball team raised is not part of the \$750. Chris O'Shea sent an email to the Broomball team regarding them helping out at the Worcester Firefighters' Road Race and issues that were raised at the last Board meeting. She said she had received 3 responses to her email and that the Broomball team has a practice on Saturday. Buzz Bayer asked if we could suspend a vote on funding the Broomball team now, which doesn't mean that we would not do something in the future. Concern was raised on lack of response to Chris's emails. Chris reported that the team does pay for their own ice time and that they do get a sponsor on their shirts. Judi Dionne moved and Allen Marcell seconded the motion that the Board should make a decision before going to the next general membership meeting. Chris O'Shea suggested the Broomball team meet next Tuesday with the Board.

A discussion took place on various logos, which were presented. People were asked what their preference was. Ritch Burgess asked if we could incorporate the All-Star logo in with our logo.

Kim Bayer won the apple pie of the night.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lachance  
Secretary