

**WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007 – 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Present: Rich Lundin, Ernie Racine, Chris O'Shea, Linda Lachance, Buzz Bayer, Josie Brown, Gerry Collette, Kevin LaBouef, Marc Lachance, John Sbrogna, Mike Myers; Boosters: Kim Bayer, Heather Jenkins, Ashley Kiefer, Ronnie Kiefer, Johanna Kirouac, Kyle Kirouac, Kevin Leonard, Kelsey McCullough, Paul Richford, Sharks Player, Devin Setoguchi

Rich Lundin, President, introduced Devin Setoguchi from the Worcester Sharks who is a first year pro. Devin talked about camp, his hockey experiences and how important his Japanese heritage is to him. He answered questions from the Boosters.

Rich Lundin had copies of the proposed bylaws available for the Boosters and said the Bylaws Committee spent a considerable amount of time developing them looking at what our Booster Club currently does as well as what other clubs had as their bylaws. A 2/3 vote of members present is required for the first reading.

The minutes from the September 20, 2007 general membership meeting were posted online for Boosters to read. Josie Brown moved and Ernie Racine seconded the motion to waive the reading of the minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Chris O'Shea presented the Treasurer's report, which was voted and accepted as read:

August, 2007 beginning balance	\$ 4,063.84
Income	\$ 1,440.07
Expenses	\$ <u>2,089.94</u>
September, 2007 ending balance	\$ 3,413.97

John Sbrogna stated the membership is at 253 members. The Membership Committee will pass out the membership packages on Saturday, November 17 at a table in the front lobby.

Rich Lundin gave a brief review on activities that had taken place or will be taking place such as the Walk to Cure Cancer at U Mass Memorial Medical School on Sunday, September 23, the Columbus Day parade, the holiday party which will take place on December 9, 11 or 12 at a place to be determined, and the awards banquet which will take place on March 26, 2008.

Mike Myers talked about Worcester Sharks public appearances and the Design a Jersey contest to be held. He answered questions from Boosters.

Rich Lundin reported that the Springfield trip, the Sharks first game of the season, went well. The trip video is on the WTAG website. There will be an away trip planned for Portland in December. Rich asked for volunteers to help out in planning the trips. He reported that the online Booster Club store is available for everyone to shop for Booster Club items and asked for suggestions on merchandise that can be added.

Chris O'Shea gave a brief update on what she will need for volunteer help for the upcoming home games. Boosters should notify Chris as soon as possible if they are available to volunteer, as she needs to submit their names to the Worcester Sharks. Volunteers need to arrive at the DCU Center by 5:45 for Friday and Saturday games and 2:45 for Sunday games.

The new Charter Zone club area was very well received.

Mike Myers and Ernie Racine will talk about the Booster Seats program. Mike Myers is still working with the family of the young hockey player the Booster Club would like to honor.

Rich Lundin talked briefly about the Ticketmaster ticket exchange program that will be implemented where people can email their tickets to someone else and that person will be able to print them out.

Rich Lundin said volunteer help is needed for the concession stands and has a sign-up sheet. Volunteers will receive \$5 Booster Bucks free parking. Volunteers must attend a training program first. Rich also asked for committee volunteers. He said a lawyer has looked at the 501c3 paperwork, which is nearly finalized.

The bylaws were presented for questions. Buzz Bayer moved and Ernie Racine seconded the motion that they bylaws be accepted as printed. The vote was 12-0. The bylaws will be presented at the October meeting for the second reading.

Raffle prizes were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lachance, Secretary

