

**WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007 – 7:00 PM
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL**

Present: Rich Lundin, Chris O'Shea, Linda Lachance, Buzz Bayer, Josie Brown, Gerry Collette, Kevin LaBouef, Mike Myers; Boosters: Kim Bayer, Allen Burgess, Ritch Burgess, Heather Jenkins, Ashley Kiefer, Ronnie Kiefer, Kevin Leonard, Allen Marcell, Kelsey McCullough, Mark McGurn, Pierce McDonnell, Joey Medoff, Matt Medoff, Matt Olivari, Bill Slaney; Sharks Player, Brady Leisenring; Guest, Rick Noseworthy

Rich Lundin, President, introduced Brady Leisenring from the Worcester Sharks. Brady talked about his hockey experiences and answered questions from the Boosters.

Rich Lundin had copies of the proposed bylaws available for the Boosters. He gave the Boosters time to review the bylaws during the meeting. A 2/3 vote of members present is required for the second reading. The bylaws will be voted on later on during the meeting.

The minutes from the October 18, 2007 general membership meeting were posted online for Boosters to read. Kevin LaBouef moved and Josie Brown 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:

September, 2007 beginning balance	\$ 3,413.97
Income	\$ 1,748.63
Expenses	<u>\$ 946.81</u>
September, 2007 ending balance	\$ 4,215.79

Josie Brown moved and Allen Marcell seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Linda Lachance reported that the Booster Club has 222 active members. There are 87 people from 48 families who will be contacted regarding renewing their memberships. John and Linda Sbrogna and Marion Luoma will telephone these families.

Baystate Financial Services will be holding a toy drive on Friday, November 24. Anyone bringing a new, unwrapped toy will receive a ticket voucher to a future game. Player of the Month voting will also take place on November 24.

Events that are coming up include the Portland bus trip on December 1, Holiday Skate with the Sharks on December 2 at the Buffone rink with donations of winter hats and mittens benefiting Community Healthlink, and the Holiday banquet to be held on December 12 at the Crowne Plaza. December 8 will be the deadline to sign up for the Holiday banquet.

A brief discussion was held on the bus trips and the impact of rising diesel fuel costs on the overall cost of trips. We will need to know shortly how many people are interested in the Norfolk trip.

Matt Olivari, a new Booster Club member, volunteered to develop several new logos to be used for the Booster Club. He and 3 other people are local owners of Northeast Promotion and Apparel Company Inc. Rich explained that we could use different logos for various purposes. Matt brought along a t-shirt he had done up for the Portland bus trip. He will be giving each person who goes on the trip a free t-shirt. Rich thanked Matt for his generous donation.

It has been suggested that the Booster Club give coffee mugs with a Sharks logo on it to the players for their holiday gift. Rich will talk to Matt Olivari about this further to see what his company can propose to do on the mugs.

In order to receive gifts in time for the holidays, Boosters should plan to order their items from sharksbc.com by December 4.

Chris O'Shea listed the nights she would need Booster Club volunteers.

Rich Lundin, President, asked if there were any questions on the proposed bylaws. With no questions being raised, he asked that the members vote on the bylaws as presented. The vote was unanimous by all those present 18 years of age or older for a total of 17 Boosters. The paperwork for 501c3 can now be completed as the bylaws have been passed at both readings. Once the paperwork is filed and accepted, the Worcester Sharks Booster Club will become a non-profit agency.

Concessions have had an excellent turnout. For the VanHalen concert alone, nearly \$1,100 was raised for the Booster Club. Rich Lundin reminded the Boosters that they would receive a \$5 credit and free parking if they volunteer to help out at the concessions.

Dave Jaffarian provided Rich Lundin with an analysis of who is looking at the Booster Club's website. 258 people have visited from the United States, while 10 from Canada, 1 from Thailand and 1 from Egypt have also looked at the site. 452 people have looked at the main page while another 86 have viewed the photos.

Rich Lundin briefly outlined the goals for the Booster Club. There is approximately \$4,000 in the 50/50 fund. The Booster Club will be donating toys to Friendly House for the holidays. Mike Myers suggested that Finz could be available for a photo op when the toys are delivered to Friendly House. It was suggested that Beth Carrigan, a Booster Club member & Toys 'R Us manager, be contacted.

There will be a very important press conference on Wednesday, December 5 at 1 pm at St. Vincent Hospital. Boosters were encouraged to attend with their Sharks apparel.

Raffles were held at the end of the meeting. The next general membership meeting will be December 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lachance, Secretary