

WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB
MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009

Location: Castellana's Restaurant

Special Guest: Brett Westgarth, defenseman

Officers attending: Rich Lundin, President; Ernie Racine, Vice President; Chris O'Shea, Treasurer; Judi Dionne, Secretary.

Other Attendees: Matt Catacchio

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM and started with the introduction of club officers for the benefit of new members attending the meeting.

Special Guest Speaker: Brett Westgarth gave a brief history of his hockey career, and how he got to sign with San Jose. Several members asked questions, including but not limited to his experience with travelling with the AHL teams he's played on, and whether or not it's true his mom has forbidden him to fight his brother.

Minutes from the last meeting were read by Judi Dionne. Motion to Accept Minutes moved by John Wetherell, seconded by Gerry Collette.

Treasurer's Report was read by Rich Lundin.

\$8,455.30	balance from last meeting
\$6,993.09	income
\$6,684.65	expenses

\$8,763.74 balance as of January 31, 2009

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report by Gerry Collette, seconded by Kevin LaBoeuf.

Membership Report was presented by Linda Lachance. Currently there are 196 paid members, and with VIP memberships the total is 247. Based on the attendance figures, the Club membership reflects 5.5% of the attendance at Sharks games.

Linda also reported that she spoke with officers from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club in regards to membership recruiting. They only have a flyer in the season ticket holder package. Linda also noted that they do not give anything to members for signing up – any pins or merchandise has to be purchased.

All Star Classic: Rich led the discussion of what a success the ASC was, for Worcester, for the Sharks, and everyone else involved. Rich also related a story he heard from Connie at the Hilton – that Sean from the AHL came to Worcester early to help with the

last minute “emergencies”, but he did not have anything to do! The hospitality room was a success, it felt like our “own” spot. Rich went through what it took to get the hospitality room – the frustration with the Crowne Plaza, the disappointment with Sh-Boom’s, and Mike O’Brien’s intervention to get Sandy Dunn to allow us into the DCU Convention Center. Discussion then led to experiences with the ASC – no major problems, lots of compliments from fans stating it was the best ASC they’ve attended, etc.

The St. Patrick’s Day Parade is Sunday March 15th. We have a home game that day, so we are requesting that we are one of the groups in the front of the parade. We will see if we can load everybody up at the end of the parade route and head right down Highland St to the DCU Center for the game. Rich asked everyone to pray for warm weather.

The Awards Banquet is set for Wednesday, March 25th. The guest speaker will be Paul Stewart, and other special guests will be City Manager Mike O’Brien and AHL President Dave Andrews. It will be in the same place as the Holiday Party, and will have the same setup. Signups will be available at the next home game on Saturday. Prices are \$44 for adults and \$39 for kids.

Trips: The Boston/San Jose trip was a big success and a very nice win by the Sharks over the Bruins.

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton trip was a success, 9 people went.

Montreal/San Jose trip is coming up Feb 27th through Mar 1st.

March 14th to Manchester, currently 16 signed up.

We still have tickets to the Red Sox for July 5th. Contact Linda Lachance for tickets.

50/50 and Charitable Fundraising: Rich Lundin went over the financials for the 50/50, stating our goal is to get 8 to 10% of attendance at each game. The All Star Classic was above our goals, and it was nice that the winners both nights were Club members.

Ernie Racine presented a report on the Booster Seats program. We have purchased 420 tickets to date for local charities to attend Sharks games. For the ASC, we purchased 145 tickets and the Sharks front office urged businesses and season ticket holders to donate their tickets that would go unused to the Booster Seats program, to increase those numbers to 200 for both nights.

Game Night: Chris stated that she is basically all set for the remaining games in February, but will probably need a few more for the games in March.

Concessions: Rich reported that it was very disappointing with the response for working concessions so far for the February shows. Coming up in March is Nickleback, and April has Disney and The Dead, and May is PBR.

Motion to Adjourn moved by Mark McGurn, seconded by Claudette. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.