

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

Location: Castellana's Restaurant

Special Guest: Corey Schwab, Goaltending Development Coach, San Jose Sharks

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 7:06 PM

Special Guest Speaker: Corey Schwab gave us a history of his hockey career and described his position with the San Jose Sharks. He talked about travelling between San Jose, Worcester, Phoenix, and Canada to work with the goalies currently within the San Jose system. He fielded questions from members, dealing with how Griess had developed and the prospects coming along in the system, to playing with/against some of the great names in hockey, and his experience winning the Stanley Cup with the Devils.

Minutes from the last meeting were not read, as they were posted online for members to read at their convenience. Motion to Accept Minutes moved by Al Marcell, seconded by general acclaim.

Treasurer's Report was read by Rich Lundin.

\$8,763.74	balance from last meeting
\$6,138.00	income
\$8,382.68	expenses

\$6,063.89 balance as of February 28, 2009

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report by Linda Lachance, seconded by general acclaim.

Membership Report was presented by Linda Lachance. Currently there are 247 members.

Linda digressed to an update for any club members wishing to go to any of the upcoming away games, she has arranged deals with Lowell, and Springfield for reduced price tickets and Providence there are still a few vouchers available for members to purchase.

Events: The Awards Banquet is next Wednesday, March 25th. The guest speaker will be Paul Stewart, and the other special guest will be 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. We will give out the player awards and will have Sharks raffle items. If any club member wants to know how many Booster Bucks they have earned, it will be at the club table at home games.

The Worcester Firefighters 6K Race is coming up soon. This will be the last annual Race, as they are going to once every five years. Boosters usually volunteer to work pre-registration and race day.

The AHL Booster Club Convention is being held this year in Baltimore, MD and hosted by the Baltimore Bandits Booster Club. The date for the convention is September 11-13, 2009 and a deposit is due by April 8th, with the balance due on June 1st. This year's theme is the Wide World of Sports.

The AHL Booster Clubs Broomball Tournament is July 11th in Philadelphia.

Trips: We have a new bus company that has made it much more affordable to go on away trips this season. The Montreal trip was a good time. The Manchester trip was a good win. Rich advised the members to be ready for playoff away game trips as they will probably have very little time for signups, as the nature of the playoffs go.

Summer trips: our new bus company, AA Transportation, have trips to see the Red Sox in Baltimore and Toronto which are very affordable. We are planning a couple of Tornadoes game outings – if we commit to 25 people for a BBQ outing we (the Booster Club) get a free ¼ page ad in their program.

Linda stated that she still has tickets available for the July 5th Red Sox game at Fenway. These are bleacher seats.

50/50 and Charitable Fundraising: Rich Lundin went over the financials for the 50/50 to date. We have taken in \$14,499, paid \$6,880 to winners, deposited \$6,893, and made \$8,837 in donations to various charities, including Pernet Family Health Services and the Red Cross Pleasant Street Fire Fund. Future donations will be to Andrew's Helping Hands, Mid State Junior Sharks, WFD6k Race, and the Relay for Life.

Ernie Racine presented a report on the Booster Seats program. We have had 2 smaller groups in the last month, and overall the program has done really well this year.

Game Night: Chris stated that she will need a few more for the remaining games in March and April.

Concessions: Rich asked that all members communicate that they are willing to work and not just show up. Nickleback went well, and we will have a signup sheet for Disney at the table. This is a good show to work for all new people. A next possible concession is The Dead, April 18-19th.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16th – which may change as the playoff dates are announced.

Motion to Adjourn moved by Nick Kronopoulos, seconded by Kevin LaBoeuf. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.