

**WORCESTER SHARKS BOOSTER CLUB
MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 25, 2009**

Location: Castellana's Restaurant

Special Guest: Michael Lehr, Michael Mudd, Michael Myers, and Eric Lindquist from the Worcester 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 7:09 PM

Rich extended a hearty "Great Job everyone!" for all that we have done this past year.

Special Guest Speaker: Michael Lehr presented the State of the Sharks, with questions from the audience and help from Michael Mudd, Michael Myers, and Eric Lindquist. Mike Lehr went over the upcoming changes/plans for the 2009-2010 season in the aspects of the business and the team/players, after requesting a moment of silence for the passing of Farrah Fawcett and Michael Jackson. A lot of the discussion revolved around programs to bring more people to see the Sharks without having to give away hundreds of tickets per night; the 13 players that are unrestricted free agents as of July 1st; the new teams that we will see this coming season that have never visited Worcester before; the plans for the 10th anniversary for the Worcester Six; the renovations of the DCU that are going on right now; the planned start of training camp; and the Asian League.

10 Minute break before resuming the meeting at 9:15 PM.

John Wetherell moved to waive reading of the last meeting minutes. Kevin Laboeuf seconded the motion, approved by general acclamation.

Treasurer's Reports for the previous two months was read by Rich Lundin.

For the report dated April 30, 2009:

\$5,907.74	balance from last meeting
\$2,199.14	income
\$4,016.09	expenses

\$4,090.79	as of April 30, 2009

For the report dated May 31, 2009:

\$4,090.79	balance from last meeting
\$3,991.75	income
\$1,715.34	expenses

\$6,367.20	as of May 31, 2009

Motion to Accept Treasurer's Report by John Wetherell, seconded by Ernie Racine.

Membership Report was presented by Linda Lachance. Currently there are 250 members. Rich asked if any members were getting the latest emails from Corporate Perks. A few responded they were. Rich noted that the Perks program has really stepped up in advertising their latest deals with email bursts.

Events: Rich noted that the Awards Banquet went very well. No complaints were received, and everyone said they had a good time.

Rich gave a brief overview of the Booster Bucks, how many were earned, how many "cashed in", and how many outstanding.

WFD6K Road Race went well – 5 Boosters attended the day of the Race to help out.

Relay for Life – Josie, Judi, Chris and Linda participated in this event and had a great time for a very good cause. Lisa Comeau also walked with us Friday night, and Pierce stopped by Saturday afternoon to support our team.

AHL Booster Club Convention – we have 13 Boosters attending this year, with 220 Boosters attending from different clubs in the league.

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

Trips: We have selected Friday, July 31st for our Tornadoes outing. The price includes an all you can eat meal and a ticket to the game. Price is \$25 per person.

There are also several dates for Red Sox tickets, the one upcoming is July 5th.

50/50 and Charitable Fundraising Rich Lundin presented a financial report of the season, showing the income and prizes awarded, all expenses and charitable donations made from the funds. On average, we hit 10% of the attendance. It was noted that John had a "rosier" personality during the playoffs, to account for the increase of tickets purchased during that time. The balance in the 50/50 Charity account is \$2,641.98, with two donations still left to be made to the Mid State Junior Sharks and the American Cancer Society in memory of Roy Boe.

Club goals: The list has not changed for several months. These goals still remain, and we will continue to work towards attaining those goals in the months to come.

Concessions: For those who completed the AIMS training the first year, you need to go through training again, as certification only lasts three years. If we have enough people interested they can hold a training session at the DCU.

Open Discussion: Kevin asked how we, as fans and a club, could help the Sharks attain their goals of getting new people to come to Sharks games. We think our voucher program helps, but the best thing we can do is talk to people, and let our love of attending Sharks games come through. Hopefully it will get people interested and into the seats.

Next meeting: Keep an eye out for emails, as it will not be until August.

Motion to Adjourn moved by Josie Brown, seconded by Kevin LaBoeuf. Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.