

**Meeting Minutes**  
**High Plains Youth Hockey Assn**  
**3pm February 17th, 2013 Dodge House Hotel**

**Present: Jim Johnson, Alan Stukenholtz, Austin Swift, Chris Sheppard, Kevin Cambell,**  
**Guest: Tyler Dye**

Minutes from January meeting accepted as read in email.

Financial Report: **1/23/13 Bank Balance \$8,617.30**

**Outstanding checks: #1041 Wichita Ice Center - Pizza \$220,**  
**#1042 Wichita Ice Center - Ice Time \$290, #1043 Wichita Thunder - Tickets \$50,**  
**#1045 Flatland Graphics - T-shirts \$670.11**

**Encumbered: 2013 Ice Time & Tournament due to UWA \$5,700**

**Remaining in Account: \$1,687.19**

Sadly, Chris Sheppard bid us all farewell as he has taken a better job in Peoria Illinois. We wish him well and ask him to stay in touch!

We have only one of the Dillons Neighborhood Reward Cards left. Kevin is going to track the numbers to monitor use. We get monthly reports on usage and a \$250 check for every \$5,000 spent using the cards.

Our upcoming friendship game in Wichita March 9th and 10th was discussed. So far only a handful of sign-ups received. Calling will be done to increase participation. The cost is \$15 per skater for ice time, \$5 for the after game Pizza party and \$10 for the Wichita Thunder ticket. A head count must be turned in by March 1st. This may be the last chance to skate for our kids until next fall aside from inline hockey. Mites and Mini-mites will play for 1.5 hours at 2 pm on Saturday the 9th and for 1.5 hours at 9 am on Sunday. Combination of PEEWEE, Bantam and Midget (with squirts playing up) games are at 3:45 pm Saturday and 10:45 pm Sunday. Jim is blocking rooms at the Best Western North in Wichita at a cost of \$68 including Tax for Saturday night.

We need to sell more of the vinyl window clings at \$5 ea.

Jim is still working on updating the website's trading post <[www.highplainsyouthhockey.org/post/](http://www.highplainsyouthhockey.org/post/)> Some of the equipment on it has already been taken and more needs to be put on. Encourage anyone who wants equipment to check the trading post and then call Jim to see if it is still available 620-408-6877

Sunday was National Hockey Day! This coming Thursday (Feb 21st) is our "Wear Your Favorite Hockey Jersey to School" day...

Jim has twice requested an invoice from the United Wireless Arena. Have yet to receive it.

Alan and Jim will tackle getting the decals on the rest of our new foam ice barriers.

Alan and Jim are working to put together a Spring Inline Hockey season. Expect an announcement soon. All participants will need to join the Amateur Athletic Union at:

<https://play.aausports.org/> Coaches will need to be screened just as we do with USA Hockey. The cost is \$25 per child. Possible location is the parking lot behind the Bright Beginnings building on Comanche at 2nd Ave in Dodge City. Austin suggested we also look at the National Guard Armory. Jim will do that this coming week,

Election of officers was discussed. Most of the current officers offered to serve another term though Tonya found doing Treasurer duty along with Registrar duty to be too much of a load. Chris Sheppard had also expressed the idea last year that doing both of those together was too much work for one volunteer. Tonya has agreed to act as Treasurer again. Chuck Drake has agreed to take a turn as Registrar. The slate of nominated officers then is:

President:	Austin Swift
VP:	Jim Johnson
Secretary:	Howard Fisher
Treasurer:	Tonya Taylor
Registrar:	Chuck Drake
Ace Coordinator:	Kevin Campbell
Alan Stukenholtz:	Risk Manager
Coaching Dir.:	Kevin Campbell
Ref. in Chief:	Howard Fisher
MWAHA Reps.:	Howard Fisher, Kevin Campbell, Jim Johnson

If there are further nominations please get them to Jim by March 1st when we will vote via email. When we have our new officers Jim will update the MWAHA website and our website.

Kevin suggested we need to develop a strategic plan for the organization which encompasses both a short term (5 years) and a long term (15 years) set of goals. An Ad Hoc committee was formed with Austin, Jim, Alan and Kevin and a planning meeting scheduled for March 9th at the hotel in Wichita after the Thunder game. Committee members should make up their own list of long and short term goals and ideas of methods of achieve them before the meeting. Then they can be amalgamated into one strategic plan at the meeting.

Better personal contact with parents was discussed. Jim presented a 4 part call list of about 15 families each. He, Austin, Alan and Kevin will call each family on their list to find out what they liked and didn't like about last season, what ideas they have for next season...etc. They will also push for attendance at the March 9th and 10th games in Wichita.

Next meeting was set for March 31st at 3 pm at the Dodge House Hotel. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

### **Dates to add to your calendars!!**

**March 9th and 10th** - Friendship Games and Thunder game in Wichita.

**March 31st** - Next Board meeting - 3 pm at the Dodge House.

**April 21st** - Spring MWAHA meeting, Des Moines Marriott - Jordan Creek Parkway - More Info at: [http://www.tristatehockey.com/news\\_article/show/98552?referrer\\_id=220264](http://www.tristatehockey.com/news_article/show/98552?referrer_id=220264)