



## Geneseo Youth Hockey

### Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2008

**Present:** Jon Semon, Dick Baumgardner, John Thomas, Shane Harding, Tara Harding, Michael Young, Sheri Dolan, Dave Blain, Judy Keysa, Jeff Curry, Pete Kostraba.

**Meeting began 7:09pm.**

Minutes were reviewed from September, motion to accept by Judy Keysa seconded by John Thomas and approved by all.

**President - Jon Semon:** Jon presented Mike Carroll's report. We have gone from 17 officials last season to 24 this season. Mike will be implementing a 3 person officiating system for Bantam Travel, Midget House and possibly Pee Wee Travel games. This will allow more experience and game time for younger officials. Concerns over some of the approved officials to be used were expressed. The list was approved by Jon Semon. Jeff Curry made a motion to override Jon's decision. The motion was seconded by John Thomas. Those in favor of keeping list were Jon Semon and Dick Baumgardner. Those opposed were Jeff Curry. The rest of the board abstained. The current official list to remain as is.

**VP of League Operations - John Thomas:** Nothing to report.

**VP of Hockey Operations - Duane Olin:** Duane was not present. The report was given by Tara Harding. Our online payments to date are approximately \$39,463.00. Duane will have the schedule for team pictures completed by next week. Game schedules for all team will be loaded onto the web site by next week. In addition, Duane will be updating the practice schedule due to the fact that there is now only one Mite B team instead of two.

Tournament update: There are 2 openings at each level. Duane will be sending out emails this weekend to more teams. Duane will be setting up committees soon to address Concessions, Trophies, Sponsorships, etc. Duane will be contacting Mike Carroll to set up officials for the tournament.

**Treasurer - Dick Baumgardner:** League finances reviewed and the league is in good standing.

**Ace Coordinator - Jeff Curry:** Jeff gave overview of teams. We no longer have two Mite B teams. There are currently 20 kids on the Mite B roster and 14 on the Mite A roster. Rob Washington the Mite B coach and Jeff Chamberlain Mite A coach to address any player changes. It is up to Rob if he would like to maintain the team at its current level. He is still waiting on a number of screening forms and USA Hockey bar codes from coaches. These forms need to be completed ASAP. Anyone who has not completed these forms before November 1<sup>st</sup> will no longer be allowed on the ice. Jeff has compiled a binder of coaching material to be handed out to the head coaches who are to review with their assistant coaches. Once material is reviewed it will be turned back into Jeff. The Beginner program is going well. The kids will be broken up into groups in the few weeks. There are a total of 129 Beginners and 18 IP players. We still need someone to head up the Mite Clinics which are to be held throughout the season. Jeff to check with Duane on the status of this.

**Registrar - Tara Harding:** Tara has only received 3 of the 8 Empire team rosters. The rest are incomplete. She is still in need of a number of USA Hockey bar codes, mainly for coaches and 1 player. She still needs to collect approximately \$15,000 in final payments. She has received 2 requests for refunds. Joe Volman is currently registered on our Midget team. His father has paid \$300 and Joe will not be playing this season due to a conflict with his job. Okay to refund less administration fees. Michael Flint is registered on the Squirt B team and is paid in full. His mother Mindy Stanley is requesting a refund since Michael has since decided he does not want to play hockey. Okay to refund less administration fees. Our Bantam B team currently only has 10 skaters and a goalie.

**Equipment Manager - Dave Blain:** Per Dave, there continues to be issues with Perani's regarding the delivery of the Empire jerseys. Dave received a call on Monday that the jerseys were in and proceeded to pick them up that day and given them the balance that was owed. Once he opened the boxes he realized they had only given him a partial shipment not the complete shipment as was stated to him by Perani's. Of the 159 jerseys ordered he had only received 62. He has made a number of attempts to speak with Ray House but has not received a call back from him. He will continue work on expediting the balance. The jerseys received were the larger sizes and will be handed out to the 2 Midget and the Bantam A team. He also received jerseys that were ordered by the Midget B team. The cost of these jerseys (\$613.80) was included in the payment given to Perani's. Dave will coordinate with Rose Labanski manager of the Midget B team to receive payment for these jerseys. Dave is concerned with the combination of the two Mite B teams. There will now be an issue with the numbers on the jerseys. The jersey numbers do not go up to 20.

**Empire League –Judy Keysa:** Per Judy, scheduling took place and all went well.

**Western NY League - Shane Harding:** Shane was unable to attend the meeting and Jon Semon attended in place of Shane. Per Jon, bills for the teams will be sent out this weekend. Any players and coaches who are on suspension are not to sign the score sheets or be on or near the bench. Screening forms were discussed again. Neck guards were discussed. Webster has made it mandatory for all players to wear neck guards. This is not a rule supported by USA Hockey or WNY. If you are playing there and an official tries to enforce this you can make a formal protest but can still play the game. WNY is looking for an organization to host playoff ice time during February 28<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Director of Communications – Del Brown:** Not present.

**Referee Coordinator - Mike Carroll:** Not present. See President's report.

**Ombudsman - Pete Kostraba:** Pete brought to our attention an issue regarding the Pee Wee Travel team. There was a misunderstanding by a parent that their child was being moved to the travel team. In fact, they were being asked to consider moving to the Bantam B Empire team due to low numbers. The misunderstanding came from the Pee Wee B coach.

**Ice Scheduler – Duane Olin:** See VP of Operations report.

**Old Business:**

- A. **Registration Review:** See Registrar and VP Operations reports.
- B. **John Curry Jr. Thanksgiving Tournament:** See VP Operations report.

**New Business:**

- A. **Amerks Alumni Game:** Jon Semon has sent out potential dates for the game. He is waiting to hear back.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- A. Golisnao Shoot-A-Thon:** Open to discussion if we are going to host this event again. To be discussed further at next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn was made by Shane Harding at 8:20 PM second by Pete Kostraba and all in favor.**

**The next meeting will be November 12th @ 7pm in the Schroeder Building at Suny Geneseo.**