

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2012

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on October 1, 2012. President Steve Ferenczy, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Steve Ferenczy, Ed Guzdek, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Chuck Wonch, Renae Gattozzi, David Silverberg, Andy Tokasz, Tim DiGiulio, Scott Mosher, Joe Spano, Jack Quigley, Dave Hayman, Peter Kneis, Steve Witt, Darren Palaszewski, Gene Naab, Brian Charlton, Robert Schreck, Bill Higgins

Excused: Gary Joseph, Bob Schell, John Gaffney, Glen Aichinger, Nelson Schule, Mark McDermott, Steve Bengart, Kris Quagliana, Frank Lukomski

Correspondence: Niagara University would like to host teams as their guests for their home games. Via Steve Ferenczy, John Gaffney wanted everyone to know that the Girls 12U team won the Niagara Falls Tournament over the weekend.

Approval of Minutes:

September 10, 2012- **Motion** to approve-Ferenczy; Second Jack Quigley- **APPROVED.**

Reports:

Secretary: No Report

VP Travel: No Report

VP House - Ed Guzdek – On Wednesday, October 3, 2012, representatives from USA Hockey will be running an 8U, 10U and 12U clinic. Coaches will be on the ice and bench. There will be a social gathering afterwards. The House Program started today.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –Registration numbers to date are as follows:

Novice 1: 19
Novice 2: 49
Micron Red: 77
Mini Mite: 68
Mini Mite Blue: 87
Squirt: 130
Peewee: 125
Bantam: 87
Midget Mohl: 35
Girls: 84
Midget Rec: 4

Midget Mohl has 1 waitlisted player and Bantam 3. It was discussed that all players will be placed on a team. Novice I still needs players. Hopefully Try Hockey for Free will bring in a few as well as the Try Hockey for a Month program. Another ad will be run in the Bee.

Christina will be contacting teams regarding photos once the November ice schedule is out.

Ice schedules and rosters will be on the webpage in a few days.

Treasurer-Tom Tzetzto-Distributed August 31, 2012 financial statements. Tom will continue reimbursing coaches as they turn in the correct paperwork.

Ice: Chuck Wonch – November ice schedules will be completed by the end of the week. Chuck needs confirmation of the Sectionals ice schedule for 11/10-12. The 6:30 am ice time has been returned to the Northtown Center (cheers from crowd). Still need info on the Burlington Tournament. Bob Schrek will call Joe Baudo to see if mites can play full ice so that the Canadian teams will participate. He will report back.

Development: David Silverberg – Still working on finalizing the Dick's Sporting Goods sponsorship. November 3rd is Try Hockey for Free. Could use volunteers for the event; high schoolers can get community service hours. Need registration materials for that evening. Christina and Renae will be there to assist with registration.

Girls: No Report.

Novice: Peter Kneis – First parents meeting tomorrow night. Ice starts this weekend.

Tournament/PR: Christina Biondolillo-No Report

ACE: David Hayman – This Saturday there will be a Level 1-3 Clinic at UB for about 320 coaches. Amherst pays for 1 hour ice – UB comps room rental, we pay for audio/visual equipment.

Equipment: Jack Quigley – Equipment room is almost dry. No more serious issues. Clean Gear did a great job cleaning the equipment. Money well spent.

Officials: No Report.

ADM: Tim DiGiulio-No Report

Ex-Officio- Robert Schreck –Town of Amherst continues to support AYH. No complaints about the organization. The possibility of a 5th pad of ice remains.

At Large: Brian Charlton - No Report

President: Steve Ferenczy – First Long Range Planning Committee meeting has taken place. A laundry list of ideas was created which Renae will breakdown by category for the next meeting, which will be held on October 10, 2012.

Old Business: Dave Silverberg – Coaches Ice – Ice bill last year was \$10,400. Dave figures they brought in \$6,000, leaving a cost of approx. \$4,300 to AYH. Some coaches/participants felt insulted that the ice would be taken away and it was discussed that this was not the intention of the Board, but rather just to get the cost covered. The following fee schedule was proposed: Current coaches and affiliates - \$300 for 2x a week and \$175 for 1x a week; former coaches/players - \$350 for 2x a week and \$200 for 1x a week; per skate fee \$15. No more unaffiliated players as we are not running a men's league, but would like to keep the program available to those who have given their time to AYH. Dave felt this fee schedule would be acceptable to the participants, and it was decided that we would revisit the program in a few months to see if we were covering our costs. Dave will also try to involve newer coaches in the program.

MOTION TO APPROVE: Dave Silverberg – SECOND: Jack Quigley. MOTION PASSED.

New Business: Renae Gattozzi – Concussion testing has been light. Please re-emphasize program to coaches.

Motion to adjourn Ferenczy; Second; Quigley.

APPROVED

8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 5, 2012.