

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2015

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on August 31, 2015.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Present:, Steve Bengart, Ed Guzdek, Jack Quigley, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Glenn Aichinger, Scott Mosher, Peter Lajeunesse, Marc Rosenthal, Frank Lukomski, Dan House, Peter Kneis, Darren Palaszewski, Russ Gugino, Bob Schell, Gary Joseph, Mike Wulken, David Browne, and Joe Desrosiers.

Excused: Dave Hayman, Tim DiGiulio, Brian Charlton, Steve Ferenczy, Joe Spano, John Gaffney, and Paul Gugino.

President Bengart welcomed the new Board and thanked them for their time for the upcoming year. Reminded the board that everyone is a volunteer. Requesting that all board members participate in all Amherst Youth Hockey Activities- including tournaments, the skate sale, Hockey across America day, etc.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from July Board Meeting by Quigley, **Second** Mosher. **Approved.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins- Voter delegation forms need to be completed prior to the West Section Meeting.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Working on implementing a newsletter for the organization.

All travel is currently running smoothly.

WNYAHL leagues will be released soon. Discussion around teams that have opted out of the league in order to play an independent schedule. The Regals and West Seneca are out of WNYAHL. Our teams can play them, but we must confirm that they are USA hockey registered by asking to see their stamped roster. Also need to use USA Hockey referees and play according to USA Hockey rules. Do not sign an AAU scoresheet.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Registration is at 70% of budgeted numbers, but we are slightly behind last year's numbers.

Coaching applications are coming in. Must have all screenings and certifications completed by 12/1.

Coaches must have all certification completed in order to be considered for a Select Team.

Super Sunday is March 6th.

The Novice/Mite boards are being fixed and will include new end pieces and new connectors. A training session will be given to help new coaches/parents to learn how to assemble them.

The Skate Sale drop off is Friday 9/11 with the sale on Saturday 9/12.

The Friendship tournament dates are 12/5-12/6 and 2/6-2/7. This will include Mites, Squirts, Pee-Wees.

There will be a new referee Mentor program for Squirt House. There will be a training Referee on the ice to help the other referees. They will not make any actual calls, but will only be there for teaching purposes.

Treasurer-Tzetzto-

Financial statement will be available next month.

Coaches re-imbursements are starting to be processed.

Motion via email for the following additional fees for these two teams.- Bantam Major AAA \$1,731 increase (new fee \$20,603, the previously approved fee was \$18,872.) Bantam Major AA \$1,731 increase (new fee \$19,403, the previously approved fee was \$17,672.) by Tzetzto, **Second** Joseph. **Approved**.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

Currently working on certifying all travel rosters.

Reviewed current registration #'s for House League

Discussed where we have/will advertise for the current season.

Ice Coordinator- Tom Tzetzto-

Currently finalizing the balance of ice for the season.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

We will be hosting playdowns for 16U and 18U Tier 1 from Nov. 6th-8th.

We will be hosting 3 weekends of States plus approximately 40 teams for the 18U Tier AA Nationals.

Tournament Director- Russ Gugino-

Top Gun is posted on our website plus one national board for all tournaments. The tournament will be ending on Sunday instead of Monday. There will be on-line

registration this year. Working on securing hotels. We will need volunteers. Renae Gattozzi will handle the volunteer sign up.

Development- Joe Desrosiers- Skate Sale will need volunteers.

ACE- Bill Higgins for Dave Hayman- All Level 1-3 clinic dates for the upcoming year have been posted on the website. There will also be a level 4 at Niagara December 5th-6th.

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- No Report.

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- Everything is current on the website regarding referees. There are currently 9 people interested in becoming NYSHOA Officials.

Ex- Officio- Sunil Bakshi-

Amherst Youth and Recreation Commission is looking at the 5th pad proposal and it is a big issue on their radar.

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-

Concussion testing will be conducted again this year for any player wishing to do it who is 10 years old and up. It will be done differently this year with the ability to set up appointment times, without needing the entire team to go at the same time.

Old Business:

Ed Guzdek- Hockey Director interviews are being finalized. There were 16 applications received. Board held a discussion on the roles of the Hockey Director.

Gary Joseph- Association Hockey Rules are still being finalized and will be submitted at the October meeting for approval.

New Business:

Congratulations to Mike Eberhard's daughter for making the US Women's National Sled Team. The organization also had four men make the Men's National team as well.

The board is completing conflict of interest forms.

Motion to adjourn Rosenthal; **Second;** Schell- **APPROVED.**

8:12 PM

Next Meeting: Monday October 5th, 2015 7:00 pm