

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2016

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on August 29th, 2016.

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, Tom Tzetzso, Peter Kneis, Scott Mosher, Marc Rosenthal, Renae Gattozzi, Frank Lukomski, Steve Ferenczy, Darren Palaszewski, Ken Coyle, Joe DesRosiers, Glenn Aichinger, Joe Spano, Peter Lajeunesse, Tim DiGiulio, Bob Schell, David Browne, Pat Gormley, Crystal Harris, and Dan House.

Excused: Christina Biondolillo, Gary Joseph, Mike Wulken, Dave Hayman, Ralph Gattozzi, John Gaffney, Grant Ledyard, and Paul Gugino.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Minutes:

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

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins- Reviewed Board Meeting Dates for 2016/2017 season. Delegate Form review and solicited signatures. Conflict of Interest forms must be completed by all current board members.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley- Teams are rolling along. Goalie clinics will start in October. Will also be offering a skills clinic. WNYAHL divisions are being finalized.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Reviewed the current registration numbers for each of the House age groups.

Evaluation ice is scheduled for 9/10-9/11 and 9/17-9/18. He

Coaching applications are on line this year. All applications must be submitted in this manner. No one will be allowed on the ice without USA Hockey Registration Number, Safesport Certificate Number, and NYS Screening. All age specific modules and coaching classes must be completed by November 15th.

The Hockey Director will be going on the ice will all teams to run skills clinics.

Paul Gugino will be helping with the Select program this year to help identify coaches earlier and to help facilitate ice with them.

Treasurer-Tzetzto-

Tom Tzetzto resigned as Treasurer. Steve Bengart introduced Peter Kneis and the new Treasurer as appointed by the Executive Committee.

Fiscal report including the first two months of the fiscal year were passed out and reviewed.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Report by Schell **Second** Quigley.

On the Question- Bengart thanked Tom and Renae for changing the format of the report to reflect a comparison of current with previous year.

Approved Unanimously.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo – By Bill Higgins

Skate Sale Posters will be posted throughout the NTC this week.

Ice Coordinator-Tzetzto-

September ice has been returned to the NTC. Available ice for October is on the website.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

Playdowns are scheduled for the NTC the first weekend of November.

We will be hosting States for 3 consecutive weekends in March.

World Deaf Hockey Championships will be held at the NTC in April

Reimder by Bengart to the Board to volunteer at all events.

Tournament Director- By Ed Guzdek

Top Gun will be for Mite, Squirt, and Pee-Wee only this year.

Development- Joe DesRosiers-

The skate sale is scheduled for September 10th with drop off on the 9th.

ACE- Dave Hayman- No Report

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- No Report

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger-

There are 7 new officials registered through Amherst for NYSHOA this season.

Ex-Officio- Sunil Bakshi- No Report

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-

Try Hockey for Free is scheduled for November 12th from 9:10-10:20

Concussion testing will run the same as last year with parents scheduling directly with Renae. Appointments will begin in late September.

Old Business: Concussion Law- The Erie County Legislature has passed a new comprehensive Concussion Law. Steve Bengart has sent a letter to the County Executive explaining the concerns that Amherst Hockey has with the law the way that it is currently worded. We believe that the law is being amended prior to being signed by the County Executive.

New Business: Niagara University has offered some of their Sports Management students to act as Interns for AYH on a project to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Marc Rosenthal commented that Spring Recess is the same week as travel tryouts this year. Steve Bengart will reach out to other associations about holding off tryouts until the following week if everyone is in agreement.

Motion to adjourn DiGiulio; **Second;** Palaszewski- **Approved Unanimously.**

7:57 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday October 6th, 2016 7:00 pm