

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2015

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on December 2, 2015.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present:, Steve Bengart, Jack Quigley, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Peter Lajeunesse, Peter Kneis, Gary Joseph, Mike Wulken, Bob Schell, Marc Rosenthal, Frank Lukomski, Dave Hayman, Tim DiGiulio, Brian Charlton, Joe Spano, Pat Gormley, John Gaffney, Sunil Bakshi, Joe Des Rosiers and Paul Gugino.

Excused: Steve Ferenczy, Glenn Aichinger, Ed Guzdek, Scott Mosher, David Browne, Dan House, Darren Palaszewski, and Russ Gugino,.

Steve Bengart announced that they have begun work on the new board room. Plans were received today and we are still reviewing them. Wishes everyone on the board a Happy Holidays.

Correspondence:

An article was placed in WNY Hockey Magazine announcing the hiring of Grant Ledyard as the new Hockey Director.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from November Board Meeting by Charlton, **Second** Quigley. **Approved.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins- No Report

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Coaching applications are going out for the 2016-2017 Season. Applications for Girls 12U, Squirts and Pee-Wees are due by 12/25. Tryouts begin on 3/7. Applications for Girls 14U, 16U, 19U, along with Bantams and Midgets are due by 1/15. Tryouts begin on 4/5.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Select Teams are waiting on their stamped rosters. The Mite Jamboree is Sunday December 13th running from 9-4. Thank you to Peter Kneis for organizing the day. Thank you also to Paul Gugino for organizing the first weekend of the Friendship Tournament. There are 41 coaches who are at risk for missing the 12/31 deadline for all training materials to be completed. Suspensions will be announced at the January meeting.

Treasurer-Tzetzoz-

Financial statement through the end of October was handed out.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

Will be opening up the ½ year registration for Novice 1 on 12/8. Receiving email requests already.

Motion to approve the fee of \$175 for the ½ year novice program by Kneis, **Second** Schell. **Approved.**

Following up on coaching cards and certifications. Currently waiting on stamped rosters for house league and select teams.

Ice Coordinator- Tom Tzetzoz-

March ice will be completed next week.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

No Report

Tournament Director- Paul Gugino for Russ Gugino-

Top Gun is sold out. The tournament will be held MLK weekend. The schedule is being worked on this week.

The breakdown of teams is as follows:

Mite- 20 Teams, 13 Amherst and 7 non Amherst teams

Squirt- 12 Teams, 5 non Amherst teams

Pee Wee- 12 Teams, 6 non Amherst teams

Bantam- 6 Teams, 4 non Amherst teams

Steve Bengart expressed his thanks to both Paul and Russ Gugino for all of their efforts. Also reminded the board that volunteers will be needed for the tournament.

Development- Joe Desrosiers- Working on collecting the old championship banners.

Trying to get them hung in the front foyer or the NTC.

ACE- Final class of the year is being held this weekend in Rochester. If anyone needs to get into the class and it is full on line, they can reach out directly to Dave Hayman to register.

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- No Report

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- No Report

Ex- Officio- Sunil Bakshi-
The discussion on the 5th rink proposal is status quo.

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-
The bulk of the concussion testing has been completed. People can now schedule directly with the testing center.

Old Business:
Gary Joseph- Association Hockey Rules are still being finalized. Waiting on additional feedback. Final version will be going out for approval at the February meeting.

New Business:
Board of Director jacket orders can be placed with Marc Rosenthal.

Christina- There is a request from the Tim Horton's Backyard Classic to use the AYH website as a host site for the registration process. The event is 2/26-2/28 and is a charity event going to help support sled hockey.

Motion to add a tab on the AYH website which will be linked the BYC website to help with the registration process by Bengard, **Second** Hayman.

Question on the Motion: The reason for allowing this specific event access to our website is due to it being a charitable event.

Approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting in honor of Tony Eichhorn, who recently passed away by Schell; **Second** Higgins- **APPROVED.**

7:35 PM

Next Meeting: Monday January 4th, 2016 7:00 pm