

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2016

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on February 1, 2016.

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

Present:, Steve Bengart, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Mike Wulken, Dave Hayman, Tim DiGiulio, Brian Charlton, Steve Ferenczy, Joe Spano, David Browne, Dan House, Darren Palaszewski, Pat Gormley, Jack Quigley, Ed Guzdek, Peter Kneis, John Gaffney, Scott Mosher, Sunil Bakshi, Bob Schell, Joe Des Rosiers, and Paul Gugino.

Excused: Gary Joseph, Glenn Aichinger, Peter Lajeunesse, Marc Rosenthal, Frank Lukomski, and Russ Gugino.

Non-Voting Attendees: Renae Gattozzi and Grant Ledyard

Correspondence: A note came in from the family of Steven Holmes thanking Amherst Hockey for their support.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from January Board Meeting by DiGiulio, **Second** Charlton **Approved.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins-

Annual meeting is planned for Tuesday May 3rd. Location is TBD.

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce awards dinner that will recognize the contributions of Amherst Youth Hockey will be held on February 22nd from 5:30-9:30 at the Adams Mark Hotel.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Motion to approve Pat Gormley as a member of the Coaching Selection Committee by Quigley, **Second** Higgins

Approved.

Approval of travel coaches for 2016-2017 Season. There were 44 applicants for 21 teams.

Motion to approve coaches as individually presented and voted on by Jack Quigley, **Second** Guzdek

Girls 12U- TBD

Girls 14U- Darren Palaszewski

Girls 16U- John Gaffney

Girls 19U- TBD

Minor Squirt AAA- Peter Kneis- Approved

Minor Squirt AA- Anthony Pantano- Approved

Major Squirt AA2- Ian Kyle- Approved

Major Squirt AAA- Bill Higgins- Approved

Major Squirt AA- Rich Crozier- Approved

Minor Pee Wee AAA- Bill Schwartz- Approved

Minor Pee Wee AA- Rich Fineberg- Approved

Major Pee Wee AAA- Scott Mosher- Approved

Major Pee Wee AA- Tim DiGiulio- Approved

Minor Bantam AAA- Brian Turner - Approved

Minor Bantam AA- John Hammersmith - Approved

Major Bantam AAA- Charlie Mendola- Approved

Major Bantam AA- Sean Corrigan- Approved

Midget 15U- AAA- Craig Curtin- Approved

Midget 15U- AA- Marc Rosenthal- Approved

Midget 16U- AAA- Bob Rossi- Approved

Midget 16U- AA- Joe Jacobbi- Approved

Midget 18U- AAA- Rob Moyer- Approved

Midget 18U- AA- Dick VanDette- Approved

In conclusion, Jack Quigley mentioned that Amherst Hockey is the organization with the most teams in WNY. Jack introduced the Hockey Director- Grant Ledyard who then gave his report:

Goalie Clinics have begun with 8 goalies per session. These are being run by Bryan McMullen who is doing a great job.

Checking Clinics have begun for players at the Pee-Wee Level.

We are working with Sean Green to do a day at River Works for AYH teams-

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Motion to send Hockey Director- Grant Ledyard to the North American Rink Expo in Columbus at a registration cost of \$200 plus expenses by Guzdek, **Second Gaffney- Approved**

Spring Hockey evaluation will be on 4/14. The season will be 8 sessions with 6/8 on Sundays. The only exceptions are no ice on Mother's Day and on Memorial Day.

Motion to approve the rates for Spring Hockey listed below by Guzdek, **Second Gaffney- Approved**

Novice and Micron- \$100
Mite Minor- \$100
Mite Major and Squirt- \$160
Pee Wee- \$160
Bantam- \$160

Treasurer-Tzetzto-

Financial statement through the end of December was handed out.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

Try Hockey For Free is scheduled for 2/20 from 9:30-10:20.

Surveys for House League will be going out

Ads for tryouts will be going in for February and March across multiple media platforms.

Ice Coordinator- Tom Tzetzto-

Thank you to the House Conveners for accepting the changes that were made to the February ice schedule. Playoff schedule and Super Sunday ice is being worked on.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

Draft schedules have been submitted. There are \$20,000 in sponsorships to date. Will need an ad book seller for Nationals. Will be looking for help with both States and Nationals.

Tournament Director- Russ Gugino- By Paul Gugino-

Top Gun went well. Next year there will not be a Bantam division. Vendors were pleased. There were issues again with the restaurant being open for the early games.

Development- Joe Desrosiers-

Still working on replacement of the banners

ACE- Dave Hayman- No Report

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- No Report

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- No Report

Ex- Officio- Sunil Bakshi- No Report as there was not an Amherst Rec. Commission meeting last month.

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-

Thank you to all of the volunteers for their help with Top Gun.

Old Business:

Gary Joseph- Association Hockey Rules are still being finalized. Executive Board will review and then forward on the Full Board for review and approval at March meeting.

Update by Bengart on the status and renovation of the new Board Room.

New Business:

The organizers of the Tim Hortons Backyard Classic are looking for Amherst Teams to register. Christina reviewed information from the organizers and will be sending out the flyer to AYH Coaches.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kneis ; **Second** Palaszewski- **APPROVED.**

Time Meeting Adjourned- 8:05 PM

Next Meeting: March 2nd 7:00 pm