

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2016

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on July 13th, 2016.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Present:, Steve Bengart, Ed Guzdek, Jack Quigley, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Scott Mosher, Marc Rosenthal, Renae Gattozzi, Steve Ferenczy, Darren Palaszewski, Gary Joseph, Mike Wulken, David Browne, Pat Gormley, and Dan House.

Excused: Frank Lukomski, Dave Hayman, Glenn Aichinger, Joe Spano, Peter Lajeunesse, Peter Kneis, Tim DiGiulio, Bob Schell, John Gaffney, Ken Coyle, Joe DesRosiers, and Paul Gugino.

Correspondence: A note was received from the Guzdek family thanking Amherst Hockey for the flower arrangement that was sent for their Father's service.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from May Board Meeting by Quigley, **Second** Guzdek.
Approved Unanimously.

President Bengart welcomed the new Board and thanked them for their time for the upcoming year. Reminded all members of the board to actively volunteer their time for the different events throughout the year.

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins- No report.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley- Travel Coaches meeting tentatively scheduled for 7/25.

Motion to approve Tim Zimmerman to coach the Girls 12U NTB team by Quigley,
Second Guzdek.

Question on the motion: Why a 12U NTB team? Due to age of players that attended tryouts, they have combined the 10U team with the 12U team.

Approved Unanimously.

New guidelines by USA Hockey regarding coach certification and eligibility to participate in team events. Full compliance by August 1st for travel teams. Have to have NYS screening, USA Hockey registration, and Safesport training completed. Coaching certification must be up to date or at least registered for a class. Age specific modules must be completed by November 15th.

VP House-Ed Guzdek- 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- **Motion** by Tzetzto to Approve travel team fees as listed below,

Second Mosher- **Approved.**

Squirt Minor AA- \$19,457

Squirt Minor AAA- \$19,457

Squirt Major A- \$19,580

Squirt Major AA- \$19,580

Squirt Major AAA- \$19,580

PeeWee Minor AA- \$20,696

PeeWee Minor AAA- \$21,696

PeeWee Major AA- \$21,706

PeeWee Major AAA- \$22,901

Bantam Minor AA- \$21,696

Bantam Minor AAA- \$21,701

Bantam Major AA- \$21,716

Bantam Major AAA- \$22,906

Midget 15U AA- \$12,721

Midget 15U AAA- \$15,816

Midget 16U AA - \$13,121

Midget 16U AAA- \$15,746

Midget 18U AA- \$10,921

Midget 18U AAA- \$15,746

Girls 12U- \$11,486

Girls 14U - \$19,136

Girls 16U - \$19,146

Girls 16UAA - \$11,546

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –Registration is at 93 players for house at this time which is about the same as last year. Number includes 24 new participants to Amherst Hockey.

Amherst Hockey participated in the 2x2 challenge and was able to achieve Bronze Status for this past year.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell- No Report. Gary Joseph gave a summary of trip to USA Hockey Annual Congress in Colorado. Eric Guzdek also commented on the different programs, including the Club Excellence program, that are available to associations.

Tournament Director- No Report

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

ACE- Dave Hayman- by Bill Higgins- Clinic dates will be finalized in the coming weeks. There will be a level 4 class this year in Rochester in December.

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- Travel socks are in and will be distributed at the coaches ice meeting.

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- by Bill Higgins- Referee rates, per the current contract, are going up \$1 this year. The email for Guy Bax has changed and will be distributed to coaches and managers at the ice/coaches meeting.

Ex-Officio- Eric Guzdek reported on the status of the proposal to add a 5th rink.

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi- No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: 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.

Motion to adjourn Mosher; **Second;** Gormley- **Approved Unanimously.**

8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Monday August 29th, 2016 7:00 pm