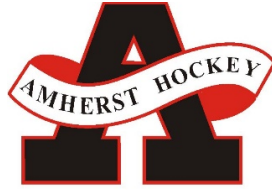


AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



March 2nd, 2016

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on March 2nd, 2016.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Present:, Steve Bengart, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Ed Guzdek, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Jack Quigley, Tim DiGiulio, Gary Joseph, Joe Spano, Darren Palaszewski, Pat Gormley, Peter Kneis, Scott Mosher, Peter Lajeunesse, Frank Lukomski, Joe Des Rosiers, and Paul Gugino.

Excused: Mike Wulken, Brian Charlton, David Browne, Dan House, Steve Ferenczy, Dave Hayman, Glenn Aichinger, John Gaffney, Sunil Bakshi, Bob Schell, Marc Rosenthal, and Russ Gugino.

Non-Voting Attendees: Renae Gattozzi and Grant Ledyard

President Steve Bengart suspended the order of the meeting to discuss Old Business first.

Old Business:

Gary Joseph- Association Hockey Rules have been finalized. Changes and updates were reviewed and finalized with the board.

Motion to approve Amherst Hockey Rules for the start of the 2016-2017 Season by Joseph, **Second** Quigley
Approved unanimously.

President Steve Bengart Thanked Gary for all of his work in putting these together.

Opening Comments- Steve Bengart

Thank you to Bob Schreck, Mike Katz, and Keith Waldron for participating on the nominating committee to interview and submit those individuals running for Executive Board offices this year.

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Congratulations to Williamsville East, Williamsville North, Williamsville North JV- Joe Spano, and St. Joes Varsity Club- Jack Quigley on their successful seasons.

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce dinner was held and Amherst Hockey was awarded the Community Service Award. Recognition and congratulations have been received from different parties across the state. Thanks to those who were able to attend the event.

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve attendance at the USA Hockey Nationals meeting to include Bob Schell and up to 2 Executive Board Members by Bengart, **Second** DiGiulio.

Discussion on the motion:

Approval for up to \$2000 per person to cover expenses.

Approved- Unanimously

Motion to authorize the Executive Committee to decide who to attend the State Meeting the weekend before Memorial Day with such sums as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee to cover food, housing, and travel by Quigley, **Second** Gattozzi.

Approved- Unanimously

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from February Board Meeting by Quigley, **Second** P. Gugino.

Approved- Unanimously

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins-

Annual meeting is planned for Tuesday May 3rd at Classics V.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Tryouts are scheduled to begin on March 7th.

Travel teams are currently in their playoffs and the State Tournaments begin this weekend.

Motion to approve Matt Phillips as the Head Coach of the Girls 19U team by Quigley, **Second** Guzdek.

Approved- Unanimously

Tryouts times for the next groups will be out in the next week or so.

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Question by Lukomski regarding the possibility of a second team at Girls 16U due to the limited number of players aging out at that level and the large number of girls aging out at the 14U level.

Concerns over the availability of ice.

Final decision is pending.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Super Sunday is this weekend. Thank you to all of the conveners for all of their hard work this year.

Girls House league teams played in a Tournament of Champions at River Works. One team won the tournament for their division and several players won medals during the skills competition. Overall the response was very positive from the players, coaches, and parents for participating in the event.

Treasurer-Tzetz-

Financial statement through the end of January was handed out.

Motion to approve the January financial statements and P&L by Bengart, **Second P.** Gugino.

Approved- Unanimously

The fees and budget for next year are currently being worked on.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

Spring Hockey registration will be going up on the website this week.

Ice Coordinator- Tom Tzetz-

Ice is winding down for the season. Unused ice is about the same as last year.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell- by Bengart

Still looking for volunteers to sell ads for Nationals program. States begin this weekend. We will need volunteers for the States 3/18-3/20 because they are being held at both the NTC and at the Harbor Center.

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Tournament Director- Russ Gugino- By Paul Gugino-
Recommending that we use a computerized system for hotel rooms next year to ensure that teams are registering at Tournament Sponsored hotels. One team mistakenly booked their hotel in downtown Buffalo.

Development- Joe Desrosiers- No Report

ACE- Dave Hayman- by Bill Higgins- No Report

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- Goalie equipment return dates and times will be sent out.

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- No Report

Ex- Officio- Sunil Bakshi- by Bill Higgins- Steven Sanders from the Amherst Town Board is now the liaison to the Recreation Committee and Sunil is looking forward to working with him to make progress on some projects.

Board Administrator- Renae Gattozzi-

We will be needing volunteers for States and Nationals. There will be 32 teams at Nationals this year for the Tier II 18U.

Try Hockey for Free was a success as we had 25 kids come out. Thank you to all those who helped out.

Hockey Director- Grant Ledyard- Sunday was the last day for the goalie clinics. They went well, but we had an issue with no shows.

The Amherst Handbook for coaches will be going out soon to all coaches.

Summer developmental skates are currently being set up.

He will be helping out with tryouts for those teams that have reached out to him for assistance.

Old Business: The new board room is continuing to be worked on. Thank you to the staff of the NTC for all of their help with the transition.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bengart ; **Second** Higgins-
Approved- unanimously.

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Time Meeting Adjourned- 8:10 PM

Next Meeting: April 4th 7:00 pm