

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2017

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on March 6th, 2017.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Steve Bengart, Ed Guzdek, Jack Quigley, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Peter Kneis, Sunil Bakshi, Tom Tzetzso, Ralph Gattozzi, Dave Hayman, Frank Lukomski, Crystal Harris, Tim DiGiulio, Joe Spano, Scott Mosher, Pat Gormley, Peter Lajeunesse, Ken Coyle, Darren Palaszewski, Gary Joseph, David Browne , and Renae Gattozzi.

Excused: John Gaffney, Dawn Sylves, Joe DesRosiers, Glenn Aichinger, Paul Gugino, Mike Wulken, Dan House, Marc Rosenthal, Steve Ferenczy, Bob Schell, and Grant Ledyard.

President Bengart thanked those who helped with the first weekend of States and with Super Sunday.

Correspondence: Amherst Hockey received an email from the Whipple family thanking Amherst Hockey again for their support and for their son, Harmon, receiving the sportsmanship award at the Squirt level.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes from the February Board Meeting by Bakshi, **Second** Palaszewski. **Approved Unanimously.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins-

The annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 2nd at Classics V.

Motion to approve attendance at the USA Hockey National Meeting to include Bob Schell and up to 2 Executive Board Members with an allowance of up to \$2000 per person to cover expenses by Higgins, **Second** DiGiulio. **Approved Unanimously.**

Motion to authorize the Executive Board to decide who to attend the State Meeting with such sums as deemed necessary by the Executive Board to cover food, housing, and travel by Higgins **Second** Quigley. **Approved Unanimously.**

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Thank you to Ed Guzdek for presenting the Coaches for next season to the Board of Directors. Thank you to Ed and Joe Spano for their help with the coach's selection committee.

Try-out ice is set for the March try-outs.

Working on the April try-out schedule now.

Reminder that no teams can pre-sign a player. All signings, per USA Hockey, must come after the official start to try-outs.

Pre Try-Out meetings for coaches will be held in the next week or so.

Both the 16U and the 18U Boys teams qualified for States.

The Girls 16U team lost in the State Finals. Congratulations to them on their season.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Thanks to everyone for their help with Super Sunday. Everything went well.

Thanks to Pat Gormley for participating in his 13th Super Sunday and for coaching in Amherst for going on 30 years.

Treasurer-Kneis-

Fiscal report through January was passed out and reviewed. Final payments are being made for ice.

Starting to look at the budget for next year.

Motion to approve the Fiscal Report by Mosher, **Second** Spano.

Approved Unanimously.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

There are 92 registrations for Spring House so far. Evaluations for Spring will be held on 4/20 and games will start on 4/30. No Mother's day or Memorial Day games.

Need to know the winners from Super Sunday so it can be posted to the web.

House registration for next year will open in late April

Ice Coordinator-Tzetz-

No Report

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell- by Gary Joseph

The first weekend of States went well. Merchandise sales were very good. This weekend will be very busy with the Tier I boys and girls playing.

Tournament Director- Dawn Sylves- By Steve Bengart

President Bengart reported that Dawn Sylves will be stepping down at the end of the current year.

Development- Joe DesRosiers-

No Report

ACE- Dave Hayman-

No Report

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi-

No Report

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger-

No Report.

Ex-Officio- Sunil Bakshi-

There have been discussions about privatizing the NTC. Also, the discussions about the 5th rink and a hotel are being discussed again.

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-

States are continuing this weekend.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Frank Lukomski commented on the need to keep the merchandise store open later on Championship Sunday. Gary Joseph responded that there are only so many hours that the store can be open with the limited volunteers that we have for.

Frank Lukomski commented that there is a need for scores to be updated at Cornerstone Arena so people there can see what is happening at the NTC. This was the responsibility of the State officials.

Joe Spano thanked Peter Lajeunesse for a great award presentation at the Micron Super Sunday event.

Congratulations to Bill Schwartz's team on winning the WNYAHL playoffs. Also, congratulations to the teams coached by Tim DiGiulio and Anthony Pantano who both made it to the championship game at their respective levels.

Motion by Bakshi to adjourn meeting, **Second** Joseph
Approved Unanimously

7:50 PM

Next Meeting: Monday April 3rd, 2016 7:00 pm