

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2015

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

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present:, Steve Bengart, Ed Guzdek, Jack Quigley, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Tom Tzetzto, Ralph Gattozzi, Scott Mosher, Peter Lajeunesse, Peter Kneis, Darren Palaszewski, Russ Gugino, Gary Joseph, Mike Wulken, David Browne, Dave Hayman, Tim DiGiulio, Brian Charlton, Joe Spano, Pat Gormley, John Gaffney, and Paul Gugino.

Excused: Steve Ferenczy, Glenn Aichinger, Bob Schell, Marc Rosenthal, Frank Lukomski, Dan House, Sunil Bakshi, and Joe Desrosiers.

Steve Bengart introduced the new Director of Hockey, Grant Ledyard, to the Board of Directors. Grant is excited to be hear and will be reaching out to the association with his plans.

Correspondence:

A note was received from the Sykes/Sherwood family thanking the association for the flowers that were sent for Frank Sykes.

A note was received from The Ronald McDonald House thanking Coach Darren Palaszewski and his team for their participation in the “Cook for Kids” program making dinner for the families of patients.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve Minutes from October Board Meeting by Quigley, **Second** Joseph. **Approved.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins- No Report

VP Travel: Jack Quigley-

Travel season is rolling along. There have been a few issues, but overall everything is good. Play-downs are this weekend.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Reaching out to the Conveners to make sure that all on ice personnel have submitted coaching applications. Also, all classes and on line training must be completed by 12/31 or they will not be allowed on the ice. A new policy for Select teams for Mites through Bantams will be going out to the Conveners.

Treasurer-Tzetzto-

Financial statement through the end of September was handed out.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$925 to be paid to the association accountant for the preparation of our taxes by Tzetzto, **Second** Charlton. **Approved.**

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo –

Registrations continue to trickle in. Will be opening up the ½ year registration for Novice 1 at the end of this month. Following up on coaching cards and certifications.

Ice Coordinator- Tom Tzetzto-

December available ice has been posted to the website. January and February should be released later this week. House ice will be sent out this week as well.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

No Report

Tournament Director- Russ Gugino-

Registrations for Top Gun continue to come in. We already have 8 out of town teams registered. Planning is taking place now for The Friendship Tournament 12/5 and 12/6. Conversations are on-going with Lorne Park and Burlington.

Development- Joe Desrosiers- No Report.

ACE- Bill Higgins for Dave Hayman- Next clinic is 11/7 at Niagara. Level 1 is full, but there is room for Level 2 and Level 3. There is room in the 12/15 class in Brockport, plus another class may be added at Niagara.

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi- Need a process for people that need to get into the storage room to get/return equipment. Additional jerseys have been ordered for the teams that needed them.

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger- No Report

Ex- Officio- Sunil Bakshi-

No Report

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-

Concussion testing has been completed for October with 85 people taking part in the program. Times for November will be going out. Play-Downs are this weekend. We need volunteers to help to learn the process so we have people available for the upcoming State Tournaments.

Old Business:

Gary Joseph- Association Hockey Rules are still being finalized and will be submitted at the December meeting for approval. Need Board Members to review current version and submit recommendations.

Steve Bengart- Still working on the new space. Waiting on the architect.

New Business:

Ed Guzdek- Rink staff has requested that our teams/players not shoot pucks at the hole in the scorer's table glass as players are cracking the glass.

Motion to adjourn Bengart; **Second**; Quigley- **APPROVED**.

7:42 PM

Next Meeting: Monday December 7th, 2015 7:00 pm