

## AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2015

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on October 5, 2015.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Sunil Bakshi, Steve Bengart, Christina Biondolillo, David Browne, Brian Charlton, Joe DesRosioers, Steve Ferenczy, Ralph Gattozzi, Paul Gugino, Ed Guzdek, Dave Hayman, Dan House, Gary Joseph, Peter Kneis, Peter LaJeunesse, Frank Lukomski, Jack Quigley, Marc Rosenthal, Bob Schell, Joe Spano, Tom Tzetzto, Mike Wulken, and Pat Gormely.

Excused: Tim DiGiulio, Russ Gugino, Bill Higgins, Scott Mosher, Darren Palaszewski, and John Gaffney.

President Bengart welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He then announced that Pat Gormley has joined the Board as Midget Travel Rep.

**Motion** to approve agreement with the Millenium Hotel for rooms for the Top Gun Tournament by Bengart, **Second** Gary Joseph. **Approved.**

**Correspondence:** None

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** to approve Minutes from August Board Meeting by Sunil Bakshi, **Second** Steve Ferenczy. **Approved.**

#### **VP Travel – Jack Quigley**

Season moving along.

WNYAHL is having some issues with the site.

Janice sent out request for info to everyone on how to improve the League and has only received one response. Hoped for more.

Sectionals coming up November 6, 7 & 8. There have been some changes in the schedule.

Bob Schell explained how teams are seeded and scheduled for Sectionals

## **VP House – Ed Guzdek**

**Motion** to approve list of House coaches for 2015-16 season, by Hayman. **Second** Sunil Bakshi. **Approved.** (After list of coaches circulated the room for each board member to review).

Select coaches are being chosen.

Ed asked that Travel Reps facilitate House players being considered for travel teams.

Ed needs to know which House players are rostered as alternates on travel teams. These players cannot be on Select teams.

There are no “practice” players.

Asked that Travel Reps go to travel coaches and know who their alternates are.

Mentoring program is underway to develop referees. They are doing House Squirt games.

## **Treasurer – Tom Tzetzto**

Distributed 3 month Profit & Loss Report. Tom mentioned that we still needed to approve change in fees for two travel teams.

**Motion** to approve following fee increases for the following two travel teams: Bantam Major AAA, \$1,731 (previously approved at \$18,872, now \$20,603) and Bantam Major AA, \$1,731 (previously approved at \$17,672, now \$19,403) by Hayman. **Second**, Ralph Gattozzi.

**Discussion:** Marc Rosenthal asked why original fees were incorrect. Tzetzto explained that each team had their ice banks reduced by too much. Mistake was not found until ice schedules were prepared.

**Approved with one abstention.**

## **Registrar & Public Relations – Christina Biondillo**

Current House registration numbers are: Novice I 21; Novice II 54; Micron Red 74; Mini Mite White 63; Mite Blue 89; Squirt 101; Pee Wee 113; Bantam 104; MOHL 78; Girls 64. Bantam, MOHL and Girls are closed. Biggest jump was in Micron. Brian Charlton expressed concern about the Novice I numbers being down. It was explained that registrations will still come in at that age level, even mid-year.

Christina asked for schedules and rosters from all levels ASAP.

It was reports that according to the figures reported by USA Hockey and their 2 on 2 challenge program only 5 players did not reregister this year. Peter Kneis responded that he didn't think their numbers were correct. Ed mentioned that USA Hockey's tracking system is not very accurate.

Response to ad run in WNY Hockey Magazine was good. Possibly brought in 35-40 new players.

**Ice Coordinator – Tom Tzetzto – No report.**

**Development Director** – Joe DesRosiers

Steve Bengart thanked Joe for helps with skate sale which made about \$900. He also thanked the other volunteers. Joe thanked Ed for all of his help learning how to run the sale. Joe also asked about getting AYH's championship banners back into the rink.

**State and National Tournament Director** – Bob Schell

AYH will be hosting playdowns for boys 16 & 18U Tier 1 from Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be needed.

AYH was not chosen to host a National tournament in 2017.

Starting in 2017, USA Hockey will run a straight 15 year-old national championship tournament on a 2-year trial basis.

**Tournament Director** – by Paul Gugino for Russ Gugino

Thank you to Steve Bengart for help with Millenium hotel contract for Top Gun.

Trying to have Top Gun end on Sunday this year rather than Monday.

Good number of inquiries from out of town teams this year.

Conveners need to encourage AYH teams to sign up so that they are not shut out.

**ACE** – Dave Hayman

The UB clinic is sold out. There is room in the November 7<sup>th</sup> clinic. Plenty of room in Brockport. Clinics capped at 75 participants each this year. A December clinic can be added if needed.

**Equipment Manager** – Ralph Gattozzi

House jerseys being distributed. Finalizing Girls' jerseys. Due to increase in participants at some ages, we need to order a few more jerseys. We have plenty of pucks, e-mail Ralph if you need them. Ralph thanked Peter Kneis for helping to inventory equipment.

**Officials Director** – No Report.

**Ex-Officio** – Sunil Bakshi

Nothing new to reports on fifth rink yet. Approval is still being fast tracked, but we will have to wait and see who will be on the Town Board after elections.

**Board Administrator** – Renae Gattozzi

Concussion testing information has been sent to all Travel coaches and managers so that they can forward it to their parents. Testing information has been sent to Christina to send to all House parents. We will also follow-up with an e-mail to all travel parents, too. Again asked that all conveners and coaches encourage players be tested.

**Old Business – Steve Bengart**

Update on new board room space. Steve and Jack went to first meeting with the NTC. Thanks to Joe Spano for bringing a designer to look at our space and making design suggestions. John Opfer would like transition to be done by December. Steve does not think this can happen. Everyone will be kept up to date.

**Motion** made by Steve Bengart to move the meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a Hockey Director. **Second**, Joe Spano. **Approved.**

**Motion** made by Steve Bengart to move the meeting out of Executive Session. **Second**, Sunil Bakshi. **Approved.**

**Motion** to approve the hiring of Grant Ledyard as AYH's Director of Hockey Operations at the salary of \$25,000 by Brian Charlton. **Second**, Sunil Bakshi. **Approved.**

**New Business – none.**

**Motion** to adjourn Bob Schell; **Second** Brian Charlton. **Approved.**

**Next Meeting: November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:00**