

Pawling Youth Hockey

Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014 (Monthly Meeting)

I. Call to order

President, Tom O'Hara called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Pawling Youth Hockey Executive Board at 7:13 pm on February 5th, 2014.

II. Roll call

Attendees:

Tom O'Hara, Bill Maasz, Maria Mignone, Steve Maynard, Kurt Twaddell, Chris Shultz and Todd Henke

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the January 15th, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Presidential business – Tom O'Hara

- Tom O'Hara would like to get the Jersey Survey out to team moms to poll the members.
 - Should PYH get new jerseys? If so, how much of the cost are you willing to cover?
 - Discussed possibility of adding patches to the current jerseys.
 - Discussed keeping the current jersey design but getting higher quality jerseys.
- Get all Conflict of Interest forms from the Board Members
- Tom O'Hara spoke to the management at Westco about the 10% off Discount Cards.
- Kurt Twaddell will continue to be the Safe Sport Coordinator.
- Steve Maynard will be the new Coaching Coordinator.
- Todd Henke to send an e-mail to the coaches- they should verify that the scores on the website are correct for tournament purposes.
- Pawling Recreation Brochure- Maria Mignone to check with Pawling Recreation Department.
- Discussed the possibility of holding a Cocktail hour event at the firehouse for the parents. Kurt Twaddell stated that the bar area has just been renovated.

V. Financial Report

PYH Financial

VI. Registration Report

• Potential issues:

VII. Old Business

-Alumnae Game- Tom O'Hara will need to contact Kerry to see what forms he will need to submit to Trinity Pawling. Tom will check with USA Hockey for an insurance rider. Kurt Twaddell suggested sending out an e-mail to the coaches and parents to see if any would like to participate. The Alumnae game will be on March 9th.

-Spring registration- Tom O'Hara would like to have registration in the spring. Bill Maasz agreed that spring registration should be considered to help plan the number of teams that will be fielded next season. For instance, there are approx. 34 players who could potentially play at the Bantam level next season. We need to determine how many of them plan on returning to PYH next season. Tom would like the players to have more than one opportunity to show their skill level. Other members of the Board agreed that the evaluation process needs to be looked at with the goal to improve it. The Board will continue to discuss this topic.

-The board discussed the need to look at the registration fees for next season.

-After a discussion, the Thomas Sage Award winner was selected.

VIII. New Business

- Blake McGrath and Frank McGreal spoke before the Board regarding the Girls Program. Tom O'Hara would like to know if the \$1,000 CGHL registration fee includes the cost of the year end tournament. CHGL Rep Steve Maynard will check with the CGHL to get a definitive answer. Blake McGrath would like to see the Girls Program grow. He'd like to see a U16 or U19 team added to the program. He believes that sending the girls to two tournaments would make the girls' teams more attractive to potential players. Blake would like to see some recruitment done this spring.

-Blake noted that all teams seem to be down to one practice a week. He stated that one practice a week is not appealing at all to the players and is not an effective way to improve the teams. The Board acknowledged that one practice a week is not desirable and it's not enough ice time for the coaches to effectively instruct their players. Other coaches have expressed the same sentiment regarding the reduced practice time. Some of the factors that have resulted in the teams getting only one practice a week include: Trinity Pawling reduced the hours of ice time that PYH was allotted this season, a lot of the late practice slots were eliminated and the Pawling High School Varsity Hockey team had a lot of early season games canceled due to snowfall. Those games were rescheduled in January resulting in reduced practice times for the PYH teams. The Board members

present agreed that all options should be explored to make sure that the same problem of reduced ice time does not occur in the future. A solution to this problem should be dealt with sooner than later.

-Blake would like to see practices earlier in the year. He cited that Putnam gets practice time at Harvey Rink in August and September. They are also picking up additional ice time at the Brewster outdoor rink.

-Blake would like to see a goalie clinic be held at least 4 times a year. He stated that there is currently an assistant coach in the program who played goalie in college and has coached goalies. He added that a full sheet of ice wouldn't be needed; a half sheet could be used while another team practiced on the other half.

-Blake feels that more communication should be sent out from the Board to the members. He would like to see the Board Meeting Minutes and the Board Meeting Schedule posted on the website. He feels that the Board should be reaching out to the members more for assistance and input. Blake was advised that the Board has sent out many requests for volunteers and very few people have stepped forward to volunteer. Tom O'Hara stated that the PYH Board Meeting Minutes, Meeting Agenda and Meeting Schedule will be posted on the website.

-Blake asked what is being done to recruit new players. Flyers are sent out to the area schools, players marched in the Pawling Fireman's Parade and a PYH booth was set up by Kurt Twaddell at the Pawling Fireman's Carnival. Other recruiting that the Board would like to do include putting an ad in the Pawling Recreation Brochure, setting up a booth at the Beekman Community Day, Sherman Community Day, set up a booth at other events in Pawling such as the Pawling Little League Opening Day Ceremony, the Classic Car Show, Music by the Lake and the Pawling Community Garage Sale. Tom O'Hara pointed out that we need volunteers to help run all these events.

-Steve Maynard would like to send an e-mail out to the girls in PYH regarding tryouts in Elmsford for a state team and then a possibility to be invited to a hockey camp in Canton. Tom O'Hara will ask Todd Henke to send out an e-mail to Pee Wee aged girls in the program advising them of same.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Monthly Meeting is scheduled for 03/05/14.