

Pawling Youth Hockey

Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 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 7:16 PM on September 3, 2014.

II. Roll call

Attendees:

Tom O'Hara, Bill Maasz, Maria Mignone, Chris Shultz, Pat Ravert, Melissa Geiger, Todd Henke, Steve Maynard and Kurt Twaddell.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Tom O'Hara made a motion to accept the August 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes. Todd seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Presidential business – Tom O'Hara

-Tom O'Hara will be picking up the financial records from Keith Clarkson. Pat Ravert has offered to help Tom with the 501c3a process. At this point, Patty Bellucci is awaiting information from PYH so she can proceed with the 501c3a process.

-Kurt Twaddell stated that the McElroy Foundation will sponsor PYH for 501c3a status. Chip McElroy again told Kurt that the McElroy Foundation has many volunteers who can also help PYH

-Tom O'Hara would like to get the addresses of local business from the Chamber of Commerce so the donation letter can be sent out.

-The Board members discussed the registration numbers at length:

-U14 has 17 girls registered.

-Mites have 23 registered but one kid (Henslin) has to drop so that brings the number to 22. Henslin was injured recently and his doctors said that he can't play contact sports right now. May register later for mites or LTS. Give refund of \$500 back to Henslin.

-Squirts are at 21 which is not enough to split the team. Had a lengthy discussion about moving 2 or 3 mites up to squirts. We discussed whether or not a mite that is moving up to squirt can play on Squirt A. Amy Twaddell spoke to the CHC Registrar, Mike McCullough, and in reference to the Putnam mite moving over to PYH, he stated that the CHC frowns on a

player moving from another team to avoid playing mite cross ice. The Putnam player's mother is to be told that if she registers her son with Pawling, he must be registered as a mite and that there is a "chance" that he could be moved up to squirts depending on registration numbers and evaluations. We discussed holding a form of evaluations of the 2006 mites at their practices. An announcement should be made to the parents informing them that the 2006 mites are being evaluated and there is a chance that 2 or 3 of them could be asked to move up to the squirt level. If any 2006 mites are moved up, they must be moved up prior to the squirt evaluations being held and they will participate in those evaluations. Kurt Twaddell stressed that the mite evaluations must be done before the squirt evaluations start. Todd Henke pointed out that there is a price difference between mite and squirt registration fees. If any mites move up, the difference in the registration fees will have to be collected. We discussed possibly using peewee and bantam coaches to be evaluators at the mite practices. This may be brought up at the coaches meeting.

-21 peewees are registered. Quinn Clowry and Jaden Hawley have not registered yet. When they do that will bring the number to 23. If Jacob and Chase Santoriella are moved down to peewee from bantam, that will bring the number to 25 peewee. If Adam Evans moves up to bantam goalie, that will bring the number to 24 peewee.

-There are currently 18 skaters, 2 players wait listed and 0 goalies registered at the bantam level. Dylan O'Hara and Cedric DiNatale are on the wait list. If the Santoriellas move down to peewee then we can move Dylan O'Hara and Cedric DiNatale from the wait list to the bantam roster. If we move Adam Evans to bantam goalie, that will give us 18 skaters and 1 goalie at bantam.

-To move the Santoriellas from bantam to peewee, the CHC would have to give its approval. Bill Maasz will contact Mike McCullough to see if they will allow the Santoriellas to move down. Pat Ravert will speak to the Santoriella parents to see if they'd like to have their sons moved down to peewee

-Steve Maynard, Kurt Twaddell and Tom O'Hara updated the Board on the new Evaluation Process:

- There will be evaluations at the squirt and peewee levels
- There will be 5 stations
- Coaches will be on the ice to run each station
- Coaches will get the 5 evaluation stations prior to the start of practices so the kids can practice the drills.
- There will be set evaluators at each station
- The second day will be game situation evaluations. Ice will be split into 2 rinks and 2 cross ice games will be play simultaneously.
- Will need coaches from other levels to assist running the drills on the ice.
- Will seek the following to be evaluators: Brian Foster (O'Hara), Chris Gilmore (O'Hara), Matt Burdick, Bill Riley (Twaddell), George Delavergne, Jim Lennon (Maasz), James Treiling (Maasz), JP White (Twaddell), Matt Whitehurst Geiger), Mark Wooley, Tim King, Bob Reid (O'Hara), Steve Nash Twaddell), Brittany Roselle, and Robin Roselle.

-Discussed possibly using jerseys or pinnies with no names on backs.

-Will need to do some type of evaluation of the 2006 mites prior to squirt evaluations.

-Grow the Game receipts, Keith Clarkson has the receipts that are needed.

-Tom O'Hara spoke to Mike Hecht (Putnam Youth Hockey). Hecht is working with the CCH Treasurer to see if a CHC grant will be given to Pawling Youth Hockey to help pay for the boards that were purchased by Putnam. Tom O'Hara will contact Kerri to see if we need to get the bumpers out of the rink

-Car Wash Fundraiser- an e-mail went out to the membership asking for volunteers. Few responses have been received offering to help. Board members will reach out to players to try to get more volunteers.

-Spaghetti Dinner- Tom O'Hara will ask Maureen Athow and Joanna Lewick to see if they will help run the event. Discussed setting a date for the Spaghetti Dinner.

-Apple Picking Fundraiser- Bill Maasz will check back with Eric Czech to see if they have picked a date for the event.

-Will look to run the snack shack again for the Trinity Pawling Football games. Tom O'Hara will check with Brian Foster to see if TP would like us to run the snack shack again.

- Discussed moving the Alumni Hockey game to November (around Thanksgiving). Todd Henke will send e-mails out to last year's participants to see if there is interested in moving the game to November.

-Ranger Ticket Raffle- ???

-Chris Lewick will not be able to be considered for a position on the Board due to expanded responsibilities at work. Kurt Twaddell suggested Sara Taylor as a potential candidate. Tom O'Hara suggested Amy Twaddell as a potential candidate. Steve Maynard suggested putting word out to the membership that we are looking to fill two board positions.

V. New Business

-Pat Ravert spoke to Jared from Pro Crease regarding their rates for doing goalie clinics. Jared stated that the rate would be \$200 per clinic and 2 coaches would come to each clinic.

-Discussed merits of posting a playing time policy.

-Level Coordinators were assigned:

Mite- Tom O'Hara

Squirt- Chris Shultz

Peewee- Kurt Twaddell

Bantam- Steve Maynard

U14- Bill Maasz

-Melissa Geiger has the Westco Discount Cards

-Steve Maynard is looking for a holiday tournament for the U14 team. He wanted clarification on how much he could spend on a tournament. Tom O'Hara advised that the going rate is \$850 to \$900.

VI. Meeting Adjournment

Tom O'Hara adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM