

NO BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 2010

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - November 17, 2010
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Joe Hirliman, Ted Farnham, Sarah Drake, Greg Noon, Betsey Wells, Dawn Stuart, Liz Morgan, Russ Well, Marcia Carlson and Marlene Sirianno

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Ted Farnham.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 20, 2010, meeting were distributed. Motion made by Greg Noon to accept the minutes, seconded by Matt Allen. Minutes accepted.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report:

Liz has been approached by referees and others regarding unruly parents. As a result, all parents are now required to sign a code of conduct. Liz will suggest that managers place the signed codes of conduct in their notebooks. Another issue of concern raised by the President is the association's procedure for complaints. All members of the association must follow the procedures set forth in the handbook. Complaints cannot be made directly to Western New York nor to USA Hockey but must be made internally and the President will communicate complaints to the League or Western New York as warranted. Liz requested all managers remind parents of the proper procedure for filing complaints in the association.

Another issue of concern is the Association's response to severe discipline problems. There was a suggestion to follow the high school procedure of doubling game suspensions, ie. USA Hockey requires a one game suspension for a game misconduct but High School rules require a 2 game suspension for a game misconduct. As a result of High School's stricter rules, fighting in high school games has been curtailed. This will be an issue to revisit and consider implementing even if it is just at the Bantam Level and up or the Pee Wee level and up.

VP Travel Report

High school started November 16th. Ted requested we organize a committee for U18 states.

John Ditcher reported that he has a JV Team place. He was able to secure \$3,000 in funding plus a donation from Sports for Kids of \$2,500. Thanks to these sponsors we are able to have a JV team this year.

VP House

The first parent meeting was held November 16. Betsey gave parents a quick update and is in the process of organizing the teams. House does not have any sponsors to date. House does have jerseys that were secured through a USA hockey grant. House is in need of water bottles and carriers. At the present time ice is reserved on Mondays for house from 6:50 - 8:10. This is too

much ice time, Betsy suggested ice time be reduced to an hour at a time.

Treasurer Report:

Sarah reported that Liz is following up with collections for delinquent accounts. High school hockey bills are prepared and Sarah will bill the league for home ice.

No registrar's report

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Mid-Winter Classic Hockey Tournament: Russ Bell reported that several teams have registered for the Mid-Winter Classic Hockey Tournament. We are having a problem with the Mite Division, we need to recruit more teams. There will be no charge for Lakers Teams but each family must volunteer at the tournament for the appropriate number of shifts. Russ suggested a 50/50 presale in lieu of 50/50's for each game. Liz reported that the rink has, as in the past, offered the option of a team working a food event. The rink would provide the food and the team would provide the manpower and the profits would be split 50/50 with the team. This would be a good team fundraiser if any team is interested.

Goalie Clinic: The issue was raised to the Board of whether the Board was willing to spend \$800-1,000 in December or January to conduct 2 goalie clinics. It was the consensus of the board that we need much more information before we can discuss or decide the issue.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ted Farnham and seconded by Greg Noon. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be a closed meeting held on December 15, 2010, at the Cherry Lounge between 6:30-7:00, exact time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Sirianno, Secretary

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - October 20, 2010
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice

Arena

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Marcia Carlson, Greg Noon, Matt Allen,, Betsy Wells, Russ Bell, Joe Hirliman, Ted Farnham, Marlene Sirianno, Sarah Drake, Julie Covert, Henry Tomassi, Lisa Bird, John Melcher, John Mayes, Randy Daugharthy, Tracey Baron, Jim Cirbus, Fred Krywy, John Ditcher, Jim Elia, Ivan Zwiieg

I. CALL TO ORDER

President called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the September 13, 2010, board meeting were distributed. Motion made by Tracey Barron to accept the minutes and seconded by Matt Allen.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report

Liz Morgan reported on information discussed at the monthly WNYAHL meeting. Every midget team needs a minimum of 3 coaches rostered. There is a level 1,2 and 3 clinic in Rochester on 11/20. Coaches with Levels 1,2 or 3 need to renew every year. Level 4 coaches do not need to attend an annual on-ice conference. However, coaches of every level must renew every year. Dave Braunstein contacted Liz and inquired as to whether our association was going to do Midgets year round and not midgets and high school. The problem with year-round midgets is there are no teams to play. Liz told him that if there at least 8 teams we would consider playing. play in it. .

Liz stressed the mandate of having all coaches screened and additional screened volunteers if necessary. If a player gets a game suspension and leaves the ice he/she has to be escorted by the assistant coach or a parent who is screened. When players are kicked off the ice they have to stay in the locker room with a designated screened person. This is only at midget level but will probably carry over to Bantam. If there is an issue in the locker room and there was no screened parent in there we will be sanctioned.

Racial and ethnic slurs: If racial and/or ethnic slurs are made on the ice, Player needs to come back to the coach and coach needs to report it to the refs. If it continues and refs hear it, they will call a match penalty.

WNYAHL wants us to participate in the "Western New York Great Hockey Experience" by offering free "come play hockey for a while on the ice". We did have ice issues but now there might be some ice available. USA Hockey will send jerseys and help coordinate the event. We may want to limit it to beginners.

Rink is sponsoring 3 youth tournaments and Liz encouraged all teams to participate in and support the rink tournaments.

Starting in 2012 there will be no MITE travel. WHY will follow an ADM model, American Development Model, cross-ice model. We may use the ADM model for the house program since USA hockey will help us buy the materials for cross ice and barriers. If we don't embrace it we will pay thousands of dollars later for the equipment. It is a USA Hockey protocol. The trend is to eliminate MITE and Squirt travel and to keep practice-game ratios at 2-1. are very negative about too many games. They want ratio of games to 2-1.

All players will participate in the mandatory fundraiser. The Association will purchase 4 seats for each game for the World games. Raffle tickets will sell for \$5 per ticket and each ticket has three chances to be a family pack of 4 tickets per game including food and a meet and greet with the players. Liz has access to a software program that produces lottery tickets will be result in little to no cost tot he association. Each player is required to sell 10 tickets with multiple players families selling at least 20 tickets.

Vice President of Travel

Ted Farnham reported that U18 is having a good season. U16 is still struggling. It appears there are up to 6 or 7 varsity players who are interested in playing JV's. Bantam players who are listed as alternates on varsity rosters will play \$10-15 per game if they play Varsity. JV will be in the Lakeshore League. . JV program - Marcia is trying to schedule the games. Fred will be the

manager. JV will practice one night a week as a team, on Wednesday nights from 8:10-9:15. JV's will play 15-18 games and half of them will be at our rink. It costs \$75 to put the team in Lakeshore and additional costs include ice, officials and EMT's. High School and JV practice will start the week of November 8th.

III. Vice President of House

House program will try and incorporate ADM into the program. We may want to put together a select program. . We have 12 squirts and 22-23 mites. No Pee Wees. Three Pee Wee alternates from travel and 6 others signed up. House started on Monday, October 18, 2010.

Keep It In Jamestown is going to have their own program. They will buy their own ice and get their own ice. They want us to lend them or give them the old KIJJ jerseys. They are going to try and put out 20 kids in a pick up league. They are between 10-15 ages.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Outstanding Bills - There are families that have not contacted Sarah to make payments on their bills as they were supposed to. They must do so immediately. Next year we will set up timed payments for everyone. Sarah will be analyzing all ice bills and doing a cost analysis. We are down in numbers with twice the cost.

OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Allen reported that the skating Clinic starts, Thursday, October 21st and t there are 24 kids signed up. It will be for 8 weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Matt Allen , seconded by Greg Noon. Next meeting will be on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES MISSING – SEPTEMBER 2010

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
**Board Meeting - August 27,
2010**

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Marcia Carlson, Greg Noon, Matt Allen,, Betsy Wells, Russ Bell, Joe Hirliman, Ted Farnham

President called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

President's Report

An issue has arisen with a Squirt player who played with Mite Travel last season and wants to play on the Squirt TB team this year but did not go to try-outs in the Spring since the family was considering relocating. The family was delinquent on their bill for last years travel season for 2 players but came to the first practice at the rink with payment for the Squirt player's outstanding bill. All Board members agreed the player cannot play on the Squirt tournament bound team since he did not try out and since there were other Squirt players who tried out but were declined a spot on the

tournament bound team. His placement on the Non-tournament bound team is dependent on whether the coaches have a full roster. He can play on the Mite House Developmental team so long as the deposit of \$250 is paid with the balance paid by November 1,2010. Matt Allen moved to approve the placement, Greg Noon seconded. Motion approved.

Vice President Travel

High School will play 18 games. If we have enough players we will have a JV team. Any players who make the JV who are in 8th grade cannot only be rostered on the team if they do not pass the New York State Physical Fitness test which is given up in Buffalo by a certified Trainer. Ted suggested tryouts for high school be held by the end of September. He also reported that AAU is getting larger and it appears JV's will have a state tournament this year. If any high school team makes states but does not participate they will be put on probation with AAU and lose voting privileges. As to WNYAHL, there is a new requirement that the registrar check all birth certificates this year. Once she approves all birth certificates, tournament directors will not be permitted to ask to see birth certificates so long as the roster is certified.

Treasurer's Report

None

Registrar's Report

None, except registrar has informed all managers that USA Barcodes and other roster information must be given to the registrar ASAP.

Vice President of House Report

The house program will be similar to the house program for squirts and mites at the old Allen Park rink. It will be house development so that 6-9 year olds will be in one group. They will perform skating drills and work themselves along into round robin play and they can evolve into a select team and participate in tournaments. We are unsure if we will be providing a house program for players 10-12. We will not be providing a house program for players 14-18. We will need coaches for the developmental program. Liz Morgan suggested we request the assistance of the Mite travel coaches. If they are willing to help we would provide them with a reduction in ice fees similar to the reduction given to head coaches this year. Marlene Sirianno moved to approve the proposal, seconded by Joe Hirliman. Motion approved.

New Business

A. Skating Clinic: Matt Allen reported he has discussed a skating clinic with a current CCYHA travel coach who is interested in running it. He would charge \$45 to run the clinic and he would have two helpers with him. The clinic could run every Monday night opposite house. The coach is proposing 6-7 sessions with up to 30 skaters on the ice. The suggestion is for one group level to participate one week and another group level the next so each group would participate once every two weeks. We will post the information on the website and open it up to only CCYHA members.

B. Goalie Clinic: Matt Allen indicated he would like to see a goalie clinic again this year. Matt will talk to Mr. Wager about the possibility of him coming back.

C. Golf Tournament Results: The Golf Tournament Committee reported the First Annual CCYHA Golf Tournament was held on August 21st at Jackson Valley Country Club and it was a huge success. Proceeds will total in the area of \$9,000. Liz Morgan commended the committee for dedicating their time to the tournament and for it's great success. Marlene Sirianno volunteered to prepare Thank You letters to send to all the sponsors to be signed by the president.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no further announcements/questions/comments nor open discussions.

Greg Noon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Sirianno
Recording Secretary

NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY OF 2010

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - June 16, 2010
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Russ Bell, Sarah Brake, Joe Hirliman, Andrew Hill, Marlene Sirianno, Liz Morgan, Doug Schutte, Matt Allen, John Melcher, Marcia Carlson, John Dykstra, Ted Farnham

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by the President at 8:06 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 19th Board Meeting were reviewed by members of The Board.

Marlene Sirianno moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Joe Hirliman. Minutes were approved. .

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report

The Association was awarded States to take place the Third weekend in March, 2011 for U18 and Small School high school states are the first weekend in March. At the president time Liz Morgan is designated as the U18 tournament director but she may transfer that responsibility to the VP of Travel. We will need to establish the State Tournament format on the website so we will need a committee to meet with the President to draw up a framework for the website.

The president scheduled a mandatory coaches/managers meeting for the evening of June 24th. However, after much discussion it was moved to Wednesday evening, June 23, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. Liz will notify coaches and managers of the change in date. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss the new USA Hockey Locker room policy. There must be a screened adult in the locker room at all times. If any incidents occur, the President of the Association must be notified of the incident as well as any action taken to resolve the matter.

The President commended Doug Schutte, our outgoing Treasurer, for the great job he did and the endless hours he and his wife have spent on this position. Liz wants to thank him for all

his volunteer hours. She has nothing but the highest regard for what he has done

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported there are still several families with unpaid bills. He will provide a list of those families to the President. There are several players who were seniors this past season with unpaid bills. The Treasurer distributed a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss Statement as of June 6, 2010. He also reported approximately \$2,000 in undeposited funds. We have not received many receivables since the last meeting, maybe another \$2,000-3000. Last season, we raised approximately \$33,000 from fundraising. Biggest expense is for Ice Fees. We have a remaining bill for about \$3,600 for debatable ice time in the fall. We should pay it by the end of the fiscal year to clean up the books.

VP Travel Report

VP of Travel reported that it is likely JV team will be a state bound team. JV will be AAU this year. Referee fees are going up to \$ 50 for JV game and \$55 for high school. Small School States will be in Jamestown and Large School States will be in Long Island. The WNYHSCHL is trying to start a modified girls league. Cleveland has some AAU teams so they may be contacting us. We are in the AAU league again. We will not be playing Erie at all because they are going to the Explorer League.

JV last year was Lakeshore and we could be AAU or Lakeshore. If we go to Western New York it will be more competitive. There was a brief discussion about player injuries. VP of Travel reported that 45% of head injuries were concussions. WNYHSCHL does not have a rule on how long a player has to sit out before he can return to the ice after suffering a concussion neither does the Association have such a rule.

VP House

No Report

Registrar's Report

No Report

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Tag Days: There will be Association wide tag days this year. Dates and times have been set up by Marlene Sirianno and she is contacting teams to sign up for designated shifts.

Goalie Clinic: Matt Allen suggest we lean towards a Skating Clinic this year instead of a Goalie Clinic.

Squirt Team - There was a coaching application pending for a Squirt MOHL coach. The house program is being restructured so that there may not be a house program for players 13+ and players between ages of 9-11 will have to play on a MOHL team or travel team. We do have a sufficient number of players to make up a Squirt MOHL team or it could be a Squirt Select team.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Pictures - Matt Allen has requested a price list from Albertson but has not yet received one. Right now, Captured image is still our photographer. There are others interested. They can meet with Matt and Liz and then they can make a representation to the Board.

JETS Clinic: John Melcher made a presentation on behalf of the JETS program. Dennis and Corey Mickey who coached with Jr. Sabres would run the clinic. They do clinics during the summer. This Tuesday they will run a clinic at 7:00 and it will be part goalie clinic, shooting clinic and skating clinic. It will cost \$10 per player. Anyone from our organization can come. Anyone from Bantam up. As far as future clinics under CCYHA, We can talk about a price at the next board meeting and if we want to continue the clinic and run it under CCYHA. John Melcher says that a good skating clinic is about 50 minutes. Dennis would be willing to do a combination of goal tending, shooting clinic and some power skating and this would be every

other week.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew Hill indicated that the Website is ready to go. We need to pay the website provider before Andrew has any privileges to edit the website. They have transferred most of it over so a lot of it is not updated. For golf tournament information there will be link on the webpage and it will go to a page all to it's own. Russ Bell would like to put advertisers on there. Right now we have "paypal donate now" still in the same spot. It will be on every page of the website.

VII. COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

The president stated she is not sending out try-folds to the schools. She wants to focus recruitment efforts on preschool and day care. John Melcher suggests CCYHA set up a booth at Midway. We'll check into dates that are available to set up a table. We need to recruit into Pennsylvania. Warren is a huge untapped market. Focus will be on younger kids, ie. Kindergarten age.

Liz Morgan and John Melcher cleaned out the cage at the rink. She asked for volunteers to continue with the clean up.

Marcia Carlson reported that Senior Night will be January 29, 2011 which is a Saturday night.

John Melcher sparked a discussion about scheduling home high school games before JETS games since various colleges come here and if seniors want to be seen by colleges there is an opportunity for them to do so.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ted Farnham to Adjourn, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting- May 19,2010
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Marcia Carlson, Betsy Wells, Greg Noon, Marlene Sirainno, Doug Schutte, Russ Bell, Joe Hirliman, John Melcher, Tom McFall,

I. Call to order

President, Liz Morgan, called the meeting to order at : 7:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the April 28, 2010, Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by members of the board. Joe Hirliman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Betsy Wells. Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Directors and Officer Reports

A. President's Report: The President reported there are significant outstanding fees which need to be collected as soon as possible. The Board reviewed the fees from outstanding members and the President requested coaches and managers get in touch with these families to work out their ice bills to avoid collection procedures. She suggested the members with outstanding bills be informed that the matters will be submitted directly to Small Claims Court if fees are not paid. There was a complaint letter from a parent who did not feel he should have to pay the full bill due to his child's playing time throughout the season, both Midget and High School. Fees are not contingent on playing time and it was suggested parents be required to sign a contract prior to the start of the season.

The President informed the Board of the Annual WNYAHL meeting at Grand Island on May 21-22. She is unable to attend and requested other members attend if at all possible. It is anticipated there will be a discussion at the state level of eliminating Mite travel. She also informed the Board she has applied for the State Tournament for next year. The President reported she received a copy of a letter by e-mail sent from Chuck Stuart, coach of the Bantam III team to Janice Cavaretta asking the League to consider reconfiguring the Bantam Teams so that they are grouped together to play more competitively and establish a "C" Center mixed division with Bantams crossing over to the "B" center division. She thought the letter was appropriate and supported the idea. She will raise the issue at the next League meeting. She indicated her focus is on a productive house program and developing the second Bantam team since several members of the 2nd Bantam team will be our future high school players.

Liz stated she will schedule a Managers/Coaches meeting sometime this summer. Liz and John Melcher will meet with all the coaches and find out who assistant coaches will be.

B. VP Travel Report: No report

Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Marlene Sirianno, Matt Allen, Betsy Wells, Russ Bell, Doug Schutte, Greg Noon, Joe Hirliman, John Susz, Melissa Moyer, Sarah Drake, Ted Farnham, Marcia Carlson, Tracey Barron, JP Melcher, Liz Morgan

I. Call to order

President, Liz Morgan, called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 17, 2010, Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by member of the Board. Matt Allen moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Marlene Sirianno. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. Director and Committee Reports

A. President's Report:

President reported that we are losing our internet server and have secured a new server, EagleZip.com. The cost of the service will be \$800. EagleZip.com will be converting the existing website. This means the website could be down for approximately 3 weeks. Every team should have a portal on the website and be able to post announcements, scores and other team information on the website. Liz asked for a volunteer to put together an association calendar to post on the website and Ted Farnham volunteered. Liz applied for the state tournament for next year. They have a very detailed application and Liz may be listing Board members names to assist. She may appoint someone to put together the tournament program. She has to be the tournament director at this point. Liz announced she will be assigning more specific responsibilities to Board Members.

The President also reported that USA hockey membership expires on Friday, May 1st for the 2009-2010 season. Commencing on Saturday, May 1st, players will need to renew their membership to play in a USA Spring Hockey League. If the association runs any skate and shoots prior to the commencement of the 2010-2011 season, players who participate must renew their USA Hockey registration. She reminded all members that the Board will meet on Sunday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to approve coaches rosters. If players owe an outstanding bill from last year, they will not be permitted to play even if rostered. Coaches for the upcoming season for travel teams are:

Chip Nelson - U18 Midgets

Randy Stuart- U16 Midgets

Chuck Carlson - Bantam III

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Jim Elia: Pee Wee

Blake Davis - Squirts

Jeremy Hirliman - Mites

B. VP Travel Report:

Ted Farnham thanks those Board Members who helped with tryouts, particularly Liz Morgan, Marcia Carlson Doug Schutte and JP Melcher. Both Midget teams went to States. U16 Midget team played very well. Midget U18 team lost in triple overtime. It was a great year for the teams. He reports that the newly created Modified Hockey Team is doing well.

C. Treasurer's Report:

No report given

D. VP House

House league ended with a banquet and Family Skate. The kids very much enjoyed the family skate. No further report.

E. Registrar's Report

Registrar requested that all Team Managers get the USA Hockey bar codes into her as soon as possible so that she can begin to put Rosters together.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

1. President - Liz Morgan was nominated for the position of President by Marlene Sirianno, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Motion to close by Sarah Drake. Vote by all members present, Liz Morgan was elected as President for the 2010-2012 term.

2. Registrar - Ted Farnham nominated Tracey Barron for the position of Registrar, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Motion by Marcia Carlson to close nominations, seconded by Matt Allen. Vote by all members present, Tracey Barron was elected as Registrar for the 2010-2012 term.

3. Treasurer - Marcia Carlson nominated Sarah Drake for the position of treasurer, seconded by Tracey Barron. Marlene Sirianno moved to close the nominations, seconded by Matt Allen. Vote by all members present, Sarah Drake was elected as Treasurer for the 2010-2012 term.

4. VP of House - Marlene Sirianno nominated BetseyWells, seconded by Matt Allen. Motion to close nominations by Ted Farnham and seconded by Matt Allen. A vote by all members present. Betsey Wells was elected VP of House for the 2010-2012 term.

5. Directors at Large: The President appointed Joe Hirliman as a Director at Large; Greg Noon as a Director at Large in charge of sponsorships and Russ Bell as Director at Large to take over as Tournament Director. Matt Allen and Marcia Carlson were reappointed as Directors at Large for one year terms.

B. Proposed Bylaws

Vote take by all members present on the Proposed Amended By-laws previous posted on the website and distributed to all members of the Board. Vote by all members present and unanimously approved. .

C. Information and Policy Handbook

Vote taken of all Board Members present to approve the proposed Information and Policy Handbook previously distributed to all Board Members. Motion by Ted Farnham to approve, seconded by BetseyWells Unanimously approved

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fundraisers

The first fundraiser will be tag days. A Golf tournament will be a fundraiser for the whole organization to be held in August. Sheila Meyers volunteered to coordinate another Poinsettia fundraiser. Individual teams can do their own fund-raising for their own use so long as one check goes to the treasurer towards each players bill. Association wide fundraisers help the overall financial condition of the association.

GOLF TOURNAMENT - Flyers are out. The majority of profits will be from sponsorships. Save the date 8/21. \$55/person, normal scramble. Chicken barbecue and lunch served afterwards. Sponsorships are available. The Board discussed a separate lunch option so non-golfers can be involved. Target profit is about \$5,000.

Tag Days: Tag Days will be mandatory. Marlene Sirianno and Marcia Carlson will

coordinate tag days.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Ted Farnham and seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Marlene Sirianno

Secretary

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey
Association
Board Meeting - March 17, 2010
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Tracey Barron, Matt Allen, Greg Noon, John Dykstra, Marlene Sirianno, Ted Farnham, Randy Stuart, J.P. Melcher, Liz Morgan, BetsyWells, Ivan Zwieng, Jim Elia, Marcia Carlson, Sarah Drake, Doug Schutte

I. CALL TO ORDER

President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 17, 2010, minutes were distributed. Motion made by Ted Farnham to accept the minutes and seconded by Tracey Barron. Minutes approved.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President'S Report

The President suggested we table any discussion about High School teams until after the annual meeting. Matt Bean will be chairperson for USA Hockey High School program with 8-10 teams in the Program which will give us another option. Liz had bid for state tournaments. As for High School Senior Night, if Jamestown has money in the account she needs to spend it, whatever they don't pay for CCYHA will end up paying fo. There was also a question as to whether SW/MG will be contributing to it as well. CCYHA has to pay for it no matter what. High School Teams need to contribute to the cost. There is no reason for any high school team to be holding on to funds at the end of the season. As long as CCYHA is paying the bill, this Board needs to have input about the High School teams.

In light of upcoming tryouts, Liz Morgan will give Marcia Carlson Player release forms which are not to be given out to any players with outstanding balances. Since we will no have tryouts until the end of April, we must be very careful not to engage in conduct that could be construed as recruiting from other organizations. She advised that if anyone is contacted from individuals outside CCYHA interested in trying out for CCYHA, we should refer them to tryout policies and procedures that will be on the website. IF someone from outside the organization wants to try out they need to bring a release/birth certificate. There can be no scrimmages or other mixing of players before Nationals end on April 11th.

VP Travel Report

Ted Farnham reported that Bantam Tournament Bound team won league Champion ship. Jamestown High School team won States and Maple Grove/Southwestern High School team lost in triple overtime. Midgets will be in Batavia and Fulton for States.

VP of House Report

House season officially ends tomorrow on March 18th. There will be a family skate first and then a banquet. The VP of House was accused by a parent of sending out an e-mail with inappropriate content attached. The parent has not acknowledged that it was caused by a

problem with his server. No other recipients of the e-mail made any complaints.

Registrar's Report.

Registrar reported she would prepare a notice to send to Andrew Hill to put on the website concerning tryouts which would also be sent by e-mail to members of the organization. Every player must register before they can tryout. Players will also need to register with USA Hockey. Those who registered for USA Hockey last year are members until May 1st.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer reports that all fund-raising is accounted for. He will be mailing out final invoices. Midgets and high school billing is completed. . A lot of members have made partial payments on their bills. Fund-raising will be credited on accounts so that if members have overpaid after being credited for fund-raising, they will receive a credit or refund. It was very difficult to keep track of all the various fundraising this year. It was impractical and the number of fundraisers should be limited on a year-to-year basis.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Tryouts: Tryouts will be held April 26th and April 27th for Midgets and April 28th and April 29th for all other levels.

Skate and Shoots - Mites and Squirts will be placed together. Any player currently playing CCYHA travel hockey or other CCYHA player trying out for a travel team next year should attend. . The first two skate and shoots for Pee Wees will include checking drills.

House League - The President proposed changing the KIJJ League to a CCYHA House League and eliminate the 14-18 age group. This age group has grown to become a pure recreational league and the President would like to keep the CCYHA House League as a developmental program. She has had discussions with the rink and the rink is willing to take over the 14-18 age group as a KIJJ Recreational program. They could keep the Lakers logo and share uniforms with CCYHA but they will be a separate entity under the rink or self governed. She wanted to keep a house program as a development program so instead of 9-13 it would be more like 7-10 as house. Marcia move to eliminate the 14-18 age house program. Motion was seconded by BetseyWells. Passed by unanimous vote.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Sticks: The President proposed purchasing Sticks with no curve. They come in bags of 6 or 8. minimum of 24. These sticks are mainly to be used by the smaller kids. . They are either 6 or \$8 a stick and they come in bags of 6. Liz would order 30-40 sticks and pay for them and Doug can reimburse her. Marlene moved to approve the purchase of sticks, motion seconded by Marcia Carlson. Motion passed.

USER'S MEETING: A Users meeting was held at the rink. Marcia Carlson attended on behalf of CCYHA and J. P. Melcher was there on behalf of the Jets. The rink discussed hosting a Thanksgiving Tournament and holding coaching clinics.

VI. DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Marcia Carlson, seconded by Matt Allen. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Sirianno

Recording Secretary

Attendance: Phil Splawski, Greg Noon, Liz Morgan, Dan Burns, Ann Bell, Tracey Barron, Matt Allen, Randy Stuart, Marcia Carlson, John Paul Melcher, Betsy Wells, Ted Farnham, Chuck Stuart, Tina Stuart, Jeremy Hirliman, Melissa Moyer, Joe Hirliman, Bud Tomassi, Sarah Drake, Marlene Sirianno

I. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the January 20, 2010, meeting were distributed. Motion made by Matt Allen to approve the minutes and seconded by Tracey Barron. Minutes approved.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. President's report: President commended the Tournament Director for an Excellent Job with the Mid Winter Classic February Tournament. It was a great success with very few complaints. It was disappointing that several house families as well as some travel families did not volunteer to assist in the tournament.

The President stressed the importance of Players and Coaches returning the Player Information Forms which were distributed 3-4 weeks ago. We must have those forms back to assess the number of players and coaches intending to return to CCYHA for the 2010-2011 travel season. We will use those player information forms to review numbers of players for each division as well as potential coaches.

President indicated she would like to see a position created for High School Coordinator to attend meetings in Buffalo and take over some responsibilities from the High School Managers.

- B. VP Travel: Ted Farnham Reported that two Lakers Teams, Pee Wee Tournament Bound Team and Bantam Tournament Bound Team were Champions in the Mid-Winter Classic Tournament. Bantam Minor team lost in the Championship game but played excellent games throughout the tournament. The Bantam TB team and the Pee Wee TB team should make the WNY Playoffs.

The Jamestown High School Team will be hosting a Best of the West Tournament at JSBIA the first weekend of March. The Jamestown Area Varsity team will be playing at Niagara University on Saturday, 2/20 and will be playing against St. Joe's on Sunday, 2/21, at JSBIA at 9:00 a.m. The Maple Grove/Southwestern Team will be playing Saturday, 2/20, at Cheektowaga and Sunday, 2/21 at JSBIA. Super Sunday for High School will be February 28, 2010, at HSBC Arena.

VP of Travel also concurred with the President that a High School Coordinator position would be beneficial if the Board could find someone willing to take on the position.

- C. VP House Report - Betsey Wells reported that approximately 35 players still need to turn in their money from the Bon Ton fundraiser. Anything that is not turned in will be added to their bill since this was a mandatory fundraiser. The House season will go into March. Only games will be scheduled. Projected number of games for the season will be around 18. Two teams in the 9-13 group will get a credit for the 3 practices that they lost to scheduling. Players have exceeded the number of times on the ice compared to last year. Each age group will have a banquet with awards at the end of the season in March. Dates for the banquets have not been officially set.

It was discussed that the CCYHA turn over the 14-18 age group to the rink due to declining numbers and the desire of this age group for a purely recreational league. This has been tabled until the next board meeting in March. A parent for the 9-13 age group came to clarify how things are done when it comes to schedule changes and what can be done when teams lose their ice to other events.

- D. Treasurer's Report - No Report given

- E. Registrar's Report - Registrar requested she be given Player information in the upcoming season in a timely manner to allow her sufficient time to prepare rosters. No other report given.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

February Tournament - Tournament Director reported that the Tournament went well. She thanked those individuals and families that volunteered. Unfortunately there were several families that did not sign up to volunteer. She reported she will not fill the position of Tournament director next year. The projected gross income from the Tournament was \$23,277 with expenses of \$14,559 for a projected net income of \$8,717.84. A division dropped out at the last minute which resulted in a significant loss of income.

V. NEW BUSINESS

KIIJ Vote - President discussed the present situation with the House Division 14-18. These players have expressed a strong desire to play games with minimal practices which means little to no development but total recreation. For this reason the President proposed a possible severing of this division from CCYHA to JSBIA. She has spoken with JSBIA and they have expressed a desire to create a recreational league for this division. She asked the Board to consider this issue for a vote and the issue was tabled.

Olean Proposal to merge MOHL or minor Travel Teams: The President was contacted by the Olean Youth Hockey Administration about a possible merger of our minor or MOHL travel teams. This year Olean did not have enough players to form a second travel team at the Bantam level and they established a House Team but brought down some Travel players to play on the House Team. The proposal by Olean was that a merged team would split practices between Jamestown and Olean. Members expressed concern over players traveling an hour or in many instances over an hour each way just to attend a practice.

Upcoming board seats/elections: The following Board positions are up for election this year: President, Vice President of House, Treasurer and Registrar. If no one runs for President, Liz agreed to stay on as President.

The appointed positions of Tournament Director and Ice Coordinator expire this year. These are positions appointed by the President. The President requested the upcoming elected positions be posted on the CCYHA Board for nominations. The Annual meeting will be held on April 28, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting would have been held on the regularly scheduled date of April 21st; however, this falls during Spring Break for several families who would not be able to attend.

In House Evaluations: After all Player information forms are returned She will meet with the Coaching Coordinator and VP of Travel to discuss in house evaluations. It is imperative that all forms be returned. Player forms should also be distributed to House players for those players that may want to move to travel.

High School Tournament Activities: The Jamestown High School team will be hosting the Best of the West Tournament the first weekend of March at JSBIA. There are fund-raising opportunities that teams may take advantage of. The rink has offered in the past to allow a team to serve a meal prepared by the rink and receive 50% of the profits.

Golf Tournament - Missy Moyer, a CCYHA Member, spoke to the Board about holding a fundraiser Golf Tournament this year at Jackson Valley County Club. She works at Jackson Valley and would be willing to work with a Committee to hold a golf tournament in the late summer or Fall. Greg Noon and Jeremy Hirliman volunteered to assist and John Sirianno's name was given as a potential volunteer.

Outside Tournament Companies: Matt Allen researched the possibility of considering an Independent tournament company to run our Annual tournament. He determined that they would take approximately 30% of the profits and would run the tournament solely on a profit basis without acceptable consideration given to individual teams, fair level of competition, etc.

John Melcher moved to adjourn to executive session at 9:15 p.m. Board returned from Executive Session at 9:30 p.m., no action was taken. Marcia Carlson moved to adjourn, seconded by John Melcher, meeting adjourned at 9:35.

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - January 20, 2010
Jamestown Savings Bank ice Arena

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Betsy Wells, Marlene Sirianno, Marcia Carlson, J.P. Melcher, Theodore Farnham, Matt Allen, Tracey Barron, Sarah Drake, Doug Schutte, Anna Fales, Darren Hultberg, Blake Davis, Ivan Zweig, Chuck Stuart, Greg Noon, Phil Splawski, Linda Cass, Russ Bell, John Susz, Joe Gerace, Phil Mead, Joe Hirliman, and Terri Hirliman

I. CALL TO ORDER

President called meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 18, 2009, Board Meeting were distributed. Motion made by Ted Farnham to accept the minutes and seconded by J.P. Melcher. Minutes passed.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report

President reported both CCYHA Midget teams qualified for States. She instructed the coaches to contact Janice Cavaretta. Janice Cavaretta has volunteered to come down and check their books for States. U16 will be going to Batavia for States and U18 will be going to Ceciro. The President will bid on every state tournament for next year and hopefully, we will get one. The rink has a nice booklet they have put together and the President will get one from the rink to use. There will be a state meeting in May in Grand Island which the President will attend. If anyone else on the Board wants to attend with her it would be beneficial as we may need more Board Members to attend to vote at the meeting. The West Section meeting will be held the weekend of States at the Pepsi Center. The president will be out of town and unable to attend that meeting. President reported that the Tournament Director is in need of help for the tournament and encouraged all to put in whatever time they can to help.

VP Travel Report

VP of Travel congratulated both Midget Teams. One player left a Midget team prior to November 30, 2009, to play with a Junior team so he will not be eligible to participate in States. The Bantam Tournament Bound team and the Pee Wee Tournament Bound team will in all likelihood not make states but should make the Play-offs. Playoffs are February 26-28. The Season officially ends February 15th. VP of Travel reported that the Pee Wees won the Rochester Tournament by forfeit.

The Pee Wee MOHL Team is doing well. VP of Travel speculates that WNYAHL will not allow us to have a MOHL program next year. We will probably have a Mite Travel team next year. The Squirt team should essentially remain the same. The squirts have had a difficult year but with no complaints. Joe Gerace and Blake Davis expressed an interest in coaching the Squirt team next year. The Jamestown Area High School team is doing well and the Maple Grove/Southwestern Team moved into first place. Jamestown should qualify for Super Sunday. There will be a Large School Mixed Tournament at our rink the 1st weekend of March and Jamestown could be in it. They are looking for a tournament Director. Super Sunday is February 28, 2010.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reported that we have processed approximately \$80,000 in the last several weeks. Our balance is about \$19,000 with about \$10,000-12,000 in deposits. The fundraising was very beneficial this year. Payments for ice fees are coming in but we are still behind in where

we should be as far as collecting fees. He requested KIJJ rosters so that he can accurately invoice families. In the future he recommends large fundraising events rather than several small fundraisers since it is difficult for record keeping purposes to track the sources of money and how much is coming in per division. He recommended the board hire a part-time book keeper to work with the Treasurer. The organization runs approximately \$400,000 through the books and this requires 15-20 hours per week of time to keep up with the books. Treasurer, as a volunteer position, cannot keep up with this. The Treasurer also raised the issue of how we should handle bounced checks. Also, he has a concern about those players on teams that are going to States but they have made no attempts to pay their Ice Fees. The president said she wants a list of the families.

For those volunteers that were screened and paid the \$13 screening fee, CCYHA will reimburse them or apply a credit to their ice fees. As far as goalies, so long as goalies have had a 75% attendance rate at the goalie clinics this year they will receive a \$150 deduction from their ice fees.

Registrar's Report

No report given

VP of House Report.

VP of House reports that the Mites have three sponsors. Jerseys were ordered but all 3 sponsorships only covered the cost of jerseys for two teams. Nevertheless all three sponsors will be recognized for the Tournament. For the group ages 9-13 we have a few sponsors but she is not certain if the sponsorship fees have been paid. One player dropped out of the 9-13 group. As for the 14-18 group, 2 players have dropped out so the numbers are dwindling. Since the numbers are small we can condense from three teams to two. Turnout has been poor. There may be 5-6 players showing up when they only have 9 players on a team. There have been a lot of parents who have expressed concerns about too many practices and not enough games. They want more games and less practices. VP of House stated that she can schedule more games and less practices but this goes against the mission of CCYHA. The Ice Coordinator also pointed out that the cost would increase since we need to hire referees for the games. It was also discussed scheduling games on Monday and Tuesday for the older group instead of early mornings on the weekends. Since we are low on sponsors, VP of House has KIJJ involved in the Community Day event with Bon Ton. This involves selling coupon booklets. The booklets cost \$5 and contain \$10 worth of coupons. She is asking each player to sell a minimum of 4 books. As for the candle fundraiser, all the proceeds go back to CCYHA to pay ice fees for the program.

VP of house was contacted by Susan Sawyer from Hospice of Chautauqua County. Susan presented the Board with information regarding the Hockey for Hospice which will take place at our rink the last weekend in March. She handed out a flyer concerning the event. VP of House offered to help with the Skills camp. There will be a Sabres Alumni game and the cost will be \$10/ticket. There will be a skills camp open to everyone. The High School Club Hockey team from Fredonia will play and they are looking for a team to play against. At 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 27th, through noon on Sunday, an adult hockey marathon will take place.. There will be 2 teams of approximately 25-30 players. The event is meant to focus on

fun and not competition. They are requesting \$100 per player to play throughout the night. In addition there will be 4 teams from KIIJ participating. Hospice is holding a planning meeting on February 1, 2010, at the Hospice office in Lakewood. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

.OLD BUSINESS

February Tournament: The Tournament Director reported that we need to have all five or our travel teams in the tournament. We need all parents to volunteer. Adult league has the ice on Sunday evening and unless they are willing to give up Sunday evening, we will have to schedule games into Monday. This is inconvenient for away teams. She needs volunteers to help with the trophies. She asked for suggestions of strong teams to recruit for the AA Squirt division to compete with North Pittsburgh.

Tryouts: The President reported there have been two strategy meetings concerning tryouts for 2010-2011 season. She needs to know which players and coaches will be coming back to CCYHA for the next season. It would be helpful to know what other activities players will be participating in during the season, who will be coming back, who will be volunteering to be a coach, assistant coach, manager or assist with other projects. Therefore, by the end of the month she will be giving Managers and the VP of House Player information forms to be returned ASAP. There will in house evaluations taking place March 23rd and March 24th.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Positions: The Board positions that will become available at the end of July include President, Treasurer, Registrar and Tournament Director. The President suggested a High School Coordinator position be created and then there would be two Managers who could do a lot of the leg work and the Coordinator could attend the meetings in Buffalo. Ted Farnham stated that it is important for both managers to attend the Buffalo meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ted Farnham reported that they are in the process of putting together a Modified Team. Chuck Carlson has volunteered to coach the team. It would consist of 7th and 8th Graders only. The cost would be approximately \$1,500 payable to the Western New York High School Club Hockey Association. Players would have to be AAU registered. It would start in April and end in June. The cost per player would probably be about \$200-250. Half of the games would be played at our home rink. Practices can be a maximum of twice a week.

Questions/comments/open discussion

The board addressed questions by a parent concerning the board's procedures for expelling a member, grounds for expulsion and an appeal procedure. The parent suggested the Board adopt an appeal process for members who are expelled from the organization. Parents also raised concerns about getting information out to members. They feel there is a lack of

communication. It was suggested the Association create a Newsletter to keep members apprised of news, events, and information. The Board agreed this would be beneficial and would welcome any volunteers who would be willing to prepare a monthly newsletter. .

Adjournment

The Board then went into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to address an issue involving a travel parent and a coach.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to the Regularly Scheduled meeting and reported that the Board approved a resolution of the matter by a meeting between either the VP of Travel or the Coaching Coordinator and the parent involved as well as a discussion with the coach involved and no further action at this time.

Motion to adjourn by Ted Farnham, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.