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**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Community Room  
February 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 @ 6:30pm**

Attendance: Andrew Hill Marcia Carlson, Liz Morgan, Ted Farnham, Patty Rizzo, Jim Merenick, Tracey Barron, Matt Allen, Henry Tomassi, Ivan Zwieg, John Dykstra, Jim Elia, Joe Gerace, Nick Andriacciao, Randy Stuart – Pee Wee, David Cass - House, J.P. Melcher, Fred Krywy, Chuck Stuart, Dawn Stuart, Kim Carlson, Anne Conti

Andrew Hill called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Cheryl Hill resigned her post as Recording Secretary. This position has been posted on the Association website. Anne Conti submitted her Board Position Intent Form as formal application for the position. Motion was made to accept Anne into the position for a 1 year term by Ted Farnham, seconded by Marsha Carlson. The motion was approved.

The Treasurer report was presented by Jim Merenick. Jim reported that the Association continues to operate under the 5 year contract this year and next year. The fees have been \$130.00 per hour and will increase to \$135.00 next year. Andrew will be meeting with Mike to sign another contract before 8/31/08. Andrew also advised that he will be working on getting an agreement past next year and will be working on this between this meeting and June Board meeting. He also feels it may be a bit premature to set the fees past 3 years. Jim reported that subsequent to the Pre-Registration scheduled February 16, 2008 the fees based on registration numbers are:

Beginner	\$200.00
KIJ	\$360.00
Girls	\$640.00
Squirt	\$775.00
Pee Wee	\$810.00
Bantam	\$870.00
Midgets	\$775.00

Motion for approval of the Treasurer's Report by Liz Morgan and seconded by J.P. Melcher. Motion passed and report approved.

David Cass provided an update concerning the KIJ. Advised that they lost ice time, but on the whole, things seem to be going OK. The program will be going into March.

No Report from the Sled Hockey Program.

Ted Farnham and Jim Merenick gave a brief overview of the how the Tim Horton's Tournament went. Ted advised that there were some complaints that the referee's were too young, on Sunday there was no management at the rink, teams not happy with the mercy rule and unfortunately beer was also an issue. Jim reported the following received upfront from the tournament: \$500 for the photos and \$210 from vendors. No amount in yet for the T-shirts. The MVP for each game has not been done, primarily due to the many variables to select MVP, coaches concentration on the game (can't pick if watching whole game).

Old Business:

Concerning the Sled Hockey Team, Andrew did advise that more information is needed before any determination to separate the Sled Hockey and CCYHA. There are concerns relative to fiscal grants and the major concern is to allow them to continue to remain Lakers. Andrew also informed that he was advised by Chuck DeAngelo that if the Sled Hockey remains Lakers, the CCYHA does open itself up to legal responsibility. If the Sled Hockey transitions with USA Hockey to a 1 year agreement with the arena that the arena manages, the CCYHA Board has no say in the operations of the Sled Hockey organization. This also means that if there are fundraiser's, public events for the Sled Hockey while continuing to use the Lakers name, the CCYHA Board would have no say. It is Andrew's plan to meet again with Chuck DeAngelo, Rod Kolstee and Jeff Moran to discuss this a bit more while encouraging them to be involved with the monthly meetings.

New Business:

Andrew asked about the mandatory pre-registration. Ted Farnham advised that there were reports as to confusion with the membership about the pre-registration. The initial e-mail sent to the general membership stated the pre-registration was mandatory for all levels. A subsequent e-mail was sent that the KIJ registrants could sign up in the fall if they chose, however this did not apply to any other divisions. Adequate notice was given to the membership, so not sure where the break down was.

The 2008 pre-registration numbers are as follows:

Mite Travel - 10 interested families

Squirt Travel- 17 with potential interest but only if can play travel

PeeWee Travel – 26

Bantam Travel – 24

Midget Minor – 12\* The JV Team was at an away

Midget Major – 12 game during registration so these numbers may increase

HS - 11 /Including Midgets 34

Also, since we are going to “C” center, the USA Hockey has eliminated a lot of the travel teams at the Mite and Squirt levels. There was some general discussion concerning the low numbers for pre-registration. It was felt that it is important to find out why parents don’t want to get involved with the sign-ups (ie. is it the cost, the travel commitment, skill level of the child vs. parent’s assessment of his/her child). Also, members are leaving for more competitive teams so we need to reassess to be more competitive. It was reported that the House program will be changing. The coaches will have to know how to provide recreational level but also prepare those kids who want to move on to become more competitive within the organization. It was discussed whether we could have a Tier IV Team or MOHL program for some divisions and if instituted whether these kids would play a house/travel or revert to KIJ. Since all parents have not yet committed to register or were unable to register many of these concerns cannot yet be addressed.

**Mite Travel:** The numbers are such that currently there are not enough players registered for a travel team. Discussion ensued concerning advertising and garnering the interest of individuals outside the Jamestown area that may be interested in playing for CCYHA. Andrew suggested getting a mailer out to all kids in the KIJ as to interest in the Mite Travel. If parents have concerns about sign-ups, it is anticipated that the coaches can provide input to help the parents make the decision. Andrew will contact Janice Camarata from WNYAHL to find out what other organizations are doing. Joe Gerace will also attempt to reach out to parents to address any of their concerns before committing.

**Squirt:** Currently there are 2 goalies with 20 pre-registered. Either of the goalies can skate out with dressing 18 players. It was decided that there would be tryouts for this level with selection based on talent and one team of 14 to 16 players. This level is still waiting for a coach.

**PeeWee:** Currently 3 goalies with all skating out. Pre-registration numbers show enough for 2 teams with 1 team (coach selects) only as State TB and the other team to be house.

**Bantam:** Currently 4/5 goalies with 2 full and 2 skating out. Tryouts will be required for this level with an anticipated date of end of March first week of April with 1 TB team (coach selects). There will be a bantam house. Concerning High School, Liz Morgan reports that MG/SW is scrambling for players. Jamestown takes everyone else and is never state bound. JP Melcher also reports there is currently only 1 coach for the Midgets. Andrew will try to recruit another coach for the Midget level. Also discussed the feasibility of paying a coach who will pick his own team (with input from coaches above and below the level) and who understands the philosophy of the organization. There are enough players to field 2 Midget Teams. Optimum numbers for each team would be 15 and tryouts would be required. Tentative high school varsity tryouts would be the end of September.

Concerning the coaches, John Melcher reports he has the applications tagged but needs to review with Tom McFall. It was reported that the Gebbie Foundation will possibly be willing to fund some coaches clinics. Coaches Committee to review applications and make recommendations to the Board by next meeting date. The next Board Meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Community Room.

There were no announcements.

A motion was made by Ted Farnham to adjourn at 9:40, seconded by Patty Rizzo. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Conti

Recording Secretary

**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Community Room  
March 12, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

Attendance: Andrew Hill, President; Tracey Barron; Ted Farnham; Jim Merenick, Treasurer; Patty Rizzo; John Dykstra, Bantam-Squirt; Matt Allen; Liz Morgan, Tom McFall; Marcia Carlson; J.P. Melcher; Randy Stuart; Dawn Stuart; David Cass; H.S. Levenstein

Andrew Hill called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

Minutes from the February 2008 meeting were distributed and reviewed and motion was made by Liz Morgan to approve, seconded by Ted Farnham. Motion passed.

Jim Merenick presented the Treasurer's Report. There is currently \$76,210.22 in the account. The pre-registration fees are not included in this amount. Jim reports he has received an ice bill to the end of January 2008 for \$25,000.00 which needs to be reviewed. No bill has been received for February 2008. In addition, there are anticipated referee bills for February 2008 and the tournament expenses. Jim also reports that there are outstanding bills for ads and for the Post Journal. Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report by Ted Farnham and seconded by Tracey Barron. Passed.

No report on KIJ.

No report from Sled Hockey.

Patty Rizzo reported on the Mite House. She advised that there was extra ice-time due to double bookings. To make use of the time, Olean was invited and 2 games were played which worked out very well.

Liz Morgan reported on Travel. She advised that she attended the WNY Sectional meeting scheduled last week at the Millenium. She reported that some teams found out that CCYHA was petitioning for "C" center. They did vote to support CCYHA in their endeavor. Also, at the WNY High School meeting, there was talk of forming a high school modified league. All modified league games would be in Buffalo at the Hockey Outlet and would be scheduled during the period of 4/15/08 – 6/30/08. Buffalo currently has 11 teams to take advantage of modified. If CCYHA Lakers wish to be included we can do so, but all games are in Buffalo. Liz has the name of the individual to contact for interest. She also reported that the Millenium meeting generated some discussion concerning mixed teams at Sectionals and States as to the State Committee's adoption of guidelines for tournament bound and mixed high school teams. Liz reported that there is a high school meeting on 3/20/08 which will be a wind-up of this past year's high school program. The high school meetings scheduled as of April will be fresh going forward. The monthly high school meetings are generally scheduled on Thursday's at 6:30.

Old Business:

Andrew will be meeting with the Sled Hockey group at some future date.

JP Melcher reported on the Travel Coaches for 2008. He advised he met with each applicant and tried to get all level of coaches in this process. Travel coaches are as follows:

Squirt: Chuck Stuart – Head Coach for 1 Squirt Team  
Pee Wee: Randy Stuart - Head Coach  
Bantam: JP Melcher selected with split decision  
Midget: John Sitzenstatter / Midget : 2<sup>nd</sup> team/no coach  
JV: No coach  
High School: SW/MG – John Sitzenstatter  
Jamestown – Bruce Hokanson  
Girls': Tom McFall

There also was discussion about reaching out to locate another Midget coach for the second team. It was felt that this level is important as this level is where a choice is usually made to move up or discontinue hockey. Liz will reach out to Joy Bishop for additional options/names. Concerning the KIJ coach, JP reported that Tom has the list, and both he and Tom felt better that Tom make the decision. Liz reported there will be the two high school teams this year. Motion made by Jim Merenick to accept the Travel Team Head Coaches as presented and seconded by Tracey Barron. Motion accepted.

Concerning the CCYHA Travel Program for 2008, Tracey reported that the Registrar numbers show some additional players to the Midget program. There have been no changes to the numbers for the other teams. There is no travel for the Mite Division. Currently this Division needs an ice manager for coordinating Mite tournaments and games. Someone at this Division level needs to reach out to parents to explain that this level will be the base for travel experience.

Concerning the team number requirement for coaches, Andrew explained that the number of the team rests with the respective coaches but it is not beneficial to the kids if it is a large team.

As the Board has voted to slot one team at each level, there was discussion as to what can be offered for those in each division who do not make the travel team and what can be done to make this group more competitive. A suggestion was made for a practice squad with rotating from each division into their respective travel teams but in doing so, this requires an effective manager. It was decided to table this matter for discussion with coaches at the Squirt and Pee Wee levels.

Randy Stuart asked the question whether a major player can try-out for team above. Andrew explained that an under-age player cannot displace a person of that age group. He did state that in the past there have been exceptions due to coaching constraints.

While the number of a team rests with the coach, the Board felt that each team needs to have a letter posted as to what the options are for players who do not make the travel teams. Andrew advised that the coaches must let families know what is available concerning opportunities under KIJ. Andrew felt that this can be done by discussing with coaches as to options that can be presented at sign-ups so that parents know at that time what the changes will be. Andrew also advised that Tom McFall is planning on restructuring the KIJ program.

Andrew stated that all decisions the Board makes during this critical period affect the Midget and high school going forward, so parents need to be given options.

Travel teams as presented were: Squirt - 1 team of 13 with a goalie  
Pee Wee - 1 team  
Bantam - 1 team

Motion made by Ted Farnham to accept the teams as presented and seconded by Patty Rizzo, no opposed and approved.

Concerning the Midgets, there was discussion as to whether there would be a Major Over 16 and Minor Under 16 or in the alternative 2 Midget teams with an Under 18 TB and Under 18 NTB. It was reported to the Board that, pending their decision during this meeting as to how the Midget teams will be formed, that 4 players and a coach would possibly leave if the vote was to have a Major Over 16 and Minor Under 16. Motion made by Marcia Carlson to accept an Under 18 TB and Under 18 NTB. Motion seconded by Jim Merenick. No opposed and motion approved.

Liz Morgan is also putting together guidelines for coaches and their players. It is anticipated that this will be put on the CCYHA website and mailed out. Also discussed was the fact that parents need to be respectful of coaching decisions.

New Business:

Try out's scheduled for Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> with both rinks being utilized. Times scheduled are  
Squirt: 6:00 P.M. for 50 minutes each night

Pee Wee: 7:00 to 7:50

Bantam – 8:00 – 8:50

Midgets will be Thursday 8 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Friday evening will be scheduled for another hour 9- 10 P.M.

Liz to confirm times with coaches as to the dates and times and this schedule will be sent out. Tom McFall will help out running ice.

Patty reported on the KIJ mite survey. Parents surveyed were happy with the monthly meetings scheduled for Mites; felt the registration was simple; that they would consider fund raising to offset cost. These parents were happy with the coaches but were unhappy with the team photographs. They would purchase their own jerseys for the Mite Group and most importantly said that this is a focus sport that they wish to continue. As to communication, they were not pleased with the rink communication and the Mite travel parents felt there needed to be more full ice, more referee games. Also they were unhappy about the fact that they did not get the ID cards for public skating.

Andrew announced that the Legace Hockey School is scheduled at the arena sometime in August. The Board felt that any decisions for hockey camps or schools need to be an individual one. These camps and schools can be located at the WNY website.

Announcements:

The Board congratulated the Lady's Hockey Team (Age 9 to Under 18) on their tourney win. They won 1<sup>st</sup> in the League championship. It was discussed that this is a good time to promote the girls program.

Concerning photographs the Board will give Jon Elder the team photos and Action Shots will continue with the tournament photographs.

Skate and Shoots have been scheduled, posted and mass-emailed.

The Comfort Inn notified that they received many compliments during and after the February tournament as to the facilities and how the tournament was run.

As to the CCYHA Beginner program, this program is a lot of work. The rink will put on a beginner program. While CCYHA does not endorse, it will allow. Also, Kirk and Lenel will be giving their Learn to Skate Hockey Program to Tom McFall so that Tom can reach out to those families for the CCYHA program. There will be one more year with the Learn to Skate Hockey Program. Tom also reported that the beginners did go to a Sabres game and all had a great time.

It was also reported that there may be interest from the girl's team in Erie to come to the CCYHA program. This would be a good opportunity for more players to form 2 teams.

Concerning CCYHA storage room, the first cage has now been assigned in exchange for the CCYHA President's office and the cage now using. The first cage is larger, needs some work and clean-up. Discussion of a work group.

Andrew reported that the waste management services of the rink have been donated to use by CCYHA.

Matt Allen reported on information he obtained as to goalie clinics. He spoke of approximately 10 sessions to include 10 to 15 goalies for 1 hour 20 minute session of ice. Fee would range between \$200 to \$600 per session. Matt has reached out to a goalie instructor in Hamburg and with Mercyhurst. Once selection can be made as to instructor, the goalies would be at this arena, the sessions would be in the evening, a sign-up list would be needed together with payment to reserve spot. If the determination is made that CCYHA pays for the goalie instruction, it

would be mandatory for the travel goalies to attend. The in-house goalie coaches could provide additional instruction at the non-travel levels. A decision was made to extend an invitation to one of the goalie instructors to meet and discuss with the Board. This presentation would be scheduled for the next Board meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M.

There were no additional comments, suggestions.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

A motion by Ted Farnham that due to lost ice time from the Vikings, that there is no charge for the try-outs, seconded by Liz Morgan and passed.

A motion was made by Ted Farnham to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:40 P.M. and seconded by JP Melcher and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Conti  
Recording Secretary

**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
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April 30, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.**

Attendance: Andrew Hill – President, Allen & Sheila Myers, Sheila Spunaugle, Ivan Zwieg, Andrew Michael, Patty Rizzo, Marcia Carlson, Pete Wyatt, Tracey Barron, Liz Morgan, JP Melcher, Ted Farnham, Anne Conti

Andrew Hill called the meeting to order at 6:49 P.M.

Minutes from the March 2008 meeting were distributed and reviewed and motion was made by Patty Rizzo to approve minutes and seconded by Tracey Barron. Motion passed.

Reports of Officers & Standing Committees

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Merenick was unable to attend the meeting and provide a report. However, Andrew Hill did report the ice bill is not yet paid. There are some outstanding issues and questions that CCHYA has with the ice bill. There were some arena changes this past year with staffing and software which may have impacted on the ice bill. It was reported that CCYHA will sit down with the rink to go over the remaining bill.

**Keep It In Jamestown:** Tom McFall has some ideas and possible changes. He reports there will be a house league for the upcoming year. He hopes to be mixing up the teams as they have all been playing together on the same teams for the last 3 or 4 years. A Beginner clinic is now being held, and Tom hopes to pick up additional kids from scheduled Beginner clinics for the Fall sign-ups. He also reports that he is hoping for 3 to 4 Mite teams with a goal of 60 Beginners. The pre-registration sign-ups are also now advertised in the paper for the scheduled 5/18/08 date. He anticipates the house league to be Beginner to High School with possibly 3 to 6 teams each. The high school age team would be ages 14-18, and Tom will be getting together with Marsha Carlson as to ice scheduling. Tom also would like to see a house tournament this year. There continues to be issues with the lack of coaches (individuals committing time) and Tom would like to see some of the younger travel kids get involved with working with the house teams on a volunteer basis. Discussion was held concerning running some type of clinic for these volunteers and incentives for volunteers to work on the ice with the house teams.

**Travel Hockey:** Liz Morgan reported CCYHA was approved "C" Center status and will be finding out shortly how many teams there are in "C" Center. Liz also reported on the Midget team status. There is a Midget TB and Midget U 16 NTB. In the event that some players leave prior to the roster posting, the association may be back to only 1 TB Midget team. With a NTB team, there are new factors to consider as to whether a player will continue such as economic conditions (price of gas) and releases have also not been signed for players. The Midget players have until 5/31/08 to pay 1/2 of the registration fee. If there is no commitment for enough players, it will be the 1 TB team. Liz will be reaching out to the Midget families concerning each family's intention and commitment. Liz also reports that high school tryouts will be a month earlier. The High School Committee will be looking at guidelines and criteria for player try-outs. The next high school meeting will be announced at a later date.

Concerning the other teams, it was reported there is 1 Bantam TB team with 16 players and 2 goalies; 1 Pee Wee TB and 1 Pee Wee NTB Tier 4 (which Tom is also coaching).

It was reported to the Board that there are some issues with the Squirt Team. This team currently has picked 10 players and 3 alternates. It was noted from the March minutes that the Board approved 13 players and 1 goalie as a minimum for teams, and the Coaches should adhere to the Board's decision. JP Melcher will contact the Coach for this level concerning the minimum number of team players as set by the Board. As such, the 3 Squirt alternates will be placed on the current Squirt roster for a total of 13 players.

Old Business

**CCYHA By-Laws:** Liz reports Janice Caveretta is continuing to work on redoing and moving outdated material for by-laws. There are deficiencies in the by-laws as to the President's duties. Andrew reports that if/when he steps down and there are no changes as to administrative structure, Liz will become President.

### New Business

Bill Wager with the Erie Youth Hockey Association provided an overview of his Goalie Clinic. Bill reported to the Board that he has been a goalie coach for the last 10 years. He would like to schedule a clinic on Mondays from 7 to 9 or 7 to 8:30 but reported that he is flexible. He also would like a clinic from August to the end of December and would prefer set days and time. Bill advised that his clinic requires the coaches for each of the teams to be involved and to understand the commitment of the clinic. The clinic would be for all goalie levels through high school. Bill did inform the Board he does have help to run his drills and assist with the clinic but would need 8 shooters. He also advised that it is critical for parents to be watching and understand they need to know the drills and commitment rather than just dropping off their child for the clinic. The anticipated cost would be \$200 per session plus \$20.00 for fuel travel. The Board thanked Mr. Wager for his presentation and informed him that the matter would be taken up for further discussion.

### Comments/Discussion

Marcia Carlson will be meeting with Mark in attempting to book all the needed ice time. There were some general questions concerning the usage of the Allen Park rink for ice during the figure skater programs scheduled in October. Tuesday ice time is now being scheduled by Fredonia and the Erie Lions. Another factor will now be the Jr. Team which will be scheduling ice time. Marcia will double check on March 2009 ice time for possible booking of a State Tourney (Best of the West). Marcia will continue to keep the Board informed on ice bookings and available times. The scheduled date for the May 2008 Board Meeting is to be announced at a later date. Motion by Ted Farnham to adjourn and move to Executive Session and seconded by Liz Morgan. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Conti  
Recording Secretary



**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
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Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena  
June 10, 2008- 8:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Liz Morgan; J.P. Melcher; Marcia Carlson; Anne Conti; Ivan Zwieg; Rob Lind; Dawn Stuart; Tom McFall; Chuck Stewart; Ted Farnham; Patty Rizzo

Liz Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:08 P.M. It was reported that Andrew Hill- President, requested that Liz run the meeting. He was unable to attend due to other commitments. Liz requested that future minutes of meetings now be posted on the website as "preliminary minutes" pending the Board's approval. The reason for this request is that the information becomes stale by the time the minutes are ultimately approved by the Board.

Minutes from the April 30, 2008 Board Meeting distributed and reviewed and motion made by Patty Rizzo to approve and seconded by Marcia Carlson. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Decision made to hold-off on report at this meeting.

#### Committee Reports

High School: Board advised that Bruce Hokanson will be the Jamestown Varsity Coach, and he is very excited about taking the high school team.

House: Tom reported that the recent registration numbers for May were small with approximately 12 sign-ups. Upon conclusion of tonight's meeting, Liz will obtain hockey pamphlets to anyone at the meeting who wishes to hand them out. Patty advised for current players there is talk about sending out registration now and in the Fall to do a blitz for sign-ups. Tom also reported there should be a 14-18 yr. old Division depending on how the numbers fall.

#### Administrative

Liz takes the reins 7/1/08 and will be talking about summer development. Andrew has agreed to be Webmaster, Advisor and to continue with Marketing. Dean Weaver was going to be involved in the Community Foundation Hockey scholarships. The Board discussed that we may not wish to sponsor Beginners but it is crucial for the kids that are already dug in and are having a hardship to be involved in available scholarships. Liz reported that Andrew Hill will be steering this Committee and will need volunteers.

Concerning the Treasurer's position, Jim Merenick is hoping to transition someone to the Treasurer's spot. It was suggested that names be submitted, possibly an accountant looking for some part time work. Also, the Vice-President position will be up as well as Director-At-Large. Rob Lind will continue on the High School Committee and holds the franchise for JHS for this year only. He is attending this evening's Board Meeting at Liz's request. A Tournament Director is also needed.

Janice Caveretta continues to work on the by-laws.

The Board discussed two positions that would have reimbursement: Ice Coordinator and Treasurer. Possible reimbursement would be fees waived for a child as well as fees waived for all children of the head coaches. Voting by Board to take place at a later date.

Liz reported the Jet's Jr. Hockey coach would like to meet with the Board at some future date.

#### Old Business:

There were no Midget coaches present for this evening's Board meeting. There will be an Under 16 Non-Tournament Bound and an Under 18 Tournament Bound with 15 players on each team. There continues to be some confusion as to team rosters. Midget's scheduled to begin season around August 9<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that the rosters be placed on the CCYHA website. All coaches, after try-outs, should have contacted the families and, for those not making a team, to provide some explanation as to the coaches selection. Liz Morgan moved that all coaches submit team roster for website postings, seconded by Anne Conti, passed.

Squirt Coach, Chuck Stewart wanted to discuss discrepancy between March Board Minutes and an e-mail received. There is no second Squirt Team. At the March meeting, the Board did approve a **minimum** of 13 players and 1 goalie with a maximum of 18. The e-mail Chuck received was confusing. The Board subsequently clarified the discrepancy between the two communications. Chuck was hoping to have 11 players and 1 goalie. The Board reminded him as to the 13 player minimum. The Board also recommended that Chuck reconsider his selection and make room for the 3 additional alternates. The Board requested that Chuck contact each parent whose child is not on the team and explain his decision.

At the Bantam level, 4 players have been cut.

The Board discussed the fact that building up the lower teams is also critical. There are a lot of factors as to locating volunteer coaching staff. Most coaches don't want to deal with the parent issues, which are a big stumbling block. Janice Caveretta did advise the Board at one time that each team can have rules in writing which must be signed by parent(s) and player. The guidelines may be set-up by the Board and failure to adhere to team rules results in the player benched.

Concerning the Goalie Camp, Liz reported Bill Wager did give his goalie camp overview and while flexible with a schedule, would prefer Monday's. Board discussed that the goalies are young. Mr. Wager has an organized program and is highly rated and least expensive. CCYHA Coaching Coordinator recommends, perhaps every other week is a more preferable to a weekly program. All goalies should benefit from this program. The cost for Bill Wager's time to run the program would be approximately \$5,000.00 for the year. It was suggested that the Board tap into Fredonia and Olean as well as adult goalie players. The goalie's would be required to contribute a small percentage to pay in. Liz moved we call Bill Wager and book, seconded by Patty Rizzo and passed. Marcia Carlson to also look at the ice time for this.

There have been no Skate and Shoots for the last couple of years. The rink may be scheduling but JP may end up on the ice. There will also be a scheduled Bantam/Midget power skating from 3 to 4:30. Tentative fee may be \$10 per player. More info to follow.

New Business:

Marcia and Liz will be meeting with the rink concerning scheduling. Marcia does have some ice already booked. CCYHA will need to provide the rink with its list for ice times.

Liz discussed the need for mandatory team meetings. She would like to meet with head coaches, assistant coaches and manager for each team. Of interest is how many tourneys may be scheduled and any outstanding issues that need to be resolved. Liz also advised that the NTB Midget will need a manager. Liz also reported that she wants every roster done so she can send into Janice. The assistant coaches have to be on the roster, but the managers do not need to be.

Janice also reported to Liz that by 2010 everyone will be registering online for USA Hockey. The \$35.00 individual USA Hockey fee will be required to be paid, and at the respective hockey association sign-ups, payment can be made for the rest of the hockey fees. It was suggested that CCYHA use one team to try the online process out at this time

Liz also reported two fundraiser's:

1. July 12, 2008 @ the Warren County Fairgrounds. Liz reported CCYHA will be at the Pleasures & Treasures table selling YankeeCandles with CCYHA flyers available. Liz would also like a looping hockey video geared to mother's of young children to generate new interest in the sport. Contact Liz or Patty Rizzo if questions.
2. Fall Yankee Candle Sale. This potentially can fund the goalie clinic. More info to follow.

Patty Rizzo also reported that someone approached her for a sponsorship. She was referred to Ted Farnham for additional questions and concerns.

There will be no more locker boxing. This seems to occur at the Jr/Sr. high school levels. The no locker boxing tolerance will be in each team rule.

We may be looking at hosting a MOHL/House Tourney over the March 13<sup>th</sup> weekend rather than a "Best of the West" tourney. The girl's will be in the Great Lakes Tourney hosted at JSBIA. Rink will do the scheduling and the parents do all other needed tasks.

Liz spoke with Tom concerning coaching clinics. If anyone wishes to volunteer at the Beginner level, they need only a Level 1 card. A USA hockey clinic for Level 1 is scheduled. Liz will confirm if this is the 9/6/08 date that they will be here.

Board also discussed having another open house for sign-ups.

Liz reported that the Board is always looking for individuals to provide input to the Board. If the Board passes a resolution that Liz does not agree with, she will support the Board. Liz expects the same consideration of the Board for to support the hard decisions, which at times must be made.

Next Board Meeting TBA. Motion made by Ted Farnham to adjourn and seconded by Marsha Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Conti  
Recording Secretary

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July 23, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Liz Morgan; Marcia Carlson; J.P. Melcher; Tom McFall; Anne Conti; Tracey Barron; Bill Barron; Ivan Zweig; Sheila Spunaugle; Pete Wyatt; Ted Farnham

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Sled Hockey – No report

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Liz Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:59 P.M. Minutes from the previous Board meeting were distributed. Anne Conti reported there was an error in the 7/23/08 minutes. Concerning Andrew Hill, his term as CCYHA ended, he did not resign. Also, it was Ted Farnham who would be checking with Janice Caveretta relative to the Manager's meeting. Corrections noted and motion made by Tracey Barron to accept the minutes and seconded by Dawn Stuart. Minutes from 7/23/08 approved. In addition, Doug Schutte has volunteered for the CCYHA Treasurer position. Jim Merenick has also volunteered to work with Doug during the transition. Motion made by Tracey Barron to place Doug in the Treasurer position. Motion seconded by Tom McFall. All in favor and approved.

**Reports of Officers & Standing Committees**

There is no Treasurer's report at this time. Liz reported that CCYHA's 5-year grace is up and that the rink fees will be going up \$5.00 for a total of \$135.00 next year.

Travel – Ted Farnham reported on travel and provided a high school update. Concerning the Manager's Meeting, Janice will come down. Ted will obtain 3 or 4 dates for possible Thursday evenings. Concerning Varsity and JV, nobody will be handpicked. There will be tryouts. There can be only 3 11<sup>th</sup> graders on the JV team. Tentative tryouts will be around the second week of October. Projected first games will be the first week of November. Bantam freshman may try out for the High school team but the player's priority is the Bantam Team first. Tryouts will be opened up to KIJ, however, there will be no allowances for a JV player to leave the JV practice for a KIJ practice. The projected tryout numbers for prospective players is 20 for SW/MG and 30 for the Jamestown list. Also, it was reported that if a Senior plays Midgets, he is automatically on the high school team(though this is no guarantee of playing time). Liz would like a parent meeting before the high school season kicks in relative to parents behavior.

KIJ – Tom reports there are two more registrations scheduled, one on 8/23/08 from 3 to 5 and another on 8/30/08 from 12 to 2. He also reported that he has mailed out approximately 100 cards and there will also be an ad in the PJ. He is also scheduling a registration for Beginner's. Tom would like any Level 1 coaches to help out with the KIJ. He can really use the help.

Sled Hockey – No report as no representative has been in attendance

**Old Business**

Pete Wyatt reported on the Goalie Clinic. Pete will be e-mailing those families who will be participating in the Clinic. All info has been sent to Bill Wager for initial session on 9/8/08 with a tentative time of 5:50 to 7:10. This time needs to be firmed up with Bill. Pete reported there will be 4 station nets on the ice with 4 groups of kids based on age and experience (ie. Midgets/Bantams). Again, they will need 10 shooters. Bill's fee will be \$220.00 per session with the attendance of travel goalies mandatory. CCYHA will bear the cost. There are 6 to 8 spots outside the organization but Bill does not want more than 22 in the sessions. The underlying intent of the Goalie Clinic is to enable the CCYHA goalies to increase his/her competitiveness. The Board thanks Pete for handling the arrangements for the Clinic.

**New Business**

Liz introduced Dennis Canfield with the Jets. Dennis explained that the players on his team want to be involved and partner with the CCYHA organization. His players are 16 to 20 years of age and are serious about their organization. He explained some of the things his organization is doing along with CCYHA relative to community involvement. The Jets have donated some of their ice time. In addition, the players will be helping on the ice with CCYHA. Dennis would also like to see projects concerning fundraising and ticket sales between CCYHA and his organization. He also reported that their home games are weekend games. His organization does provide extra



security and there will be alcohol served at the Jets games. Dennis advised he has an "open door policy" and welcomes any questions or suggestions as well as ideas relative to fundraising activities.

Concerning the 2008-2009 ice fees, Doug did feel that until he completes a review of current and projected expenditures, we cannot set the fees. He will report on this and provide the fee amount ASAP. There was also some discussion concerning fee adjustment if a player is injured in relation to where he/she is in the season. The Board discussed and felt that any prorated refunding would be on a case-by-case basis. This information will need to be provided to the parents upfront advising that a flat amount will not be refunded but only a potential prorated amount possibly based on how long the player is out in relation to the date of injury and the season term.

Gina Gerace has graciously volunteered to be the Tournament Director. Both Dawn Stuart and Ted Farnham have run tournaments in the past and can provide valued direction to Gina during this process. Jim Merenick has also been involved in tourney planning and can provide assistance. Sarah Drake and Betsy Wells have also offered assistance to Gina. Every team will need to work with Gina. Discussion centered around the primary focus, which is getting the tourney-email site squared away, establish connections with the teams already reaching out to sign up for our tournament. Prices need to be set on line on the website and information concerning guaranteed number of games and girls' division need to be entered. Since CCYHA has no Mite travel, it was decided that we may wish to put together a Mite select team. Current needs for Gina are a letter to each team manager that she may contact, setting up the website, fees and number of games. Tracey Barron will provide Gina with a current listing for team managers. Liz also will expect some volunteer efforts from the Midgets/JV/HS players as they are required to do some volunteer hours. Their services can also be enlisted. Also discussed photographers for team photos and tourney photos. Levels will be Mite A; Squirts A/AA; PeeWee A/AA; Bantam A/AA and Girl's U-19. Information will be given to webmaster concerning fee info.

Liz reported that Patty Rizzo resigned from her position as Director-at-Large. The Board is hoping that a parent with a young player moving up in the Association will volunteer.

Board discussed fundraisers. The fundraisers are needed to not only offset the goalie clinic but the ice fees. Discussion concerning Yankee Candle sale and whether to purchase candles outright or sell via catalog sales. CCYHA does have permission to set up a table for sales at the Thanksgiving Tourney. Also discussed fundraising using gold cards, lottery tickets. Wayne Weaver stopped up to discuss his idea for fundraising via a raffle for a Ford Mustang. Wayne is currently exploring upfront costs and details and will report back to Liz with additional information. Motion made by Marcia Carlson to have a table to sell candles at the Thanksgiving Tourney. Seconded by JP Melcher. The vehicle fundraiser tabled for additional information. Liz did advise whatever fundraisers there will be, there will be no offset directly to the players fees. The fundraisers will be used to counterbalance an increase in ice fees.

No announcements.

Next Board meeting to be announced on the CCYHA website.

Motion made by Ted Farnham to adjourn and seconded by JP Melcher. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 P.M.**

**Revised 11/6/08**

Attendance: Liz Morgan; JP Melcher; Tracey Barron; Matt Allen; Andrew Hill; Ted Farnham; Marcia Carlson; Tom McFall; Anne Conti

Liz Morgan called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M. Motion made by Liz Morgan to accept the minutes from the August 21, 2008 Board meeting and motion seconded by Tracey Barron. Minutes accepted.

A motion was made by Tracey Barron to accept Matt Allen for the At-Large Position and seconded by Marcia Carlson. Motion passed. The Board also discussed the vacant seat for corresponding secretary. There are no applicants. Due to lack of interest, the Board agrees to keep the seat vacant due to lack of interest. This position will be reviewed at the annual 2009 meeting.

Reports of Officers & Standing Committees

Treasurer's – Treasurer not available to provide report at this time. Liz did report that Doug has been working on a budget.

Travel- Ted Farnham reports there are winning records in every Division. Also, there are still coaches and managers that still need to complete the NYSAHA screening form. Ted also reports it looks like there will be a "Best of the West" tourney and no State Tourney.

House – Tom McFall reports he will be sending out a letter to coaches sometime within the next week or so, that all KIJ outstanding bills must be paid by the end of October and prior to the upcoming season. Tom also reports that the KIJ numbers are looking good for registration. They are as follows:

35 Beginners (4,5,6 years old)  
45 Mite House  
40 in older division.

They may be an additional registration coming up. Tom feels that between 175 to 200 from beginners to house is a good number. Some discussion concerning the sponsorship for the Timbits. As to the girl's, they are scheduled for a mini-tourney in Rochester and, it looks like the rink is planning a girl's tourney also. No confirmation as to dates at this time. Number show there will be 4 to 5 teams in the Girl's Division with 2 home and 2 away games.

No Sled Hockey Report

Old Business:

Discussion concerning fees. The fees were established at the 2/28/08 Board meeting and are as follows:

	Beginners	\$200.00
	KIJ	\$365.00 <b>(Change from the 2/20/08 minutes from \$360.00 to \$365.00/Change made Tom McFall)</b>
<b>by</b>	Girl's	\$640.00
	Squirt	<b>\$775.00 TB</b>
	PeeWee	<b>\$810.00 TB / \$750.00 NTB</b>
	Bantam	\$870.00
	Midget Major and Minor	\$775.00

The fees for high school and JB will be separate from the above scheduled fees. There are currently outstanding ice bills from the 2007-2008 season. Liz and Doug will discuss and Liz will work through contacting these families individually. It was also requested that a separate posting be done on the CCYHA website confirming this season's fees and that the old bills will need to be paid up.

There will be a high school and JV tryout. High school is tentatively scheduled for 10/20 during the Midget slotted practice and JV tentatively on 10/27. Dates and times will be confirmed and posted on the website.

A new Tournament Director is needed. There have been some individuals who expressed an interest in the position to various Board members. Liz will explore the continued interest for the position.

The Board discussed fundraising options. Selling candles at a table in the event the rink has a tournament for Thanksgiving is an option, however, there has not been any confirmation from the rink at this time that there will be a tourney. At a previous Board meeting, a fundraiser to sell 3,000 tickets for the chance on a car was presented. After discussion, the Board felt that while this would be a viable opportunity, it was a bit too late in the season to begin this type of fundraiser and best explored in the Spring. There was also discussion concerning selling lottery tickets as a parent sponsored fundraiser and, that this option would be doable. Options for pay-outs would be daily numbers, plus special day pay-outs of \$100 together with Saturday and Sunday drawings for \$50.00 each. It is estimated that with this type of project, it would require start-up cost of approximately \$1,000 to \$2,000. There would be no "opt-out" of this fundraiser. Each family would be required to sell 3 tickets per family. Tickets can be printed by the Penny Saver and would be numbered from 000 to 999.

#### New Business:

Ted Farnham reported to the Board that there have been some issues with the release of locker room keys to players. There will be no further distribution of keys to the players only.

Andrew Hill reported on marketing strategies. The numbers for the Beginners are up. There has been aggressive marketing for this level over the last few months. Since T.V. is an expensive medium, the Association has used the radio and paper as marketing tools. Through the summer there was a full page ad in the Chautauqua Idol book donated by Andrew Hill through the station. The rink has purchased 100 sets of equipment through USA hockey and the CCYHA equipment is in good shape. It is a draw to promote the skating without the need to purchase equipment. Learn to Skate will start up in the upcoming week so it was discussed as to the possibility of buying cheap jerseys or piney for the Learn to Skate Hockey players. Older kids interested and hearing about hockey generally hear by work or mouth and in the schools. Targets to market would be Beginners and KIJ and Tom feels that 10 and under would be a great age to market.

Also discussed the possibility of a billboard campaign. However, there needs to be 3 to 4 around the City and one on Rte. 60 and One on Rte. 62. We would need to find an advertiser willing to help offset the cost by putting their logo on billboard. Other thoughts would be whether or not we want to advertise on radio during the Sabres games. Andrew is also interested in how the association is being perceived in the community. Advertising could be based on what makes hockey special.

Additional Items: Tom will have one more beginner registration sometime mid to late October. Additional individuals helping out for KIJ will be Bryce Hanson, Kris Carlson and Shawn Tousley.

Andrew also reported that he is interested in sponsoring a Mite program through the radio group if CCYHA can buy jerseys.

No further items to report. Next Board meeting will be announced and posted on the website. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

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The Tournament Chair provided an update. Sarah reported that the tourney website is up and running and working well. The tournament application is on the website. Currently about 10 applications have been received. There are no issues as to accommodations. She is providing info on this matter as it is requested. She does need some help sorting out the A and AA players. A contract has been established with the photographer and T-shirt contractor. It is hoped that the Friday night can be done away with in favor of Monday, due to the President's holiday. Sarah reiterated that everyone will need to volunteer. There are too many jobs and not enough parents.

Update on the goalie clinic, which is doing well. There have already been 5 clinics with roughly 10 to 12 goalies at each clinic. Pete reports the older goalies are taking advantage and some in-house goalies are showing up. There are also 2 goalies from the girl's team. Shooters are appropriate for the skill levels. Currently only 1 coach is showing up. It is imperative that a coach from each team show up to move forward with continuity of drills to be used in practice. Liz is asking again that all coaches have a representative to go to the clinics. Pete is also taking movies of the clinics and is hoping to utilize clips to make a DVD for in house use. Also, there may be some issues with the younger goalies in putting on equipment. So it may be a good idea to have someone working with the younger goalies. Tom can reach out to the KIJ and Mite House concerning other coaches representing at the Clinic.

New Business:

The Lottery Fundraiser tickets are out and have already begun to be distributed. Liz restated that the Board is not funding the goalie camp with this fundraiser. Fees for the WNY Hockey Association have gone up. CCYHA buys the jerseys for the Mites, ref fees have increased, and again, the rink ice fees have increased. Only 4 tickets per family need to be sold. So, if there are multiple children within a family that are playing CCYHA, only 4 tickets for the family need to be sold. The fundraiser applies to KIJ and house. It does not include Beginners.

It was brought to the Board's attention that family discounts have been offered in the past. Liz will discuss this with Tracey concerning any discounts.

It was suggested to the Board to think about a used equipment sale for the goalies. We also need to purchase pucks and puck bags.

It was reported to the Board that the puck shooting machine has a part missing but can indeed be replaced. Liz recommended that this be fixed and the bill submitted to Doug Schutte for the repair.

JV try-outs completed. Only 4 juniors can be rostered, but only 3 can sit on the bench at any given game time. Alternates have been selected which include 2 girl's, 1 more junior and 3 Bantams. JV penalties are the same as high school with matched suspensions.

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Open Discussion:

Jim Merenick presented an advertising proposal for advertising CCYHA on restaurant placements. There is no charge to put our logo on the website and is essentially free advertising. Jim will link up with the gentleman that promotes the placemats. Motion made by Marcia Carlson and seconded by Matt Allen for Jim to make the contact for this advertising.

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A reminder concerning open ice when a game gets cancelled, we need to use it as practice ice. It is too late to turn the ice time back to the rink.

Next month's Board meeting scheduled on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Motion made by Ted Farnham to adjourn meeting and seconded by Jim Merenick. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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Old Business:

High School fees have to be set by the High School Committee.

The Tournament Chair provided an update. Sarah reported that the tourney website is up and running and working well. The tournament application is on the website. Currently about 10 applications have been received. There are no issues as to accommodations. She is providing info on this matter as it is requested. She does need some help sorting out the A and AA players. A contract has been established with the photographer and T-shirt contractor. It is hoped that the Friday night can be done away with in favor of Monday, due to the President's holiday. Sarah reiterated that everyone will need to volunteer. There are too many jobs and not enough parents.

Update on the goalie clinic, which is doing well. There have already been 5 clinics with roughly 10 to 12 goalies at each clinic. Pete reports the older goalies are taking advantage and some in-house goalies are showing up. There are also 2 goalies from the girl's team. Shooters are appropriate for the skill levels. Currently only 1 coach is showing up. It is imperative that a coach from each team show up to move forward with continuity of drills to be used in practice. Liz is asking again that all coaches have a representative to go to the clinics. Pete is also taking movies of the clinics and is hoping to utilize clips to make a DVD for in house use. Also, there may be some issues with the younger goalies in putting on equipment. So it may be a good idea to have someone working with the younger goalies. Tom can reach out to the KIJ and Mite House concerning other coaches representing at the Clinic.

New Business:

The Lottery Fundraiser tickets are out and have already begun to be distributed. Liz restated that the Board is not funding the goalie camp with this fundraiser. Fees for the WNY Hockey Association have gone up. CCYHA buys the jerseys for the Mites, ref fees have increased, and again, the rink ice fees have increased. Only 4 tickets per family need to be sold. So, if there are multiple children within a family that are playing CCYHA, only 4 tickets for the family need to be sold. The fundraiser applies to KIJ and house. It does not include Beginners.

It was brought to the Board's attention that family discounts have been offered in the past. Liz will discuss this with Tracey concerning any discounts.

It was suggested to the Board to think about a used equipment sale for the goalies. We also need to purchase pucks and puck bags.

It was reported to the Board that the puck shooting machine has a part missing but can indeed be replaced. Liz recommended that this be fixed and the bill submitted to Doug Schutte for the repair.

JV try-outs completed. Only 4 juniors can be rostered, but only 3 can sit on the bench at any given game time. Alternates have been selected which include 2 girl's, 1 more junior and 3 Bantams. JV penalties are the same as high school with matched suspensions.

Discussion concerning players not selected on a roster to buy-in to the practice. It was felt that there are problems with this at the high school level and this sets a precedent with other players wanting to buy-in to practice time. Motion made that if player is not rostered, cannot buy-in to practice with a team. All in favor.  
Open Discussion:

Jim Merenick presented an advertising proposal for advertising CCYHA on restaurant placements. There is no charge to put our logo on the website and is essentially free advertising. Jim will link up with the gentleman that promotes the placemats. Motion made by Marcia Carlson and seconded by Matt Allen for Jim to make the contact for this advertising.

Again reiterated that for injured players out for rest of the season, there is no automatic prorate of fees. Any consideration of fees is subject to Board review on an individual player basis.

A reminder concerning open ice when a game gets cancelled, we need to use it as practice ice. It is too late to turn the ice time back to the rink.

Next month's Board meeting scheduled on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Motion made by Ted Farnham to adjourn meeting and seconded by Jim Merenick. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Conti  
Recording Secretary

**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Community Room  
December 17, 2008 6:30 P.M.**

Attendance: Liz Morgan; Anne Conti; Tracey Barron; Pete Wyatt; JP Melcher; Marcia Carlson; Ted Farnham; Sarah Drake; Matt Allen; John Dykstra; Joe Gerace; Chuck Stuart; Dawn Stuart

Meeting Called to Order by Liz Morgan at 6:48 P.M. November Board minutes distributed and motion made by Ted Farnham to accept minutes and seconded by Marcia Carlson. November minutes approved.

Reports of Officers & Standing Committees

Treasurer – Statement of Profit and Loss submitted for the period of July 1 through December 17, 2008. Treasurer reports that invoicing is a must to be done for each player and will be started after January 1, 2009. The largest expense is for ice fees. Anticipated income streams will come from the fundraiser, President's Tournament, and Pay-Pal account. The Registrar is working out payment arrangements with those families who have contacted her. Anybody attending try-outs for the upcoming season must be paid up in full before the try-out. If not paid in full, the player will not be able to try-out. Motion made by Tracey Barron to accept Treasurer's report and seconded by Matt Allen.

Travel – Both Bantam and PeeWee are in 1st place in their Divisions and Squirts are in the middle of their Division. It was also reported that WNYHS is talking about going to a full Midget season (September to February) and high school for full high school season. The junior teams are growing which is affecting the local hockey organization player pools. Short discussion by Board as to how such a decision would impact if there is only a Midget or high school team. Board will need to try and get an idea of how many teams the association will have.

House – No report at this time from Tom McFall. Joe Geraci did report they are rounding up a Mite Select travel and have had 15 sign-ups with more players showing up. Board recommended that they have try-outs. The Board felt if house league is the feeder for travel, the players need more ice to develop.

Sled Report – No report at this time

Old Business:

Tournament Update – There is confusion about A and AA players. Squirt AA is full. There are 8 PeeWee A's and 3 AA's; 6 Bantam A's, no double AA's. Slotting for the teams is based on record. Logistics still need to be worked out regarding security and EMT coverage. Sarah will work with Ted Farnham concerning assistance with scheduling and what teams to place where. Currently no interest in a girl's team.

Lottery – The final due date for tickets to be turned in is December 31, 2008.

Advertising Proposal – no update

Team Pictures – pictures are done and will be shipped prior to Christmas. There may be another retake night if needed.

New Business:

Liz reports there is to be a General Meeting of the membership in January 2009. Membership is invited as there will be by-law changes. These changes have been worked on by Andrew Hill. Liz also needs to know who will be vacating their Board positions. Treasurer suggested that the Board consider a paid Executive Director position, but in so doing, this will require by law changes.



The update on the WNYH meeting reports a significant number of aggressive penalties at the Midget level. It was again recommended that the games be videotaped and any complaints given to Liz.

Senior Night is moving along. Someone is need to arrange slide show and pictures for Senior Night. It was suggested to check with the AV Department at Jamestown High School as a project for the students. In the alternative, Marcia will check with Captured Image to see if they can handle. No further old or new business.

General Discussion:

Liz wants to know if there re complaints within the organization. Also, she will be here for try-outs. The association numbers are dwindling for various teams and the association needs to be thinking ahead. Currently there are about 60 beginners.

Motion made by JP Melcher to adjourn and seconded by John Dykstra. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Conti  
Recording Secretary