

THERE WAS NO MEETING IN DECEMBER OF 2009

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - November 18, 2009
Jamestown Savings Bank ice Arena

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Matt Allen, Betsy Wells, Tracey Barron, Phil Splawski, Ted Farnham, J.P. Melcher, Sarah B. Drake, Marcia Carlson, Marlene Sirianno

I. CALL TO ORDER

President called meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 21st Board Meeting were distributed. Motion made by Matt Allen to accept the minutes and seconded by Tracey Barron. Minutes passed.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. President's Report

President reported on high school. Jamestown Team is playing in Erie and Western New York League just like last year. They left USA Hockey because USA Hockey would not allow 8th graders to play JV.

President stated she and the Coaching Coordinator will form a tryout committee and a rules committee to set up tryouts, develop new rules and Coaching and player selection procedures for the upcoming tryouts for the 2010-2011 season. The tryout committee meeting will be held on December 9th, at 6:30 p.m. at the JSBIA and is open to any association member. The Board will oversee coaching selections. It appears there may be a problem obtaining coaches at the Midget level. The overall most significant problem the Association will face next year is securing qualified coaches.

B. VP Travel Report

VP of Travel reported that travel is going well. Pee Wees have a winning record. There was an issue as to whether Goalies are subject to the WHYAHL rule that an alternate can only play 9 games with the second team and upon playing the 10th game, the player cannot play on the first team. Janice from WHYAHL informed the Association that goalies are not subject to this rule. This helps alleviate the problem with the Pee Wee tournament bound team pulling up the goalie from the Pee Wee MOHL team. The association is still trying to find a few more players to play with the Pee Wee MOHL team as they have a short bench.

C. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present but the President reported that things are going well as far as the Treasurer's report. The Poinsettia sale netted \$6,000. Candle sale netted \$1,200. If we sell another 18 or so, it will be \$1300. She suggested next year we should have a donut sale around Halloween.

D. Registrar's Report

Registrar questioned how to go about rostering the Jamestown High School Team. It was brought to her attention that they have to roster through AAU. No USA Hockey roster is needed for Maple Grove/Southwestern.

E. VP of House Report.

VP of House reported parent meetings for the house level were held on November 17th at the rink, one parent meeting for the 9-13 age group and one parent meeting for the 14-18 age group. Liz Morgan and Ted Farnham were present as well as Betsey Wells. The parent meeting for the age group 9-13 went very well. Approximately 31 of 40 players had parents attending. Information was given out concerning rosters, game times, fund-raising, posting of information, emails, sponsors, ice fees and volunteering. There were 12 parents who volunteered to help with score keeping, managing, etc.

For the second parent meeting for the age group 14-18, approximately 13 of 27 players had parents attending as well as two players who attended the parent meeting instead of their scheduled practice. The information given to the families was the same as given to the 9-13 age group.

Several concerns were raised during the meeting. Much of the discussion involved a debate over families and players choosing teams vs. coaches rostering the teams. One parent informed the board members that she and 4 other families wanted to play on the same team this coming year or they would be withdrawing from the organization. There were only 27 players registered in this division. It was explained to the parents and the 2 players present, that due to the low numbers in this division, teams will need to be rearranged and divided by ability and not by request, in order to keep the teams even in playing ability. Betsey Wells and Liz Morgan emphasized that the House coaches had specifically requested that they move the players onto the 2 or 3 rosters to even out player abilities and make the teams more competitive. One player spoke up and stated that since the players were most affected by roster changes, the coaches should allow the players themselves to choose the teams. Three parents volunteered to help with the teams, keep score and run the time clock. Another issue raised was a perceived lack of communication about scheduling, fund raising and fees. Betsey reported that she explained as has been explained in the past that confusion about exact fees stemmed from continued efforts by the Board to recruit more KIIJ players to keep the final cost down. Betsy also stated she would send out another e-mail for one final recruitment effort. Registration for KIIJ will be closed after November 30, 2009. Games will start after December 4th. The meeting ended without a clear idea if the attending families were unhappy with the rosters and if they were planning to leave the organization. Betsey reported that after the parent meeting she met with the KIIJ coaching staff for both 9-14 and 14-18. Present were John Ditcher, Randy Daugharthy, Rod Anderson and Jamie Paterniti. The coaches reiterated that only the coaches and Vice President of House, and not the parents or players would choose the teams. They expressed grave concerns about certain parental involvement and the lack of volunteers. They also questioned the purpose of the players attendance at the parent meeting instead of being on the ice for practice

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Fund-raising

See Treasurer's Report Above.

b. February Tournament

The Tournament Director reported that the Tournament planning is going well, nine teams have signed up to date.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Hockey Gear donation

The President reported that the Association has received a donation of Hockey equipment including hocks and Underarmour.

VI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Matt Allen reported that pictures will be taken commencing the week of December 5th by Captured Image. Matt also reported that the Goalie clinic is still going well. Goalie turnout is still at 99% and 4-5 core coaches regularly attend. There are 3-5 goalies from outside the Association attending.

VII. **Questions/comments/open discussion**

None

VIII.. **Adjournment**

Motion by Ted Farnham to skip regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays and conflicting schedules, Marcia Carlson seconded, approved. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

The Board then went into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to address an issue involving a house family.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to the Regularly Scheduled meeting and reported that the Board approved a motion to release the parent and player from the Association.

Motion to adjourn by Betsey Wells, seconded by Ted Farnham. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - October 21, 2009
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Marcia Carlson, Betsy Wells, Sheila Myers, Matt Allen, Greg Noon, Don Schmelzinger, J.P. Melcher, Ted Farnham, Dough Schutte, Sarah Drake, Paul Bond, Wendy Bond, Marlene Sirianno

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

Minutes from September 14, 2009, Board meeting were distributed. Motion made by Marcia Carlson to accept and seconded by Matt Allen. Minutes passed

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Treasurer's Report: Doug Schutte reported that invoices have been sent out to travel players. Each invoice contains an explanation of the fund-raising requirement of \$200 per player for Pee Wees and Bantams and \$100 per player for Mites, Squirts, Midget U16, Midget U18 and High School Teams. The statement also gives notice of the option to buy out of the fundraisers and if any player's fund-raising exceeds the \$200 minimum, the excess can be applied to their bill. The notice is self-explanatory so long as everyone reads it. In addition, the invoices contain detachable coupons so that families may pay in three separate payments. Managers should be keeping track of their player's individual fund-raising sales and turning all funds into Sheila Myers. The Treasurer handed out a Profit & Loss statement for the period July 1, 2009 through October 21, 2009, and a Balance Sheet as of October 21, 2009. Motion made by Marlene Sirianno to approve the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement, seconded by Matt Allen and approved by all members.

Treasurer reported that there are still outstanding ice fees from last year owed by some players and the Association agreed these players will not be permitted on the ice until past fees are paid.

President's Report: Liz reported there are other fund-raising opportunities that have recently surfaced. Mike Ferguson has informed her that if any team wants to come into a Jets game and run all the concessions, he will give you no less than 50% of the profits and possibly more. He also suggested that during a tournament the rink would buy the food, prepare the food and they would offer a spread of a team's choice and the team would sell the food and get more than 50% of the profits.

Liz gave an update on the high school and JV program. High School will start the weekend of November 20th. Senior night will be January 9th. High School did go AAU so all players must register with AAU before getting on the ice. High School teams must have three manager's books, one for the Manager, one for Vice President and One for the President. Gate fees will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. The teams pay for their own EMT's. JV team has completed tryouts. John Dykstra will be coaching JV's and they will be in the Lakeshore

League. Liz will schedule their games but will not be managing the team. They do have a full Roster.

This year the Association must bill Western New York Club Hockey for the ice time. The Association will bill Western New York Club Hockey for the cost of home games and then Club Hockey will write a check every month. As far as the cost for high school players, it was proposed to equally divide the costs among all three high school teams (includes JV's).

Liz discussed the Thanksgiving Tournament at Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena. She indicated teams cannot sign up for the Tournament until it is USA Hockey Sanctioned. The tournament would provide another opportunity for fund-raising by selling items at the tournament.

Vice President of Travel Report: VP of Travel reported that things were going well for travel. B

Vice President of House Report: Betsy Wells reported that she is still attempting to get USA Hockey Bar codes for all registered players. When she receives them she will forward them all to the registrar. There needs to be a house fundraiser. The treasurer reported that if all players have signed up for house, he will go ahead and send out invoices to house players.

Fund-raising: Sheila Myers reported that the Wristband sells were progressing satisfactorily. She set up the wristband fundraiser anticipating every travel player would participate. Some players have chosen to buyout of the wristband fundraiser which will alter the projected profits and leave the Association with excess wristbands. The recommended sale price for each band is \$3.00. Players may sell them for less and receive less of a credit per band. The cost of a 20 count bag of wristbands is \$5.60. Other fundraisers offered by the association include Poinsettia sales and Goose Creek candles. All fund-raising should be completed by December. The Poinsettia sale will begin November 2nd and all orders need to be in by November 14th. Payment must be collected at the time of ordering.

OLD BUSINESS

Goalie Clinic: Matt Allen reported that the Goalie Clinic was going well. It is drawing 3-5 goalies from outside the association which is a great turn out. Coach participation as increased as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Pictures: Matt Allen reported that Captured Image is willing to give us up to 15% of picture profits. There were discussions about other available choices for pictures. Matt Allen made a motion for the Association to hire Captured Image to do pictures, seconded by Ted Farnharm and approved by all.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

There were general discussions regarding fund-raising. One team would like to revise our sponsorship letter to solicit donations from local businesses. The Board said that would be acceptable but that we needed to be careful not to double-dip businesses. There was a suggestion to sell the \$10 Lottery tickets as were sold last year. The Board would approve any team desiring to sell those tickets.

There was a general discussion about how the Association can improve. It was agreed that the Association needs to plan an event to draw kids here and entice them to join. The beginner program this year has drawn in a good number of players. It is imperative to build a strong program at the beginner and mite level to keep the Association going.

There were other suggestions from members of the Association such as holding a Buffalo Sabres Alumni Event and or hockey clinics.

Motion made by Marcia Carlson to adjourn, seconded by Matt Allen. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board Meeting - September 14, 2009
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Sheila Myers, Tracey Baron, Sarah Drake, Matt Allen, Marcia Carlson,
Marlene Sirianno

I. CALL TO ORDER

President called meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 17, 2009, Board meeting were distributed. Motion made by Marcia Carlson to accept and seconded by Tracey Baron. Minutes passed.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

A. President's Report

President reported she is anxious to settle the fees for next year. Motion was made by the President to approve the fee schedule set forth in the Minutes of the August 17, 2009, meeting, seconded by Marlene Sirianno, all in favor and approved.

B. Vice President Travel - No report was given.

C. Treasurer's Report - No report given.

D. VP House Report and Registrar's Report

Registrar reported the final numbers for house registration are not complete. House sign-ups at the rink resulted in approximately 33 new players. Brochures were handed out in all the local elementary schools for distribution to 1st and 2nd graders for Beginner Registration.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Fundraising Committee Report

Sheila Myers reported her fundraising plan to include wristbands to sell for \$3.00 each. If each player sells 20 wristbands, this would result in a \$52 profit per player. The Fundraising plan also includes the sale of poinsettias to yield a profit of \$7 per plant. The wristband sale will commenced the 1st week of October and the Poinsettia orders would be taken the first week of November. Liz Morgan suggested the sale of Goose Greek candles as she has learned of considerable success is selling these candles as a fundraiser. She is willing to order 300 candles for the association to sell. Tracey Baron discussed the possibility of a Skills Competition to be built around the house tournament.

Liz Morgan reported there will be a Hockey Expo on November 14th and 15th at the Buffalo Convention Center. Tables can be purchased for \$250. This could be an opportunity for a fundraiser. There was a discussion regarding a possible donation of several pairs of hocks which could be sold by the Association. Marcia Carlson also proposed a "sale weekend" for possibly the weekends of October 17th and 18th or November 21st and 22nd since most teams are playing home. Each travel team could Set up a table at the rink to sell merchandise.

v. NEW BUSINESS

A. High School

Liz Morgan reported that High School Tryouts are scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2009 at 9:35 p.m. and Wednesday September 30, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. for Jamestown Varsity; Monday, October 5, 2009 at 9:30 p.m. for Southwestern-Maple Grove and Wednesday, and October 7, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. for Junior Varsity. John Dykstra volunteered to assist with the JV team. It is anticipated that John Sitzenstatter will coach the Southwestern-Maple Grove team and Bruce Hokanson will coach the Jamestown Team.

B. House League Registration - See Registrar's Report above.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Sarah Drake reported that the Mid-Winter Classic Tournament will take place on February 12-15th. The application will be posted on the CCYHA website. Tournament fees will be as follows: Squirt \$875; Pee Wee \$900; Bantam \$925; U19 girls \$900 and Mites \$850. Sled Hockey would like an exhibition game during the Tournament as well.

VII. COMMENTS & DISCUSSION - None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Marcia Carlson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tracey Barron. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on October 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Sirianno
Recording Secretary

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Annual Membership Meeting
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena
August 5, 2009

Attendance: Tracey Barron, Dan Barron, Marlene Sirianno, Andrew Hill, Liz Morgan, JP Melcher, Anne Conti, Matt Allen, Fred Krywy, Rod Kolstee, Terry Carlson, Doug Schutte, Ivan Zwiig, Ted Farnham, Shirley Myers, Marcia Carlson, Betsy Wells, Sarah Drake, Chip Nelson

President called meeting to Order at 6:35 P.M.

Minutes from June 2, 2009 Board meeting distributed. Motion made by JP Melcher to accept and seconded by Matt Allen. Minutes passed. President reported that Marlene Sirianno will be taking over position of Recording Secretary.

As to election/appointment of club officers, there are no elections as those positions up for election are running unopposed.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Registrar: Reported to Board that 62 have signed up at USA Hockey, which includes coaches. A house registration needs to be scheduled. Registrar will need all rosters and recommends 2 copies of birth certificate and registration with one copy for team manager and one for registrar. Game schedules are also needed.

Registrar will be keeping in contact with Treasurer concerning those players in good standing. The USA Hockey registration can be saved in .pdf format and or/ bar code # either of which can then be forwarded to Registrar. It was also reported that some renewals need to be completed for coaching certification. Registrar will be checking with Janice Caveretta concerning what waivers will be needed.

Travel: Liz reported that Janice Caveretta does not want anyone to send her anything. All goes to Registrar, who will then forward to Liz, who will then send to Janice. Also, referee grievances through WNY go President to President. State bound team info not received yet. President will be attending the WNY Board meeting to find out what will be required. It was also reported that the USA Hockey Registration currently holds through August 31, 2009 but upcoming changes will be from May 1 to May 1 of the following year. It was also reported that the JV team this year will be going to WNY. This is the last year any high school junior will be able to play

on JV (which is now limited to 3 Jrs.). As of this date, a high school manager is still needed for Jamestown. Our high school organization is in the AAU league. Volunteers are needed for the high school committee, try-outs need to be scheduled and as of this date a JV coach is needed. Marcia Carlson to spearhead a high school committee.

President reported that the backbone of the organization is the coaches, which is where we have a serious problem. There are not enough coaches. Our organization needs some younger player Dad's to step up for coaching positions.

Treasurer: Treasurer handed out Balance Sheet, Profit/Loss Statements by Class from June 2008 through June 2009. Reported to Board that books have previously been done on a journal entry basis but the organization must be on an item by items basis. The income totals and expense totals are accurate. The statements show that the organization is spending more than it is making with many challenges ahead for the upcoming year. Treasurer recommends clear and pre-set budgets per team. Budgeting is critical. Ice fees have gone up. As to upcoming season, once the ice fees per team have been established, the bills will go out to all travel players. Additional fundraisers are needed with 2 sub-committees established to address how we raise additional funds. Currently most of the outstanding funds due are from house. Current rosters and the improved bookkeeping and player tracking system for receivables will help collection. It was reported that if player bills are not paid by 8/1/09 they will be de-rostered and outstanding payments after 8/15/09 will go to collection. All invoices for accounts were sent in June for outstanding charges. General discussion among those in attendance concerning the use of outside referees. It was reported to the Board that the number of teams to a referee have been reduced. CCYHA also does not need to get out of town ref's for their games. This will reduce additional travel expenses. We also need to look at the demographics of our association. This upcoming season we will be losing 12 to 13 seniors. The Peewee and Squirt #'s are low. Future seasons will possibly realize only 1 high school and maybe a JV team. Our association needs to do marketing to solicit players. It was also discussed that teams need to monitor their ice usage. Managers need to get ice back to the rink in a timely manner. Another option was to bank ice time. President will be meeting with coaches and managers to discuss options for turning back ice. Also, player fees need to be looked at in relation to appropriate costs for each time with the end result being higher fees. We need to be looking again at sponsors (USA hockey prefers sponsor patch, not name on jersey).

House: House Coordinator reported that KIJ will be doing a minor McDonald's fundraiser. Each house player will get 3 McDonald's tickets built into their fee to sell. This fundraiser is not optional. There are no player #'s yet for teams. There are some problems in that the older players have kept their jerseys. Betsy wants input from coaches as the teams need to be evenly matched. Coaching Coordinator does have evaluation forms. This is needed as a source to evaluate those players wishing to move from house to travel. Under USA Hockey rules, house cannot have any contact. Betsy reports that players need more development, possibly in the form of select teams for the older players.

Sled: Rod reported that Sled Hockey is doing well. Their major source of funding is through a \$25,000.00 grant from the Evans Foundation. This past season they did attend the Keystone Games, receiving gold. They also attended nationals in Columbus, placing 3rd. Rod reported that the players on sled hockey do not pay for cost of sleds and equipment. He would like to see some exhibition games with the varsity or any travel team. Board discussed setting an exhibition game during the Tim Horton tourney in February. Rod also reported he is checking on a USA Hockey/Canada game to be hosted here.

Old Business:

Rink Contract has been signed for upcoming year with ice at \$145.00 per sheet with final review by legal advisor.

There are concerns with the Squirt/Mite Travel. Our association does have a rostered coach in name only but no manager or coach for the bench. As such, if nobody steps up to be a coach on the ice or manager to enable President to declare a team, it goes back to house. There are players on the Squirt team who do want to travel. Board would like to see a legitimate Squirt select team which would focus on development as a feeder program to the travel teams. Select ice needs to be scheduled separately and evaluations need to be done. Matter of Squirt/Squirt Mohl and Mite select sharing ice to be discussed at the August Board meeting scheduled later this month.

Sarah Drake was reappointed as Tournament Director for upcoming season. She will have the ability to appoint a co-chair to assist with duties.

New Business:

Andrew Hill discussed CCYHA By-Laws and Constitution. The organization is currently going through a rebirth. The Board members received proposal changes by e-mail. Any proposed changes cannot officially be

adopted until members have reviewed and been given an opportunity to provide input. The proposed changes will be available on the CCYHA website with an open invitation for input to general membership for September or October at the latest. Andrew discussed some grammatical corrections as well as Article changes concerning an organization seal and to the mission statement. The by-laws will refer to policy handbook, which is also currently in construction. There are some changes to the Board members. The recommendation is made that there is no corresponding secretary. This position would be merged with the recording secretary duties. House VP would be House League Coordinator. Positions of ice coordinator, tournament director and director-at-large would be grandfathered in. Duties of the Board would remain the same but account under the President of the association. The Executive Committee would consist of President, Travel VP, House League Coordinator, Recording Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer. The positions of President, Travel VP, Registrar and Treasurer would be bonded. The House League Coordinator may appoint an assistant for the house league. The Tournament Director position would be appointed annually with this individual selecting a co-chair. Referee coordinator duties could be added to the ice time coordinator. The election committee and financial committees would be gone under the method of election. The Board can create any committee they choose. The information policy handbook will have everything required for a new player such as communication protocol, calendar of events (ie. registration, ice fee payment dates, appropriate forms). Also added would be the requirement that every travel team must have a representative attend monthly Board meetings. Try-out policies would be set forth. The high school hockey program and committee needs to provide input for the information needed in the handbook. As a note, at the April 2009 Board meeting, the Board voted to follow the existing by-laws in allowing a player to tryout a level above. The Board will be discussing additional changes to the tryout policy in relation to a player trying out a level above. Additional items discussed in the player handbook are the KIJ, scholarships, equipment requirements, fundraising requirements, tournaments, return check fees, team volunteers, drug policies, manager positions, parent conduct and player conduct. A grievance procedure has been added with appropriate protocol for communication. Andrew will be looking into another website as there have been some problems with the existing site. It was felt that rosters need to be included on the website, along with coach contacts for each team. It was reported that there is a mandatory coach/manager meeting set for all travel teams on August 27 at 5:30 P.M.at the rink.

A Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 17th @ 6:30 P.M. at the rink.

As to comments, the President reported that all written subjective complaints or accusations directed to the Board or another club member will not be accepted. All general concerns, complaints and grievances will follow a communication protocol as specifically outlined by USA Hockey. This in turn will be inserted into the information policy handbook currently in development. Protocol will follow the chain of player/parent to team manager; team manager to coach, team coach to the board.

There were no questions or topics for open discussion

Motion made by Betsy Wells to adjourn and seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Conti

Outgoing Recording Secretary

NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY OF 2009

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena
June 2, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: JP Melcher, Liz Morgan, Anne Conti, Marlene Sirianno, Betsy Wells, Matt Allen, Marcia Carlson, Sarah Drake

Meeting called to Order at 6:42 P.M. by Liz Morgan. The 4/22/09 Board minutes were distributed and a Motion made to accept minutes by JP Melcher and seconded by Matt Allen. Minutes approved.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Treasurer's: President reported on behalf of Treasurer that CCYHA owes another \$12,000.00 to the rink for fees. Outstanding accounts remain for the 2008-2009 season. These bills must be paid before players are rostered in the beginning of the 2009-2010 seasons. Treasurer will not be sending out bills until the fiscal year is wrapped up. It was also reported to the Board that the Treasurer would like to pay a CPA to do the annual taxes. All accounts will be consolidated to enable the financial process to be more organized.

Travel: The CCYHA Mission Statement was read by the Board. This statement clearly indicates the mission of the organization is not an NHL preparatory statement. It was also reported that another Junior A Tier II team will be coming to the arena. The Jets are now USA Hockey registered. The second Junior A team will be a "step-up" for the players going to the Jets. CCYHA continues to be in need of Level I, II, and III coaches. JP to reach out to recruit new potential coaches within the organization. Level 4 coaching clinics are overnights at a cost of \$260.00, which includes 5 tapes on conditioning and training. The Level 3 clinic is one day.

House: Betsy Wells reported that development at the house level is huge. The organization needs to get back to skills rather than being concerned about games with the obvious being that a player can't play games if he/she has no skills. House program needs to be set up like travel with off-sides and appropriate penalties. Since the organization will be following through with the Goalie Clinic again, the house goalies will need to attend also.

Old Business:

Board will be meeting to discuss final proposals for by-laws and presentation to the general membership.

Travel Coordinator reports that players had the opportunity to try-out a level above for the try-outs just completed. However, some coaches allowed players to play on a 2nd team at the level above that the player tried out for. This created some issues. The coaches were advised that players trying out a level above could not be placed on the 2nd team if not picked for the 1st team.

Matt Allen reported that Bill Wager would like to keep the same night for the Goalie Clinic, which is Monday evenings. His expenses are \$200.00 for the clinic and \$20.00 for travel expenses. At this point, we are not sure how many goalies we will have. Matt reported that Bill can take 10-12 players by himself, but he needs help from the other coaches in our organization. Matt to reach out to coaches as to feasibility of alternating Monday's for different CCYHA coaches to attend. Last season, we averaged about 10-13 goalies, with no outsiders attending the clinic. Board made the decision to not charge our players, but will charge those outside the organization. Each goalie parent within the organization will be contacted. It is estimated there are about 15 goalies between house and travel, so we would have 5 slots to sell. Currently goalies get \$150.00 off their fees. However, the goalies will be required to pay the full price and if the goalie attends a minimum of 9 clinics, this sum will be refunded. Goalies attending from outside the organization must pay the cost upfront @ \$15.00 per session for 12 sessions.

New Business:

President provided Board with a portion of the amended proposed rink contract and reported she has met with the CCYHA legal advisor. The ice fees are being raised from \$135.00 to \$140.00. The contract is pretty basic, however an amendment was made to correction under "Schedule A#3" that additional language be inserted "at no cost" concerning the loss of or changes to ice time due to the rink and not CCYHA.

Players have to be registered on-line by July 1, 2009. The team declarations need to be sent timely to Janice Caveretta. Every coach, including those on the bench and those working with the players, must be screened. The screening process is good for 3 years. Only female managers of male teams do not have to be screened.

There continues to be unknowns concerning the high school team. We do have a Midget season from August through October, 2009. The AAU league out of Buffalo wants an answer as to what our organization will be doing. The high school season is from November to the middle of March. We are not hosting States but will

be hosting the WNY play-offs. Liz reported that the high school group left USA Hockey and the AAU now encompasses 3 associations. Issues continue to be ironed out concerning what the organization is doing. Currently we have no JV registrar for the PA league and don't know whether JV will stay in Lakeshore or go to WNY. Also, the high school does not have a manager. The high school team rosters 18 skaters and 2 goalies. There will also be some type of Super Sunday of sorts for the high school. More information will follow. The Midget States for the upcoming season are tentatively scheduled in Fulton and Nassau Counties.

An annual membership meeting has been scheduled for August 5th. This meeting will include presentation of the by-law changes and election of officers (Recording Secretary, Coaching Coordinator and Vice-President).

The upcoming season invoices will be sent out the first part of July.

The Board also discussed a refund policy for players. If someone in Travel is signed up and starts to play and gets hurt while playing or in practice, the Board recommended a sliding fee for refunds. If injured within 30 days of season, there is a 50% refund, 2nd 30 to 60 days would be a 25% refund and after 60 days, no refund. JP Melcher made a Motion to accept this as the policy and seconded by Matt Allen. Motion passed.

Sarah Drake, Tournament Director, requested that she have a Co-Chair for the Tournament. The tourney is a big money maker for the organization. The 2009 tourney drew in \$12,000.00 to the organization.

It was also reported that we will be hosting a PeeWee tourney for those teams that don't make States. This will be sometime around the last week of February.

Marcia Carlson reported that we can use referees for the Midget U-18 and U-16 from within our organization rather than using the Buffalo refs. This will be a cost-saving measure. JP reports the CCYHA locker room needs to be organized with the equipment and estimates the cost of materials to do this at \$300.00. Matter to be discussed with Treasurer.

Motion made by JP Melcher to adjourn meeting and seconded by Sarah Drake. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Conti
Recording Secretary

NO MEETING IN MAY OF 2009

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Director's Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena
April 22, 2009 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Liz Morgan, JP Melcher, Ted Farnham, Doug Schutte, Marlene Sirianno, Marcia Carlson, Tom McFall, Tracey Barron, Dave Leathers, Chuck Carlson, Joe Gerace, Randy Stuart, Dawn Stuart, Check Stuart, Jeff Keppel, Tom Walsh, Matt Allen, Ivan Zwieg, John Dykstra, Sheila Spunaugle, Chris Spence, Tim Bergman, Greg Noon

Meeting called to order by Liz Morgan at 6:42 P.M. March 2009 Board minutes distributed and motion made by Tracey Barron to accept minutes and second by Matt Allen.

Concerning player ice bills, the invoices were sent out in February. The Treasurer has been making a transition to a different billing program. The President has no problem with individuals making payments but continues to ask that issues with invoices need to be worked out with the Treasurer concerning any financials before the night of try-outs. Anyone having an issue with a bill needs to contact the Treasurer to work out with

him directly. If no effort or attempt is being made concerning a bill, the player cannot try out. The President reiterated will work with anyone concerning arrangements.

Report of Officer's & Standing Committees

House: Liz reports that Betsy Wells has been appointed as House Coordinator. Betsy will work with the older house teams. She will be instrumental in assisting with team protocol, establishing new guidelines and looking at modeling after the travel teams with sanctions and penalties where appropriate. President will be working with Betsy concerning these procedures. Tom has volunteered to continue with the Beginner and Timbits program and will also be doing the Girl's Hockey. Tom reports that it works well routing kids to the Learn to Skate Program before they come to his beginner program.

There is no Mite travel team. It was reported there are 14 mites. There is not enough skill level to field a travel team. Jim Cirbus will be working with the house mites. A select team at this level could be put together allowing for some additional practice time, game time and perhaps a select tournament. Ice Coordinator will look for additional ice for Mite players. There are a lot of select teams that continue to solicit games, so there should not be any issues as to teams available to play the Mite select. The goal moving forward is to be able to have a Mite and Squirt travel team for next year.

Issues concerning only having a Mite developmental team were addressed to the Board by the membership. The Board was advised that Mites as a select team need more playing time which must be regularly scheduled and not sporadic. Membership comments were also that the skill level of our Mites is not up to the level that other Mite travel players are up too. It was also discussed that kids at this level develop as the season moves forward, and that under the travel program there is more ice time so that a player can develop. While the President acknowledged these concerns, the fact remains that the organization has a problem with coaches at the correct level. The coaching coordinator reported that at this level he has more applications for assistant coaches than head coaches. The Board advised that any parent can step forward and go through the screening and coaching process.

Chris Spence spoke to the Board and membership. Chris will be coaching the developmental Squirt team this year with a select team running in January of the season. He also reported that after the Squirt evaluations, there were 3 returning players whose skill level was quite advanced compared to the Squirts coming from the house program. Parents in attendance voiced concerns about only a developmental team. Comments were that the kids need to have ice time in order to develop their skills, we need to give parents the experience of travel hockey, and that it would be a mistake to run a select team in January when other teams have already been together on the ice before that time.

Membership also discussed the issues the organization is now facing since "C" Center status, which is that the travel teams are limited. A challenge before our organization is how to build teams and a strong house program to funnel into the travel program thereby providing stronger select teams.

Questions presented to the Board concerning commitment to ice for various teams. There have been issues about having adequate ice time to play and develop. The President reported that there were numerous challenges that affected the CCYHA ice time: 1) ice time schedule to the Junior B team 2) Dunkirk men's moved to Saturday nights 3) ice time that was given to specific teams was not used (every division gave up a sheet of ice at the last minutes). In addition, second Junior team will be coming in this next season. President explained that Allen Park is not a viable option as there are roof and ice machine issues.

Membership discussion concerning a plan to develop the Beginners/Mites/Squirts programs as to how the association can create an environment for kids to move up and increase skills. A decision was made to have a Mite-Sub-Committee consisting of volunteers: Tracey Barron, Doug Schutte, Chris Spence, Joe Gerace, Jeff Keppel and JP Melcher. If there are 15 Mite players who all want to play travel this level would then need to find a coach willing to commit.

Travel: Travel VP reported everyone must now register online for USA Hockey. Organizations have been told to register by May 1 but can also do it in August this year only. Next season will be required to register before May 1. This season only can register between May 1 and June 30. All, including coaches need to register.

Update on Rules Committee and 2009 Goalie Clinic Update Tabled

New Business:

Midget update: It was reported that the WNYHA has decided not to go to a full Midget year. The WNY High School Club organization is run as a USA Hockey Association. The WNY High School Club hockey league wants to leave and join AAU. The AAU has not By-Laws or USA affiliation. USA Hockey has advised our President that if we join AAU, our JHS Team would be in this league as would be the Explorer and Southtowns. In the event that our organization does not wish to join, our Midget teams could stay intact after the regular season and barnstorm other teams with the option of going to Lake Shore. President reported that she has discussed this with John Sizenstatter. If our league rosters an AAU team and plays a USA hockey team, which might be tournament bound, playing an AAU team would end the USA sanction team's tournament hopes. Midget tryouts are scheduled in two weeks. President reports more information will follow concerning the high school. The high school issues affect the whole WNY league. At this point, we will have some high school but don't know what.

President moved forward to Agenda Item for vote on by law change to allow players to try out a level above where currently playing.

Coaching Coordinator and President met with coaches and discussed tryout procedure/ There is a tryout procedure in place that will document why a player did/did not make the team. During this discussion the issue came up about player eligibility to tryout at different levels. Discussion concerning by-law language as drafted by Andrew Hill shared and discussion concerning the gray area of the bylaws as currently stated and as such do need to be clarified rather than its current subjective language.

President and Board invited membership to discuss. Comments shared by the membership relative to allowing a player to tryout for a team one level above: child is challenged to play; we need to give our players an opportunity to excel, we need to give our kids the opportunities to increase their skill levels to do better; does the association have a philosophy as it relates to being more competitive? Negatives discussed concerning trying out a level above: how does the organization push the kids below to become stronger players when the better players are moving up a level above and do you make the better players stay behind rather than allowing him/her to move up and increase individual skill level.

The President reminded those present that there is a numbers issue with having enough players on the various teams. We are a small organization with a small pool of players to pick from. It is hoped that everyone on travel would have an opportunity and advantage to go to States. President advised receipt of anonymous letters the association has been accused of allowing certain families to do whatever they wish. Parents have left to go to other Buffalo teams, junior teams and had these players stayed, it might have made a difference in their respective teams, had they chosen to stay. Comments made to the Board that there needs to be something done to keep players in the organization. The domino effect of a year without a Mite team will, down the road, effect other teams.

Additional questions posted to the Board: Is the Board allowing kids to try out across the Board or will it be a case-by-case basis? Who will have input if we don't set parameters when then leads to accusations about why decisions were made? The President wants to do the best possible thing for the largest number of players within the organization, whatever that may be. She is concerned that our very best players are leaving and the player pool will be "leached out". She also reiterated that there can be no by-law change as this needs to be put before the entire membership for a vote as to any new changes.

Motion made by Ted Farnham to move to Executive Session, Seconded by Marcia Carlson. Moved to Executive Session at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Conti
Recording Secretary

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena
March 17, 2009 @ 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Tracey Barron, Marlene Sirianno, Betsy Wells, JP Melcher, John Dykstra, Liz Morgan, Chuck Stuart, Doug Schutte, Randy Daugharthy, Jim Elia, Marcia Carlson, Ted Farnham, Matt Allen, Dawn Stuart, Christopher Oakes, Brandey Oakes, Joe Smith, John Ditcher, Ivan Zweig, Anne Conti, Tom McFall

Meeting called to order by Liz Morgan at 6:53 P.M. February 2009 Board minutes distributed and motion made by Tracey Barron to accept minutes and seconded by Marcia Carlson.

Reports of Officers & Standing Committees

Treasurer: Treasurer reported that CCYHA has \$53,760 in the primary account, showing about \$34,000 in receivables. Pay Pal and the high school accounts have yet to be pulled over. There was a miscommunication as to the Midget fees for U-16 for the 2008-2009 Season, however Treasurer is contacting the player families concerning the fees. It was reported to the Board that 2009-2010 ice bills will be mailed in July. Treasurer also reports that the feedback concerning the ice billings has been very good. It was also reported there will be an expected increase in next year's ice fees. It is hoped that we can provide a range of what the prospective 2009-2010 ice fees will be should be at upcoming try outs. As far as upcoming organization expenses, there is a large ice bill of approximately \$25,000 which will need to be paid. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Passed.

Travel Report: It was reported that the PeeWee level did well in the State's in Olean, making it to the second round of play-off's. Squirts and Bantams both lost their respective play-off's in a shoot-out. Midget U-18 is playing States in Syracuse this upcoming weekend. Travel registration went well. It was reported to the Board that the Mite Travel did have some problems. There are 12 kids and this level will need a coach. Also Squirt travel has 12 kids with 3 of the 12 having travel experience. It was suggested to the Board perhaps a Squirt mix or MOHL for next year with possibly 2 teams. Travel VP also reported that the most recent WNY Meeting there is continued discussion of going to Midgets for the full year and if there is a decision to do this, it would consist of 5 teams. All Q games would have to be played before November of each year and cannot be saved for later in the season. More will follow concerning this issue after the scheduled 4/20/09 National's. Rather than have Midgets try-out scheduled for the 4/21/09 date, there is discussion to move the date to May or June. There is a wait on this because of the WNY Hockey Association Midget season discussions. Liz also reported that more Level I and Level II Coaches are needed. There is concern about the coach availability for the PeeWee and below. She is urging the rink to schedule some additional coaching clinics.

Sled Hockey : No Report

Old Business:

Senior Night Update: Report to Board as to the 3/29/09 Sr. Night. Tom McFall is lining up Mites for the program. Lakeview Gardens will be working with Marcia Carlson and Tracey Barron is putting together slide show. There are 15 Seniors for the evening.

Scheduling for General Membership meeting – Tabled

Update Rules Committee:

A report was given to the Board from a member of the Rules Committee concerning the proposed re-write's of by-laws and the rules and guidebook. The By-laws need to be structured for specific items such as equipment requirements, parent conduct, purchasing of jerseys, etc. Also, a protocol concerning complaints needs to be

established and information setting forth how try outs are done. There needs to be a grievance procedure in place for parents and players rather than a haphazard e-mail approach. Documentation procedures need to be in place with a paper trail at the Board's end.

Coaching Coordinator again shared with Board the evaluation form which will now be used for the upcoming tryouts. This evaluation form will now be used as there were issues raised by the parent of a house player concerning the selection of a team roster and the fact that his/her child was not selected. Coaching Coordinator did report that the use of an evaluation form will help establish why a player not selected as to specific skills rather than for the reason that the player did not have a "good try out". Upon completing the evaluation form and roster, Coaching Coordinator advised the roster posting needs to be within 24 hours upon the tryout. If a parent and/or player has an issue with not being placed on the roster, the coach for the respective team can then go over the evaluation form.

There is a Rules Committee recommendation to eliminate the corresponding secretary, subject to a membership vote, and subsequently merge these duties between VP and recording secretary. Unchanged positions would be Registrar, Treasurer, Coaching Coordinator, Ice Coordinator. There would also be 4 Director-at-large positions (appointed by CCYHA President). The guidebook and rules would be available online at the CCYHA website when completed. It was also recommended that there be better lines of communication between the Board and the House as well as the need for a girl's and 2 house coordinator positions. One house coordinator would be Beginner, Mite and Squirts with a recommendation that this level be called a developmental program (including drills, teams can break off to select and barnstorm in December to play). This coordinator would work with Tom McFall developmentally. The 2nd house coordinator would be for the level of PeeWee/Bantam/Midget. Early registration #'s for KIJ for upcoming season:

13 Beginner
22 Mites
10 Squirts
14 PeeWee
12 Bantam
12 Girl's
21 Midgets

Registrar reported it is critical that she receive a player roster for all KIJ teams during the upcoming season . It is required that all coaches at this level need pedophile screening (done every 3 years). Also only players rostered can play. A player cannot be brought in off the street to play in a KIJ game as this individual is not USA Hockey registered. It was reported to the Board by a house parent that this has occurred during the past season at the 13-18 age level.

The Registrar provided the Board with a listing of the travel numbers. However, the online registrations have not yet been received, so the numbers provided may change. The PeeWee level may possible field 2 teams as will Midgets with a U-18 and U-16. Goalies are a problem at the Bantam level, so it is not known if this will be only 1 team.

Ice Coordinator reported on the Skate-n-Shoot dates prior to try-out. These will be provided to Andrew Hill, webmaster, for posting on the CCYHA website.

New Business:

The KIJ Coaches were invited by the CCYHA President, to attend the meeting concerning complaints recently received from a parent concerning the 14-18 year old program. Randy Daugharthy, Joe Smith, Chris Oakes, John Ditcher were in attendance. The 4th coach, Ron Rothleder had a previous committment and could not attend. The complaints concerned aggressive play, coaching concerns and a cancelled house game on 3/7/09. The KIJ coaches present and as a group reiterated and reported no problems with the referees. None of the coaches could document any serious breaches of player or coach conduct. The new house coordinator will develop some guidelines similar to travel that will provide consistent rules of play governing penalty minutes and player suspensions. Liz Morgan also reported she had spoken with the referees about the complaints, and they also did not feel that there were specific problems or documentation supporting the

complaints. KIJ remains a non-checking league and the referees pointed out that many game situations often reflect a players individual ability level.

In addressing the recent game cancellation the coach Ron Rothleder was out of town for the game but had specific arrangements (which other coaches confirmed) for the game to be played. The manager of his team cancelled the game on her own initiative. All Board members and coaches agreed the final decision to cancel the game should be with the head coach. It was suggested that the house league have a mission statement and also a written chain of command. If there are any complaints these would be forwarded to the manager then to the coach then to the house coordinator who reports to the Board.

At the end of the discussion, the Board determined that there was no documentation or confirmation from any other source concerning the recent complaints. Coach and referees consulted did not feel at this time that there were widespread problems. There were some allegations concerning the referees for the house game(s) this past weekend. The President reported to the Board that she had spoken with the appropriate referees involved and there did not appear to be any issue.

In addressing a recent house game cancellation, the coach of the specific game was with Tom McFall in a tournament and some of the house players were in the JV tournament and the game got cancelled. Ron Rothleder made arrangements for the game to be played. It was reported that the manager of the team cancelled the game and that the game was not cancelled by the respective coaches involved.

It was suggested to the Board that the House League have a mission statement and further that there be an appropriate chain of command. The team managers should be Board approved. If there are complaints by a house team parent, the parent would go to the manager who then would report to the Board. The President reported that she will appoint a person to review the divisions in the house teams which are created by a parent or parents not following the chain of command guidelines.

For the upcoming 2009-2010 season, Liz will be meeting with all House Teams, as she has with the Travel teams in the prior season and explain the chain of command for complaints and parent code of conduct.

Try-Outs:

Cannot be scheduled until after Nationals (4/20/09). Board needs to set guidelines of the minimum number of players. Coaching Coordinator, along with VP-Travel and Tom McFall will meet in the upcoming week to set up guidelines to chose travel teams and go over coaching applications. All State bound teams require try-outs.

Announcements:

Drop-in hockey held by the rink needs to have some supervision. A recent drop-in session had a fight on the ice. Also, the players are not properly dressed and sessions need to be age appropriate.

Matt Allen will be checking some dates with Bill Wager concerning a goalie clinic for the next season.

Next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion made to adjourn by Ted Farnham and seconded by JP Melcher. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 and moved to Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Conti
Recording Secretary

Attendance: Tracey Barron; Matt Allen; Terry Carlson; David Cass; Marlene Sirianno; Liz Morgan; J.P. Melcher; Tom McFall; Doug Schutte; Marcia Carlson; Ted Farnham; Anne Conti; Rod Kolstee

Meeting Called to Order by Liz Morgan at 6:41 P.M. January minutes distributed and motion made by Ted Farnham to accept minutes and seconded by Matt Allen. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Board was presented with a CCYHA Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet through 2/26/09. Treasurer reported that we need to know the names of the players and also must have lines of communication with the house teams so that the Treasurer has an accurate roster of the players. Each player needs to be in accounting software system so that Treasurer can keep an accurate check of all receivables. Ted Farnham made a motion to accept Treasurer's report and seconded by Tracey Barron. Passed.

Travel Report: Various teams are preparing for State Tournament play-off's. Pee Wee's are playing in Olean. Checks are needed for Squirts, Bantams, Midgets U-18 and High School. Liz reported to general membership present at meeting that when CCYHA teams are in tournaments the Association will pay for the States or championship/state qualifying tourney fees. The high school always does fund raisers to defray costs as well as charges gate fees for home games. It was also reported that Erie has doubled their entry fee for travel teams. (Example it will cost \$1,100 to play Erie Bantam hockey for the upcoming season). It was suggested that the whole CCYHA association needs to fundraise as one unit to help defray rising fees. Also, the Squirt age travel numbers are dwindling as there is no Mite program that has been in place to feed the Squirt. Also Liz reports she will be offering her resignation to the High School Committee for franchise owner and will no longer manage the team. Whoever manages the team will have to go Buffalo each month if our HS teams decide to stay in WNYH. JV can go back to the WNY Division, however Lake Shore is cheaper and a better fit. It is unknown who the coaches will be at this time for the JHS and SW/MG varsity's and JV's.

House Report: There was no ice for a house tournament this year. Tom reports the Beginners finish up mid-March. 50 started and ended. The Beginner #'s are very encouraging. Tom is making appropriate recommendations as to where each player needs to be that is in the 5-6 year old range. There are 15 rostered for Mite travel (7-8 year old). There will be a banquet for Beginners. House league is not set-up for play-offs because of the disparity in ages. The 9-13 year old team and 13-18 year old teams have no other leagues to play them. Tom will indicate on house rosters that the try-outs are for "C" Center Travel teams. House was reminded that the 3/11/09 and 3/12/09 registration is for all players, including house. Ted will attempt to get some posters up. Tom also reported that the Girl's League has their tournament this weekend. The 11-12 year olds need to be playing against girls their own age. CCYHA continues to have a 19U Girl's team.

Sled Hockey Report: Rod Kolstee reports that Sled Hockey will be ending its season shortly. The players will be in the National Disability Festival in Buffalo on Friday. Rod reports that the families would like to get together to help with the CCYHA tourney and would also like to put on one of their own

Old Business:

Sarah Drake, Tournament Chair was unable to be present for the report for this scheduled meeting. However, she did provide a Mid-Winter Classic Income Statement for the Board to review. The Board reported that Sarah did a great job with the tournament. The Association yielded a \$12,147.96 profit after all expenses. There were the usual ongoing issues of complaints from various teams about referees, one team was refunded their fees as it was determined that they were playing outside of their league and one team stated they would not be returning. A lot of the difficulty was in accommodating all the teams and the schedules they wanted.

Senior Night is scheduled for to start at 7:00 P.M. on 3/29/09.

Scheduling of General Membership Meeting tabled

Board Member Elections are scheduled and terms are up June 30th for Recording Secretary, VP-Travel and Coaching Coordinator. Postings are on the bulletin Board downstairs of ice arena.

As to updates on the Rules Committee, there are some volunteers. Andrew has set about meeting with Janice Caveretta to redo the by-laws to reflect fluid changes in the way things are done within the Association. After updating, proposed changes will be presented to the general membership. Andrew needs to meet with the Rules Committee before try-outs.

New Business:

Tracey will need printed registration from all players. There is no fee that is required to be paid at this upcoming registration. For upcoming season, payment plans will be offered, all invoices will be out on time and Tracey will need to ask each coach for final roster. The Board discussed the importance of a statement of understanding as to how financials will work out (credit cards, pay pals, checks), what is the procedure if a child is injured, multi player families and deadlines for deposits. Treasurer needs to have families understand the recordkeeping. It was also reported to the Board that the local registrar for each association will no longer complete the player registration for USA Hockey. The player parent will have a window in which to complete an online registration and will have to pay the fee directly. The window is May 1 through the end of June. Sometime after July 1, the list is sent from USA Hockey to the local registrar. So, it is for this reason that it will be critical for the Registrar to receive the roster close to July 1 for the upcoming hockey year.

Concerning try-outs, a coaching assessment form was submitted by the Coaching Coordinator. It was felt that 3 individuals would separately evaluate each player and then meet with the coach of the respective team to compare numbers. In the event that a player is cut, the coach would have a visual evaluation to show both player and parent(s).

Try-outs tentatively scheduled for 4/20/09 and 4/21/09 for 1 hour each division. Tentative try-out fee discussed was a \$100 non-refundable deposit. As the Association is now "C" Center we cannot solicit to other associations for our try-outs. We can, however advertise in media/newspapers.

Referee representatives, Jeff Anderson and Chip Nelson addressed the Board concerning ref issues. It was agreed that the referees need to be matched appropriately with the teams they are assigned and this is attempted when the ref scheduling is done. The Ice Coordinator does let Jeff know if the games scheduled are "Q" games. Chip reported that there are many upcoming referee clinics. All one has to do is go to USA Hockey for Officiating. Erie will be having a clinic in September and coaching clinics for Level 3 and 4 are usually scheduled for HSBC or Pepsi Center in Buffalo. Chip also reported that there are currently too many officials for the number of games available, so they may be closing the door for a while and next year there may not be any new officials. Jeff also reported that it would be helpful during scheduled tournaments to have somebody move the nets rather than the refs. Also, it helps to have someone timekeeping that knows what they are doing, as this can cause a lot of delays if the timekeeper does not know what to do. All-in-all it was felt that the Mid-Winter Classic went well. Jeff also would like rules e-mailed to him prior to tournaments scheduled.

Concerning Power Skating, Liz reports that Kirk and Lenel will not be doing any power skating. It might be worthwhile to explore if there is someone in the community willing to address a power skating clinic. CCYHA players need to be encouraged to attend camps and to skate over the summer.

Announcements:

Ted Farnham reported that there is a goalie change for equipment. If goalie has new pads, must follow new rule for goalie equipment (no bigger than 11" but can use 12" in house teams).

Ice Coordinator has next year's ice for WNY Travel Championship Playoff and ice in March for House Tournament.

Tentative skate and shoots will be a play up. For next season, it was recommended not to include the girl's and JV practices together.

Goalie camp has ended and was well received.

The Board of Directors was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Pete Wyatt, Goalie Coordinator. He provided statistics to the Board concerning the goalie team stats overall this season and it was determined it was a great success. The older goalies did not come as frequently and the girls eventually dropped out. Also, there was not a lot of coach participation. Next year, if camp offered, there will need to be some contact with the goalie parents and coaches. It was also mentioned that the goalie camp benefited all players as it improved the goalies and allowed the teams to move up to the various playoff's and championships.

Liz reiterated that the house program players have to stay on the ice if the player has intentions of moving to the travel program. Summer clinics and spring and summer leagues will help the player to stay on the ice.

The coaching coordinator reported that the decision as to the number of goalies should be left up to the coach. There is a minimum and maximum number of players including the goalies.

Ivan Zweig reported he is with the JSBIA in Hockey Operations and reported that he hopes to have some hockey summer programs for the upcoming season.

It was reported to the Board that the house league (13-18) has issues with additional players off the street coming in and using the ice. The Coaching Coordinator will contact the house league coaches concerning this matter.

Next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Ted Farnham made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Conti
Recording Secretary

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena
January 20, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Liz Morgan, Marcia Carlson, Tracey Barron, Anne Conti, Ted Farnham, Tom McFall, Sarah Drake, Matt Allen, Andrew Hill, JP Melcher, Ivan Zweig, Joe Smith, Randy Daugharthy

Meeting called to Order by Liz Morgan at 6:58 P.M. December minutes distributed and motion made by Tracey Barron to accept and seconded by Tom McFall.

Reports of Officers & Standing Committees:

Treasurer's – Tabled / No Report

Travel – CCYHA Bantam and PeeWees are leading their Divisions and Squirts are in 3rd in their Division. High School Play-Off's have been scheduled. As of 2/20/09 the WNY season ends.

KIJ – Beginners currently have 45 to 50 kids and are doing well. Tom is hoping to run program again next year. The official end of practice for all will be the last week in February. Tentatively hoping for a KIJ Tourney. Liz will check to see what is available.

Girl's Tournament scheduled the first weekend in March (6th-8th) but will not be located here. Concerning Mites, a select team can be put together with 15 on a roster.

Liz anticipates a separate meeting to work on numbers for the various teams to ascertain how many coaches are needed. Current teams: 1 Mite Select, 1 Squirt, 2 PeeWees, 1 Bantam and Midgets.

Sled Hockey – The Sled Hockey Team did win their tournament in Ohio

Old Business:

The Lottery fundraiser doing well. Rob Lind is handling the pay-outs. There was not a good response from the house program as to ticket sales. Travel team sales went well.

Tournament Update: Sarah Drake reports there are 26 teams with 2 Divisions uneven. Ted Farnham will work with Sarah as to the logistics of scheduling games. She reports the EMS are available for free but will have to leave if they receive a call. Space in front of rink will need to be held for ambulance. Liz and Ted will be available during the tournament for rule and discipline issues, should they arise. Trophies are available for teams. Shirts will be for sale and 10% of pictures and hockey paraphernalia is paid to CCHYA. The championship games will all be on A rink. There will be a Laker's entry fee of \$40.00 per player or 4 hours of volunteer time during the tournament. Volunteers are still needed. Each team needs to provide their own stickers for the players. Sarah has emailed Jeff to firm up the referee schedule. Additional score sheets are needed. No beer to be sold during the tourney as it is a family tournament.

A new date is to be schedule for Senior Night due to ice conflicts. Admission fees will be charged for this evening. High School Committee needs help in planning for this evening. Tracey Barron is available to help with the slide-show. There are 12 seniors so 12 beginners will also be needed.

New Business:

KIJ Report - Joe Smith and Randy spoke at the meeting as coaches for the 18 and under and 13 and under teams. There are 4 teams in each division and they play round robin. Their season is doing well. They are a no checking league. The coaches felt they would lose additional players if check was allowed. Approximately 10% of the KIJ players want to move on to travel and the balance prefer to stay in this league. Liz explained that there is not a seamless and automatic transition from KIJ to the high school program. Also, the JV team is limited to 3 juniors.

There will be a specific criteria and written format for tryouts. The number of available coaches is becoming a problem. Liz wants to make sure that as we have players coming along, we will have coaches also.

Membership elections for 3 upcoming Board positions need to be posted. Also, KIP will need a VP. Tom intends to meet with the KIJ coaches as to any interest for this position. Tom wants to develop the girl's and do beginners. Total in the KIJ program is about 175.

By-Laws – Andrew discussed some proposed changes and recommendations to the By-Laws and distributed some changes he has discussed with Janice Caveretta. It was felt that a Rules Committee needs to be established to look at the proposed changes and any implementation. The Guidebook will not be ready any time soon for membership vote but the By-Laws may be ready. As to suggestions concerning the By-Laws, try-outs need to be consistent, review of coaching criteria parent and girl's coordinator, grievance procedure needs to be in writing. John Melcher and Liz will be on this committee. Any changes will be subject to full membership vote.

Player numbers – Tabled

Registration will need to be scheduled for two days.

No further announcements, discussion. Motion to adjourn made by Marcia Carlson and seconded by JP Melcher. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Conti
Recording Secretary