



**Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes**

January 8, 2007

Present: Andrew Hill, Liz Morgan, Jeff Morgan, Dawn Stuart, Brenda Moran, Ted Farnham, Jim Merenick, Mike Ferguson, Myrna Miller.

The minutes from the November meeting were distributed. Ted Farnham motioned to accept the minutes. Jim Merenick seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. There was no board meeting in December, 2006.

Jim Merenick gave a brief treasurer's report. As of November, the organization has \$92,475.50. The December ice bills are outstanding. All team sponsors are in except for some Keep It IN Jamestown teams. The list is still with Dave Cass. Liz Morgan motioned to accept the report. Myrna Miller seconded.

Brenda Moran gave an update on the Midwinter Tourney. Tim Hortons was the tournament sponsor. There was One discussion about a cross street banner but there was no consensus on city codes and the topic was dropped Brenda reported there were three large gift baskets for the tournament raffle a Lucy/Desi basket, a Hunters Hope basket and a basket from the local business. They will be running on e50/50 drawing a day. She was still finalizing volunteer activities. She asked Mike to make sure the rink could supply them with enough score sheets. She also discussed the need for a disciplinary committee on site for any problems. She would be asking for volunteers working at the tourney to assist. There was an extensive discussion on moving the tournament back to Presidents Day weekend next year. Liz Morgan moved that the date be changed to Jim Merenick seconded. The motion to move the tournament back to those dates was approved. These dates line up with school vacation better and were the original dates. There was s request that Liz Morgan and an experience parent form the high school team hod a timekeeper and scorekeeper training session within the next 2 weeks so that tournament volunteers could learn how to keep score sand run both clocks. The session will be held by the end of the month.

Andrew Hill reported on a disciplinary hearing on a volunteer coach. The coach has been suspended from all present and future coaching for due cause. The disciplinary committee (per CCYHA bylaws) was made up of President, 2 Vice presidents, Coaching Coordinator, and Independent Parent chosen by the President.

Mike Ferguson introduced himself to the Group as the new rink manger. Several discussions ensued on improving communication between our organization and the rink staff. Ernie millers' impending resignation was again brought up, no volunteers have come forward and an ice coordinator is urgently needed. Some ice scheduling conflicts were discussed with Mike. No dates have been finalized for the annual election. Next year's coaching selections or tryouts for next year.

Andrew reported that we do not have a signed contract with the ice arena. He is waiting for a new copy from JCCDC. The Ice Arena and Chuck DeAngelo have come to an agreement on some changes.

Andrew discussed the need for a Strategic Planning Committee for the CCYHA. Mike Ferguson will be hosting an open discussion night on January 17th to brainstorm community usage of the ice arena and future ice needs for the country at large. All are welcome to attend and Mike noted that the northern Chautauqua County will be in attendance. He suggested the CCYHA and NCCHA consider combining as One Group to increase membership and reduce total costs of ice fees.

Liz Morgan moved to adjourn. Jeff Morgan seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



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Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes**

February 26, 2007

The monthly board meeting of the CCYHA was held on February 26, 2007 in the Ed Lab of the JSBIA.

Liz Morgan distributed the minutes from the January meeting. The only correction to be made concerned the signing of the contract. The contract has not been signed yet. Kevin motioned to accept the minutes, Ted 2nd the motion. The minutes were accepted.

Jim Merenick gave a treasurer update. We have approximately \$62,000 in the account right now, we have not gotten January's ice bill yet. Jim also informed us that the ice fees for next years players will remain the same as this past season.

GIRLS	\$640
BANTAM	\$810
PEE-WEE	\$760
SQUIRT	\$740
MITE	\$640
MIDGET	\$725
KIJ	\$350
BEGINNER	\$200

OLD BUSINESS: Brenda Moran gave a rundown of the Tim Hortons Tournament. She felt the tournament was very well received and already has some new ideas for next year's tournament. She feels we will make between \$14,000 and \$15,000 after expenses.

Kevin gave an update on the coach's selection. He feels there will be very few instances where there is more than 1 person interested in coaching the same team. There will still be a coaching selection committee formed to go over the applications. John Dykstra asked how this committee was selected. The coaching coordinator has 4 picks and then President has 3 picks. Once these choices are made, the board votes on the coaching selection committee.

Ted Farnham ran down the numbers of the different divisions for next season. In most cases the numbers are there for a Major/Minor system. The squirt division is still up in the air, depending on the outcome of the Mite Travel situation. A very lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of the Major/Minor system. The discussion was tabled until registration was over, that way there will be a better grasp of the numbers in each division.

Registration will be held on March 12 and 13 from 7-9pm. A deposit of \$200 per family will be required.

Tryouts will be the week of April 16, 2007.

Coach's applications are due by March 28, 2007.

Next regular meeting will be March 19, 2007. The annual meeting will be on March 5, 2007 at 7:00pm. Andrew reminded all of those who positions were up for re-election to put their name on the sign up sheet if they are interested.

Andrew asked about suggestions for the strategic planning committee. He is looking for individuals in the community to volunteer on this committee. He would like some individuals from the Association along with some community members who are not members of the CCYHA. Liz Morgan suggested Joe Yelich from JHS. She also felt involving someone from the administration at Maple Grove could be beneficial. They are not real responsive to promoting hockey as the school.

NEW BUSINESS: Marcia Carlson asked about Skate N Shoots. There will be skate and shoots until try-outs. Once try-out are over there will not be any skate and shoots until sometime in July. Andrew mentioned that Tom McFall will be holding clinics throughout the summer and the rink will be running a summer league on Sunday's.

There are not enough Mite age players who are ready to play travel hockey to field a team for next season. There are 5 returning players who have asked to be allowed to tryout for Squirts. One of these players is only 5 ½ years old. Liz Morgan motioned that we allow the returning mite travel players who are within 1 year of Squirt age to tryout for the Squirt teams. Ted Farnham 2nd the motion. The motion was passed.

SW/MG is the host for sectionals this weekend of March 2-4th. The top 5 teams out of 8 will move onto States. SW/MG is playing on Friday at 11: am and 7pm, Saturday and Noon and cross overs will be on Sunday.

There were 33 kids who skated in Laps for Life. Approximately \$1000 was raised for Hunters Hope.

We will be doing some promotions over the summer. Andrew is working on details for the "touch the ice" seminar. Andre also mentioned the idea of a golf tournament.

Brenda Moran has volunteered to be a fund raising chairperson. We had a very lengthy discussion on fund raising. Many different ideas were brought up, but nothing was decided.

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Scott Blaney 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm.

March – May '07 minutes handwritten



Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Ed Lab
June 19, 2007 @ 7:00pm

Attendance: Andrew Hill, Ted Farnham, Cheryl Hill, Marcia Carlson, Andy Michael, Jim Merenick

Andrew called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

The treasurer's report and minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

The position of Travel Vice President is still open. A special meeting will need to be set up, or a concurence call will need to be made in the next week to vote on a replacment. Interested are: Liz Morgan, Andy Michaels, Matt Allen.

The goalie situation at the Bantam level still needs to be resolved. This will also need to be done in the next week.

Andrew announced Registration for the Keep It In Jamestown house league will be held on July 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena. The rate has been raised to \$350.00 for the entire season. Jim Merenick said he would be there to help with this and collect the money. Myrna will be able to attend as well.

Andrew announced that Beginner sign ups will be held on September 13th at the arena from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Brochures will be sent out to the schools shortly after school begins.

Ted Farnham will make a letter to send out to prospective sponsors of the program. Andrew said that next year's sponsorship banner (to be hung inside the arena) would include last year's sponsors as well, due to the fact we never had one completed for the 2006-07 season. Last year's sponsors will also be thanked in the Post-Journal Ad.

There was a rather lengthy discussion regarding the Sled Hockey program. Chuck D'Angelo sent Andrew the proposed guidelines in April. There was concerned noted from the floor regarding the program operating under the wrong TAX ID number. There is also concern that these children may not be registered with the USA Hockey, therefore, they are not covered under any insurance. Some members feel the group may want to operate on their own. Andrew plans to contact Chuck DeAngelo and the Sled Hockey representatives to discuss this matter further. He will report his findings to the board.

Andrew asked the board if they felt it necessary to place an ad in the Western New York Amateur Hockey League Guidebook this year. Last year we had the back cover. After discussion the board feels the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena ad should include a Lakers Hockey Logo, and our tournament dates. Andrew said he would ask the arena.

The CCYHA was presented with the option of moving our President's Day Weekend tournament so the W.N.Y.H.S.C.H.L. can have their small school sectionals in Jamestown. Those in attendance feel that we moved the tournament to these dates to benefit the CCYHA. Nobody was in favor of moving our tournament because teams have already been informed of those dates, and have already booked their hotel rooms.

Some CCYHA members want to know where to get their Lakers jerseys for the upcoming season.

The Jock Shop has shown interest before in stocking, and keeping track of all of our hockey jerseys. Liz Morgan said she would contact the Jock Shop to see if they are still interested.

Al Maybach from the Pennysaver is in the process of printing the new CCYHA Program Brochures. The programs were designed by Nate Arnone of Design 8. The total cost of creating and printing 2,500 brochures is roughly \$1,000. The board members will be responsible for distribution of the brochure around the area.

Andrew reminded the board that the board must approve the Assistant Coaches, and that he needs a list of these coaches before the season begins.

CCYHA was selected to be the Not for Profit Benefactor for the SE93 Radio Chautauqua Lake Idol this year. Parents are needed to help sell programs at the event, which will be held on Mondays, July 9, 23, 30, August 1st and 20th. The proceeds will go directly to the CCYHA general fund.

The Midget scheduling will be held in Buffalo on August 9th. Andrew hopes to have the practice, and season ice scheduled with the Rink in a few weeks.

Andrew congratulated Tom McFall on winning the Skating Academy's Excellence On Ice Program. Tom was awarded \$333.00, and has donated this money specifically to the development of the Beginner program (equipment, advertising, etc.)

The Sled Hockey Program announced that Josh Moran signed a letter of intent to skate at The University of New Hampshire in the fall. The board wishes him luck.

Andrew announced that Marcia Carlson has accepted the CCYHA Ice-Coordinator position, which has been held for the past six years by Ernie Miller. Andrew thanked Ernie for his many years of service.

Kirk Wyse from the Skating Academy approached Andrew regarding a Learn to Skate Hockey Program, which he is willing to run to prepare the children for our ice hockey program. Kirk assured Andrew that they would "turn the kids over" to the CCYHA at the end of the program. The program would be 100% operated under the Skating Academy. We will set up a table during the program to sign up Beginners, or new Keep It In Jamestown players. It was also discussed that the Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena has started a "Learn To Play Hockey" program that will be running this summer. Details on the program were not available, but the Board hopes this is not in direct competition with the program.

There is a need for younger parents to become more involved in the hockey association. Myrna expressed her opinion that it should be mandatory that two representatives from each team must come to the regular board meetings, or be "fined" \$25.00 for each meeting missed. This way they can take information back to the team and help with the lack of communication that we seem to have. No action was taken.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded, passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 17th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl W. Hill



Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Ed Lab
July 17, 2007 @ 7:00pm

Attendance: *Andrew Hill, David Cass, Jeff Moran, Brenda Moran, Ted Farnham, Brian Demontier, Matt Allen, Dave Spitz, Chuck Stuart, JP Melcher, Chuck Carlson, Wendy Bond, Jim Merenick, Myrna Miller, Jim Bergman, Cheryl Hill, Liz Morgan*

Andrew Hill called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M.

The Secretary report was tabled.

The Treasurer report was read and approved.

Brenda Moran, '07 President 's Day Tournament Chairperson, announced that she is willing to do the Tournament again next year. She would like to start working on getting the teams and divisions set by fall, but no later than Christmas. Fees for the tournament will be discussed at a later date. The tournament will be February 15-18, 2008. Andrew feels that we should not consider using Allen Park Ice Rink for a third surface due to the roof of the building. By adding an extra day of travel, the CCYHA plans to add a girls division this season. Brenda asked if we are eliminating the mite division since we do not have a CCYHA mite travel team this year. Andrew said we will have a mite division, which will have a "select team" from the Keep It In Jamestown group.

Jeff Moran, representing the Sled Hockey Program addressed the board with several issues. He feels that the CCYHA Board does, but doesn't want a sled hockey representative at the regular board meetings. He feels this is essential to avoid miscommunications, such as the concerns that were brought up by the board. He gave the board a review on how the program started four years ago. He, Rod Kolstee, and Ron Andzelik (CCYHA President at the time) literally created this program by phone conversations. The program has continued to grow, and fears the consequences if he and Rod were both to leave the program. He stated that is why the Sled Hockey group, along with Chuck DeAngelo, created guidelines so that future sled hockey volunteers can continue to run the program. The CCYHA paid for the Sled Hockey ice the first year, but since then does not. The sled hockey group pays for everything out of grants, and fundraisers during the year. They want the board to continue supporting them so there is a place for handicapped children to play. He stated that all of the players that participate in Sled Hockey are registered (insured) with USA Hockey.

He feels that the CCYHA Board should appoint an individual to serve on the board, and attend each meeting. They understand that the CCYHA is a large organization, and they don't want to "be a burden" to the CCYHA financial, which is why they try to run on their own. He concluded with offering to talk with any member of the CCYHA that would like to ask questions about the program.

Andrew states that a meeting between him, Jeff, and any interested board member will be held with Chuck DeAngelo to discuss the presented guidelines.

Liz Morgan reported that the Jock Shop is willing to do Jerseys for our teams. They are just waiting for the OK. The High School Jerseys will still be purchased from the Skate Shop. Ted Farnham made a motion that starting this year all travel teams will be responsible to purchase,

and take care of their own Jerseys. It was suggested that the old jerseys be kept for KIIJ select travel teams, and the JV team. The motion was seconded by Liz Morgan, and passed.

Andrew announced that under an emergency situation CCYHA might be granted permission to move to a "C" Center for this season. A rather lengthy discussion followed, where some concern was shown over teams have already been selected, and it would conflict with the Midget Scheduling. Ted Farnham made a motion that the CCYHA remain a "B" center for another year. Andrew feels that it should be discussed again before the Annual Meeting, at which time the membership should vote on the move.

Andrew announced that the Coaches Coordinator position is available. Anyone interested should read the "job description" in the CCYHA by-laws and contact him.

Andrew feels that all coaches, regardless of level, league or experience should attend, and be current with certification for USA to be able to be on the ice coaching the children. WNYAHL states that anybody that is on the bench (including managers) must be certified. A motion was made that all CCYHA coaches be certified with USA Hockey to be allowed to coach the kids. Motion seconded, and passed.

A concern was brought to the board's attention regarding so few knowing how to operate the time clock, and complete score sheets. The feeling is that there should be more than one clinic each season to teach parents. They should be able to practice during practices, and even the adult league games.

Andrew would like to advertise the upcoming Keep It In Jamestown House League registration. He worked out a deal with the Post-Journal to run a ½ page ad in Friday's paper for \$475. This would normally cost more than \$900. He also would like to place ads on the Media One Group of Radio Stations for \$350. Jim Merenick made the motion to advertise as Andrew wishes, Ted Farnham seconded the motion, which was passed.

Andrew presented the proposed CCYHA Practice Schedule for the season. The Bantams and Pee-Wees were switched on Tuesday and Thursday Nights. Andrew was going to try to get the Keep It In Jamestown House League to end earlier on Wednesdays.

Motion to adjourn was made by David Cass, and Seconded by Ted Farnham at 9:10 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st at 7:00pm in the Ed Lab.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl W. Hill
CCYHA Recording Secretary

September – November '07 minutes handwritten



Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Minutes
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena Community Room
December 19, 2007 @ 6:30pm

Present: *Andrew Hill, Marcia Carlson, J.P. Melcher, Liz Morgan, Jim Merenick, Dawn Stuart, Ted Farnham, Patty Rizzo*

Minutes were approved from the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: As of November 30, the standing balance was \$129,617.79. Jim expected ice bills before the end of the year. In January, Jim, Andrew and Mike Fergusson will meet to discuss 2008 ice fees. They are currently \$130/hr and are expected to go up another \$5.00 /hr. Patty Rizzo reported that the professional photo shoot in November yielded \$770.82 profit for the organization. Jim was authorized to buy 10 new equipment bags to store Beginner supplies. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was approved.

No report from Keep It In Jamestown.

No report from the Sled Hockey Program

Mite Program: 32 total participants, 28 have expressed an interest in Travel. There is continued discussion about formal coach recruitment for this age level.

High School: After a rocky tryout and start, teams are fully involved in their schedules. During next year's ice negotiations, most Friday nights need to be reserved for high school games.

President's Day Tournament: Jim Merenick and Ted Farnham will now co-chair the event. All CCYHA teams in the tourney will have mandatory participation in working the weekend of the tournament and helping in various capacities. A reduction in entry fees for CCYHA teams was discussed and will be decided by the committee heads.

The Beginner Program: The program has exceeded the modest expectations and there has been good exposure from the collaborative learn to skate program with the figure skating club. One more session is planned for April, May and June.

Old Business:

Subway has not been seen at any of the games and their representative has not come to any of the weekly practices.

Send all email changes to Andrew.

Coach screening forms from KIIJ are not all in. Several new coaches did attend a coaching clinic and received their Level 1 car

New Business:

1) Andrew has composed a letter to be sent to the state committee outlining our formal request to be returned to "C" Center for the next playing year. The annual meeting was set for January 2008, so the membership can fully discuss and vote on the proposal. The formal request needed to be sent now so that the state would make sure we were on their agenda at their March Meeting.

2) 2009 is a projected date to host a Scandinavian youth hockey team to visit Jamestown and participate in an intercultural exchange. This might also include the figure skating club and sled hockey. 2011 would then be the year for a Jamestown team to travel to the corresponding city. Andrew is working on details and logistics with both the arena and the city.

The annual meeting will be on January 16. At that time, we will elect a new vice president of House, another registrar, and a coaching coordinator. Sign ups are posted downstairs on the board for interested individuals.

Meeting was adjourned at 9pm