

# Stamford Youth Hockey Association

## Jan 11, 2017 Membership Meeting

### Board Members Present:

Kevin Unger, Chuck Stietzel, Chris Berlingo, Randy Samuelson, Lee Bowbeer,  
Mark Rosetti, John Nilsen

### Board Members Absent:

**Start:** 7:40pm

### Lake Placid Victories For Squirts

- Congratulations to the Squirt A and A1 teams who emerged with gold medals in Lake Placid
- CS will post pictures on website

### Fundraising

- Raffle tickets have been distributed to managers
  - Asking each travel family to sell one book of 10 tickets
- JN asked if better to cancel fundraising and simply raise fees
  - Many thought raffle was good idea because it did bring in money from outside SYHA
  - Other fundraisers are Golf Tournament, Skate-A-Thon and
  - Some 50/50's and Chuck-A-Pucks at other events
  - Wreath and Discount Card sales for Swedish Exchange
- Sentiment was to keep these events because they created more involvement of members
- James Dougherty offered Firefighters help with cooking at Opening Picnic
- Skate-A-Thon
  - Scheduled for March 25 in the afternoon
  - Need coaches on ice
  - Will try to sell remaining inventory of Shark Gear but will not purchase more
  - Will send out "Save The Date" notification
  - LB to check with Ken Smith to see if he will donate an hour of ice like last year

### Coaching Requests

- SYHA is looking to fill its roster of travel coaches for the 2017-18 season
- JN will send application requests to all current coaches
- We have many coaches that have been goalies we should leverage them for goalie training

### Tryouts

- Scheduling slots April 19 - May7
- Investigating the possibility of having clinics before tryouts
- James Dougherty and Ken Smith have been discussing
- Clinics would feature drills that would be used in the tryout
- Parents wanted more information about what goalies get with tuition

### **Mite B Team Issues**

- Parents from Mite B team expressed concerns with the current team and future prospects
- Current team started with 5 members is now up to 8; the team needs more players
- Kids are not having fun because they are on the ice too long
- Coaches (Tim and Brendan) are great but have not been receiving support from the Board
- Concern was raised that with so few players there may be issues next year
- MR will attend Saturday House practices and recruit 4 more players
- Numbers for next year look good with House and Tiger Shark players that would be ready for travel

### **Full Year Midget Program**

- There is some interest in a full-year midget program
- Greenwich Blues may be interested in joining to form a full-year team

**Adjourned: 8:45pm**