



AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Time & Date: 068/09/17 @ 6:30pm

Location: Goodwill Community Center, Geneseo NY

Meeting began @ 6:?? pm

1. ATTENDENCE

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Jeff Curry	Shannon Agosto	Dick Baumgardner	Amanda Cayouette
Mike Dale	Molly VanWyk	Aaron Utberg	Lee Sargent
Judy Keysa	Ken Claud	JoBeth Rath	Karyn Lipome
Kristen Felix	Dan Craun	Brenda Melead	Julie Matthews
Dave Wong	Cory Fitzsimmons	Jodi Deming	Jason Bonsignore

Jonathan Bennett

2. READ/REVIEW/REVISE/APPROVE PRIOR MONTH’S MINUTES – Shannon Agosto, Secretary

Discussion of previous month’s Minutes (if any): None

Corrections/Revisions that need to be made (if any): None

Motion made to accept the June Meeting Minutes “as is”. Passed unanimously.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President – Jeff Curry

Report:

- Our WNY teams have been officially registered with WNYAHL
- We are participating in the 2 & 2 Challenge again this year through USA Hockey to grow our game & retain players
- Coaching Clinics were announced. My question – has Mike Dale sent out coaching info to all coaches?
- Jeff will send out info re: upcoming girls camp
- We have an opportunity to participate in the Excellence Club (through USA Hockey) this year, which will give us ideas on how to build up our organization and different ideas for how to better run it. My question – who is doing this for our organization?
- My question – did Jeff hear back from the College to secure a spot in the gym for registration/sign ups & equipment pickup?

Vice President League – Judy Keysa

Report: No Report

Vice President Hockey Operations – Dan Craun

Report:

- Dan spoke w/ John @ Play it Again Sports re: getting some smaller helmets with cages (10XS & 10S). John will see what kind of deal he can get (approx. \$45-\$50). Motion was made and accepted to approve this purchase. My question – what timeframe are we looking at for this? Prior to the start of this season or what?
- There was some discussion re: what color to purchase and someone made the suggestion that the helmets be gold/yellow so as to easily distinguish them from helmets owned by individuals, which usually tend to be darker.
- Getting some small (size 8”) gloves was also discussed.
- John will be getting us a “flyer” for the beginner package he offers if anyone wants to purchase their own equipment. My question – when can we expect this flyer?
- The equipment cage still needs to be inventoried.
- There was some discussion re: hosting an “equipment sale” but historically these have not turned out very well.

ACE Coordinator – Michael Dale

Report:

- Discussed the issues he was having accessing certain information on the website.
- Also brought up that our website is outdated and not intuitive enough and would like to pull the trigger on a different website option sometime after registration
- Coaching Clinics and modules are ether out or information is coming out very soon and he’ll pass on to coaches when available.
- There was discussion about the actual coaching clinics, dates & locations. Please email Mike if you need this information.
- As always coaches have to have all levels and modules done before September 1st or by 1st team practice before you can get on the ice.
- There was also discussion about background checks, Safe Sport & more. My question – is Mike getting a list together of what each coach in our organization already has/needs?
- Teams have been finalized.
- There may be some movement at the Pee Wee level due to somebody leaving the organization and there may be some restructuring going on.

Treasurer – Dick Baumgardner

Report:

- Gave report with up-to-date account figures, all bills have been paid and there are no outstanding Invoices due and owing at this time.
- We paid \$900 to our Accountant for the 501c3 tax return filings which must be done every year, even though we don’t have to pay any taxes (we still must file both Federal & State).
- There was some discussion about making the organization a true non-profit (which would give us certain benefits) but some feel it would make an audit more likely and may “send up red flags”.

Registrar – Amanda Cayouette

Report: Not Present

- Although Amanda was not at the meeting, she advises as follows via email:
- Website now has all teams (Squirt thru Midget) loaded with the players that were on Mike Dale’s final report and I have cleaned up a couple of duplicate players in the system. If anyone runs into problems, please let me know.
 - Assuming we are good to go with Krenzer and Slusser in terms of their team placements on Bantam?
- Budget committee will be presenting on my behalf with proposals for next season rates. If this gets voted on and decided tonight, I’ll look for it in the minutes so I can get the registration system opened up and ready to roll.

- Next up for me will be:
 - coordinating with Mike Dale to have a clean contact list of coaches & managers for the year so that we can be on the same page when it comes to USA Hockey rosters
 - getting final figures for RRW pricing and the WNY Midget team pricing – both were set by those teams and given to me last year, I expect the same will happen this year as they figure out their self-contained costs

- It was reported that commitments would be signed after registration online was done.
- My question – was any pricing set at the meeting? If so, I need details.

Equipment Manager – Lee Sargent

Report:

- Discussion was had re: sizing of jerseys and socks for this season

EAHC Representative – Ken Claud

Ken Claud is the EAHC Bantam Commissioner – therefore Bantam playoffs will be held at our rink.

Report:

- Ken advised that the CAP courses are done. My question – what is a CAP course?
- Ken further advised that Tri-County will host the finals and that the game would go to a 4 vs. 4 in the case of overtime, there will be “no icing if shorthanded” at the Bantam level and down, fair point = full point instead of ½ point & there will be a 5 min. curfew for championship.
- During the regular season there will be 18 games @ Bantam; 20 games @ Midget & 16 for Squirts & Pee Wees.

WNYAHL Representative – Chandy Kemp

Report: Not Present

- Chandy was not present but she did provide a list of all WNYAHL meetings for the upcoming season via email, including the ones she can & can't attend, as follows:

Here is the list of WNYAHL monthly meeting dates that I have confirmed from their web-site, with notes as to which of them I can attend:

July 11 – yes

August 8 – yes

Sept 12 – no

Oct 10 – no

Nov 14 – no

Dec 12 – yes

Jan 9 – yes

Feb 13 – no

The web-site won't let me access the calendar after February 13, 2018, but if the meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday, these would be the rest of the dates:

March 13 – yes

April 10 – no

May 8 – no

- We need someone to attend the meetings with “no” next to them. My question – is someone from the Board going to attend or do we ask someone from the Midget team since they are our only WNY team this season?

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Ombudsman – JoBeth Rath

Report: No Report (nothing new since last month)

Director of Communications – Dave Wong

Report: No Report

Ice Scheduler – Molly VanWyk

Report: No Report

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Amanda Cayouette, Molly VanWyk, Kristen Felix & Dick Baumgardner

Report: No Report

- That the total amount to run the league is approx. \$113,600, made up of the following:
 - o \$4,000 equipment
 - o \$650 trophies
 - o \$1,000 league fees
 - o \$3,800 referees
 - o \$10,000 jerseys & socks
 - o \$2,000 merchant account
 - o \$400 office supplies
 - o \$1,500 coaching clinics
 - o \$2,500 website
 - o \$1,000 accountants
 - o \$26,850 SubTotal - and I assume the rest covers the cost of ice and surplus
- The league is “not in bad shape, but could use an increase for the website” (FYI – the current website costs us \$2,500).
- The league likes to keep \$20,000 in surplus.
- They suggest a \$10 increase to the base cost for Mites & up, to account for any ice increase which would be \$5-\$7, and if the price of jerseys and socks increases and we need to increase the rates by more than \$20, then the Committee will report back to the Board for a vote.
- Any increase to our Mite & Beginner numbers will help too.
- They, together with the Grow the Game Committee, suggest that the price for beginner (I’m assuming those younger than 8 yrs. old) be \$99. Motion was made and passed to set the price for Beginners (again, I’m assuming those younger than 8 yrs. old) @ \$99, and IPs @ \$199 for the 2017-2018 season.

By-Law Review Committee – JoBeth Rath

Report: No Report

- They were able to find the old By-Laws from 1990 and 2011.
- They also looked at other organization’s By-Laws to make sure ours are in line...they are.
- There was some discussion about adding in language to allow the Board to vote “electronically” or on-line.
- They advise that since we now have two Vice Presidents, the succession By Law should be written up that the Vice President of Hockey Operations would be next in line under President. Once this By Law is written, they Committee will present it to the Board for approval and voting.
- If anyone has any additions they’d like to see added to the By Laws, please contact JoBeth Rath.

Grow the Game Committee – JoBeth Rath, Cory Fitzsimmons & Aaron Utberg

Report: No Report

- They advised that they will start marketing now that the prices for Beginner & IP are set (& are not increasing).
- There was some discussion about how to cover the cost of copies.

- They will utilize USA Hockey 2 & 2 Challenge for the marketing materials, and Shannon has some left over stuff from last year.
- Discussion was had regarding were to “advertise” our program. Some ideas were libraries, summer rec programs and schools. My note – you should also contact local Cub Scout, Brownie/Girl Scout troops and homeschool groups.
- Discussion was had regarding how to “book” the ice for the try hockey for free days. Molly indicates that the college will usually “give” us the ice time for that.
- There was discussion about hockey clinics and whether the college/men’s ice hockey coaches/team would put those on and the history of the relationship with the college and the men’s ice hockey team ensued.
- Discussion about maybe doing clinics at a “club level”, like every Sunday various age groups (except for Midgets & certain coaches can’s skate with certain playing levels) come down for an hour for a certain price.
- USA Hockey has a volunteer program that would give student volunteers up to 25 hrs per semester.
- They will talk to Coach Shultz (Ice Knights) early in the season (Oct.)
- FYI – a sheet of ice at the college costs \$195/hr.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lawsuit:

- Litigation is officially DONE. At this point we are just awaiting the following items:
 - a final bill from the attorney and a refund of our Retainer (if applicable)
 - money from the insurance company

B. Red Wings Report – Jason Bonsignore &/or Brenda Melead

- Not Present / No Report

C. Mites – EAHC – Red, White & Blue League

- Jonathan emailed parents re: travel team placement and is waiting for responses.
- There was discussion about who should be on the travel team, whether it be restricted to just those players that would be moving up to Squirt the following season or any Mite players. My question – was there a decision on this?

D. Prices for 2017-2018 season (besides Beginners @ \$99 & IPs @ \$199) set yet?

E. Coaching Clinics & Requirements – Is list going out to all with what they need & by when?

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parent Concerns (if any) – NONE

- ### B. Dryland Training – It was reported that the following coaches are interested & willing to help with this in August: Felix, Deming, Mulvaney & Fitzsimmons

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and accepted to adjourn meeting @ ????? pm. Passed unanimously

Next Board meeting: August 9, 2017 @ 6:30pm @ GoodWill Community Center, Geneseo, NY (Community Room)

Next WNYAHL meeting: August 8, 2017 @ 7pm @ Millennium Hotel, Buffalo, NY (Walden & Galleria Drive)

Next EAHC meeting: August 8, 2017 @ 6:30pm @ Bill Gray’s Iceplex, Rochester, NY (conf. room opposite Rink #3)