



MARCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Time & Date: 03/14/18 @ 6:30pm

Location: SUNY Geneseo, Schrader Bldg., Room 4, Geneseo, NY

Meeting began @ 6:34pm

1. ATTENDANCE

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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 | Julie Matthews | Dave Wong |
| Gory Fitzsimmons | Jodi Deming | Chandy Kemp | Jonathan Bennett |
| Melissa Haynes | Tammy Bullis | Stuart Bailey | |

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 by Dan Craun and seconded by Molly WanWyk to accept February meeting Minutes as is/corrected. Passed unanimously.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President – Jeff Curry

Report:

- All Redwings players have been given releases and are all paid up, except for one person, and Curry has reached out to them.

Vice President League – Judy Keysa

Report:

- No Report

Vice President Hockey Operations – Dan Craun

Report:

- No Report

ACE Coordinator – Michael Dale

Report:

- try-outs @ Bill Gray's April 10 (Squirt & Pee Wee-5:40-8:10pm) & April 18th at Scottsville (Bantam & Midgets 7:30-8:30pm)
- we're looking to get some on-ice help for evals that aren't affiliated with us to score the kids
- scoring numbers are part of the eval and then scrimmage is the other component
- coaching applications are starting to come in...he'll email some that don't have them in yet as a reminder
- parent evals of coaches are starting to come in, he'll rank coaches when all applications/evals are in
- in the past when there is a conflict with more than one person wanting to coach a certain level, we've gotten committees together in the past to figure out who should get it and it will be presented to the board (we can do this via email or a separate meeting (rather than the reg. April meeting) as time is of the essence)
- if people ask questions about the process we should refer them to Mike
- once team's are announced, coaches &/or team managers should send out an email to introduce themselves and then have a team meeting before the season starts
- commitment letters will be signed at try-outs, teams should be announced right away (no waiting this year)
- online registration will be opened online prior to registration dates
- \$50 reg fee

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.
- Paid last RW ice bill, paid Geneseo, paid for trophies
- Jan, Feb & March ice bills will be estimates...and when all is said & done we should have a surplus going into next season
- Still haven't heard anything from USA Hockey insurance (deductible
- the suggestions are to spend some more money on extra ice time for all levels of play for next year or to get some more equipment for all of the teams to use
- the cost for the Midget team to participate in States is \$1,575 (half of which will be paid by the league and half will be paid by the team)

Registrar – Amanda Cayouette

Report:

- Amanda reports that there are not a lot of outstanding balances
- she needs to clean out the systems from some old non-paying people
- she is in contact with the "troublesome" outstanding balances (only 2 people)
- she suggests that for next year, the U8 players (Mites) upload their Birth Certificates at the time of registration since she is continually chasing them down all season long for them.
- she does have the patches to give to all coaches
- she will need some volunteers to help man the registration tables at try-outs
- she can add the commitment letter to the online registration so that people can print them out prior to try-outs

- some suggestions were made about putting an estimated price on the website so that people will know the price range when they register for try-outs or have something to hand out to people at try-outs
- discussion was had regarding our prices will stay very similar to this year's fees and that we don't expect the college to increase the ice fees this year

Equipment Manager – Lee Sargent

Report:

- Aaron to send email to beginners and IPs letting them know that we would be willing to buy the skates at "Play It Again" prices so that we have 10-20 pairs of skates for when we host our Try Hockey for Free Events

EAHC Representative – Ken Claud

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

Report: Not Present

- Karyn Lipome gave report.
- Jeff Curry made a motion that when someone from our board holds a board position with EAHC (ie. President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer) they will have voting rights on our board (ie. Karyn Lipome as EAHC President for the upcoming season will have voting rights for our Board), seconded by JoBeth Rath. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Ken doesn't want to be Bantam Commissioner for EAHC next season, and since it's our league's duty to fill that position, someone from our organization will have to be appointed.
- Karyn reports that there were some complaints at the Pee Wee level during playoffs (ie. the size of the trophy)
- Next season Empire will not use levels "A" and "B" or "upper" and "lower" divisions for Squirt & Pee Wee, but rather use Red (Red Selects), White & Blue.
- Red will be more of a "travel"/"select" type team and will play the regular numbers of EAHC league games and they'll get an additional 10 games vs. "snowbelt teams". This will come at an increased cost for the Red teams. EAHC is looking to refine what snowbelt teams would be in the "snowbelt terrain" for the EAHC games.
- White would be what we used to call Empire A and would get the regular number of league games
- Blue would be what we normally called Empire B and would get the regular number of league games
- EAHC league for Mites and Bantams will remain unchanged for next season
- EAHC hopes to host a Squirt & Pee Wee Jamboree to give them an opportunity to evaluate the teams and place them in the proper divisions. There was some discussion about when the Jamboree should be held and Jeff thinks that it should take place in October so that it lines up better with WNYAHL because some teams may want to do WNYAHL vs. Empire Red Select.
- No other organizations wanted to discuss eliminating checking at the bantam level. As per Karyn the thought is that when USA Hockey changes its policy, then EAHC will change theirs and/or look at it and vote to keep it or not.
- At this point EAHC does not have enough teams to have a 16U midget division at EAHC
- Both us, Scottsville and Brockport are all looking for more girls to play hockey so that we could facilitate a girls only team, but the problem is that the girls ages range from Squirt to Bantam, and there aren't enough girls at any one level to have a completely separate girls only team.

WNYAHL Representative – Chandy Kemp

Report:

- Not present - No Report due to no March Meeting

Ombudsman – JoBeth Rath

Report:

- No Report

Director of Communications – Dave Wong

Report:

- No Report

Ice Scheduler – Molly VanWyk

Report:

- Molly reports that all ice scheduling is done
- Also RIHOA (referee's fees) will most likely increase for next season

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – Amanda Cayouette, Molly VanWyk & Kristen Felix

Report: No Report

By-Law Review Committee – JoBeth Rath

Report: No Report

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

Report:

- JoBeth reports that the second Try Hockey for Free event was a success with 17 skaters and several who showed a lot of interest.
- She also reached out to USA Hockey to see if maybe they would switch the dates they use for their Try Hockey for Free events as those dates weren't ideal for our individual club this year.
- We also discussed holding our own event sometime in September or October (after soccer & football end) to see if we could get more kids signed up for the current season.
- Between the 2 events held this year, over 50 kids tried hockey and 4 signed up so far.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lawsuit: At this point we are just awaiting the following item:

- money from the insurance company (if applicable)
- o October Update: Dick reported that Jeff received an email from one of the insurance companies that they paid one of the other insurance companies and we still haven't been reimbursed, so Jeff is going to look into this.
- o December Update: Jeff hasn't received anything in a while, so he will be following up.
- o January Update: Jeff isn't getting anywhere with the emails that are going through the Buffalo USA Hockey "State Rep" so Jeff is going to follow up the the "National Rep" .

- March Update: Since the Insurance Reps are not giving us any information, we should go “over their heads” to somebody that will close out this claim for us....who is going to do that? We still haven’t been reimbursed, so follow up is necessary

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

- No Report (see Registrar’s report about Birth Certificates for next season)

D. Body Checking in EAHC at the Bantam level

- No Report (see EAHC report)

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parent Concerns (if any) – NONE

B. Tryouts - See ACE report

C. Coaching Selection – See ACE report

D. Nominations for 2018-2019 Board Positions

- All positions are open every year (Pres & VP need to be on board for 2 years prior to nominations), each person being nominated must be present at the meeting and must accept the nomination, then those nominations are voted on at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- There are some positions that are appointed once the new Board is in place.
- The following are the Board nominations for the 2018-2019 season:
 - President - Jeff Curry (nominated by Mike Dale & seconded by Molly VanWyk)
 - VP Hockey Operations (mainly deal with “on ice” issues & help the ACE Corrdinator) - Dan Craun (noimated by Molly VanWyk & seconded by Jodi Deming)
 - VP League (mainly deal with administrative/board stuff) - Judy Keysa (nominated by Jodi Deming & seconded by Dan Craun)
 - Secretary - JoBeth Rath (nominated by Shannon Agosto & seconded by Dan Craun)
 - Registrar - Amanda Cayouette (nominated by Molly VanWyk & seconded by Kristen Felix)
 - ACE Coordinator - Mike Dale (nominated by Jodi Deming & seconded by Dan Craun)
 - Equipment Manager - Lee Sargent (nominated by Dan Craun & seconded by JoBeth Rath)
 - Six (6) At Large Board Positions as follows, for which the following 8 people were nominated:
 - Kristen Felix (nominated by Molly VanWyk & seconded by Amanda Cayouette)
 - Jodi Deming (nominated by JoBeth Rath & seconded by Shannon Agosto)
 - Melissa Haynes (nominated by Aaron Utberg & seconded by Shannon Agosto)
 - Stuart Bailey (nominated by Jodi Deming & seconded by JoBeth Rath)
 - Shannon Agosto (nominated by Jodi Deming & seconded by Dan Craun)
 - Julie Matthews (nominated by Amanda Cayouette & seconded by Molly VanWyk)
 - Aaron Utberg (nominated by Dan Craun & seconded by Mike Dale)
 - Tammy Bullis (nominated by JoBeth Rath & seconded by Aaron Utberg)
- The following people were nominated but declined their nominations:
 - JoBeth Rath - VP League
 - Jodi Deming - Secretary

- The following are appointed Board positions, which will be appointed by the Board for next season after they are voted into place:

- Treasurer
- EAHC Representative
- WNYAHL Representative
- Director of Communication
- Ombudsman
- Ice Scheduler

- Jobeth makes a Motion to update our Bylaws as follows:

- There will be two Vice President positions:
 - VP of Hockey Operations (this person will deal with “on ice” issues and coaching stuff in conjunction with the ACE Coordinator)
 - VP League (this person will deal mainly with administrative and Board issues)
- That if someone from our Board holds an officer position with EAHC, that that person will have voting rights on our board for as long as they hold said officer position with EAHC.
- That we remove the Referee Coordinator position from our Board (this is strictly a housekeeping issue)

Dan Craun seconded the motion. This Motion will be voted on at our next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

- We will announce the next Board meeting via the website and robo-email as that is when we will be voting on the slate of Board nominations

E. Blues promoting Geneseo/Livonia/Avon Lakers Hockey (HS Varsity team) games via the Blues website, emails from the Blues robo-email system and using social media (ie. similar to how the blues and the Jr. Ice Knights are currently operating)

– This topic was brought up by Julie Matthews and she reports as follows:

- Julie wants to foster a better relationship between the Blues & Lakers
- There was discussion of who insurances the the Blues players that are on the ice during a HS game (ie. to make an on-ice tunnel or to stand during the National Anthem) and it was determined that the “Blues insurance” on a Blues player doesn’t extend to them being on the ice during a HS game. Julie will look into whether the HS team’s insurance would cover the Blues players or if it’s the individual HS insurance or SUNY Geneseo insurance or what and report back to the Board
- There was also some discussion that for some of the Blues players, having a strong relationship with the HS team isn’t an imperative due to the fact that they live in towns and attend schools that aren’t affiliated with the HS team, therefore they will never get to be on the HS team.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

Nothing at this time.

8. SET DATE FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

- We set that date for April’s meeting for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm @ SUNY Geneseo in Schrader, Room 4.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Molly VanWyk and seconded by Dan Craun to adjourn meeting @ 8:36pm. Passed unanimously.

Next Board meeting:

April 11, 2018 @ 6:30pm @ SUNY Geneseo, Schrader Bldg, Room 4

Next WNYAHL meeting:

April 14, 2018 @ 12:00pm @ Northtown Center (Skyboxes) - West Section Spring Meeting

-Items for the agenda must be received by me by Midnight Thursday, March 15, 2018. Items not on the agenda must have a 2/3 vote from the floor to be placed on the agenda (David M. Braunstein, West Section President NYSAHA, USA Hockey District Director, Adult Council USA Hockey, david.braunstein@nysaha.com, 716-864-4171).

Next EAHC meetings:

April 9, 2018 @ 7:00pm @ Bill Gray's Iceplex, Rochester, NY (conf. room opposite Rink #3)

May 14, 2018 @ 7:00pm @ Bill Gray's Iceplex, Rochester, NY (conf. room opposite Rink #3)