**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 19th, 2023**

Members in attendance: *D. Hutchins, A. Valyear, T. DeMars, B. McCarthy, D. Dedman, M. Benjamin, M. Barnes, C. Minuto, J. Hale*

Members absent: *C. Hutchins, T. Sprague, S. Pies, J. Kujawski, M. Jafari, J. Patric*

Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 3/15/23: Brian; 2nd: Dave

All in Favor

0 Opposed

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 4/19/23: Dave; 2nd Allyson

All in Favor

0 Opposed

* Board welcomed Malorie Benjamin, newest board member.
* Meeting Schedule for next 12 months was distributed. Malorie agreed to take minutes during the May meeting, in Theresa’s absence. Dale said we don’t have to meet in July, nobody cried about this.
* Board contact info sheet was passed around for additions and updates.
* Scholarships
  + 4 nominees were submitted from Allyson’s request to coaches and managers.
  + Scholarships will not be handed out at banquet. Scholarships will be handed out based on nomination characteristics rather than financial need.
  + David McCarthy Leadership Award will be handed out at the banquet. This will be in lieu of the Foundation’s donation to GAHA.
  + We will add a volunteer requirement to the scholarship application.
* Tryouts/Team Assignments
  + A lengthy discussion took place regarding the need to put a formal procedure in place for announcing teams after tryouts. Some teams were notified before others, which is off putting to several hockey families.
  + Dale suggested going back to the days of posting the teams and results on the locker room doors and have that be it. It was suggested to maybe post it on the website or email all rosters out to all of GAHA.
  + More to come on this in future meetings as the need for something formal is somewhat urgent. This will be discussed monthly until it is resolved. The updated procedure will be communicated to GAHA and will be upheld by all coaches and the coaching committee.
* Banquet Update
  + A lot of work has been done from a small group of volunteers for the banquet. Awards are mostly set. It was agreed that Fred Hamilton should be recognized for his commitment and enthusiasm towards the organization.
  + Manpower will be needed for the set up.
  + Tickets sales were lower than anticipated, but the modified team has a game at the same time.
* Committee Reports
  + Treasurer: Carrie was absent but sent an email with the following:

Current balance in account is $123,460.38. I will send full balance sheet and P & L once we finish paying and depositing Banquet funds.  We have received very few deposits for next year. I will need numbers for each team for next year in order to put together our budget and rates for next season (I also will be trying to get updated referee costs for 23/24).

* + Registrar:
    - Site is up and ready to go. There is also a spot to select jersey size and number. We should select some try on dates for jerseys.
  + Sponsorships:
    - We need to get the ball rolling for next season. Matt doesn’t want the banners hanging therefore, we have to think of perks to the middle sponsorship level.
  + Ice Scheduler: Absent
    - Kati was asked if we could get the ice up at the end of August to hold beginning of the season clinics. She will look into this.
  + Coaching Committee: Absent
    - Brian asked that the coaches be more proactive and consistent going forward.
  + VP of WNY: Absent
  + VP of Empire: Absent; Mike sent the following email:

A.) This month's Empire meeting was canceled and will resume again in May.

B.) Tryouts have determined there will be 4 Empire teams. 1 Bantam, 1 Pee Wee and 2 Squirts (A and B teams).  As for travel, Tim will have to confirm, but I believe There will also be 4 Travel level teams for WNYAHL Tier III.  1 Bantam Tournament Bound , 1 Pee Wee (TB), 1 Pee Wee (NTB) and 1 Squirt Travel Team (NTB)

C.) 16u/18u travel will merge as one 18u Split season team.  16U House is still deciding on entering whether or not they should enter 16u MOHL or 18u Empire (if 16U Empire isn't an option)

* President:
* Other items:
  + Marcia asked how individuals can contact or get a meeting with the coaching committee. Brian let her know she could reach out to any coaching committee member, Brian or Tim to set this up. This brought up a discussion with a coach and how it affected some players. Dale let us know that Fred Hamilton would be meeting with coaches before the upcoming season to work with younger coaches.
* Kati:
  + Floor hockey is going to be starting soon. This was chosen over roller hockey based on interested.
  + Rink is getting roller skates.

Motion to adjourn this meeting of the GAHA Board of Directors at 7:16pm: Brian; 2nd: Dale.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 17th.