GAHA Board of Directors

8.18.2022 Lawley Insurance

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: *D. Hutchins, A. Valyear, T. DeMars, B. McCarthy, T. Sprague, D. Dedman, H. Carney, M. Barnes, C. Minuto, J. Hale, J. Patric, M. Jafari(Zoom).*

Members absent: *C. Hutchins, S. Pies, J. Kujawski*

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 8.18.2022 of GAHA Board of Directors:
  + 1st: Holly
  + 2nd: Chad
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the 7.21.2022:
  + Theresa indicated that the file had been amended date. Copies distributed indicated 6.21.2022.
  + 1st: Marcia
  + 2nd: Dave
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
* New Business
  + Team Sponsor Board – Jeremy: The initial thought is to place the board on the rink side of the warming room. Tim visited rink on 8/19, location is too small. We will work with Matt to find an alternate location. Jeremy is going to ask about a visual proof of what it will look like. The board will then take an electronic vote.
  + \*\* Since the meeting, the proof was received by Jeremy and forwarded to the board. Majority of the board responded with a YES vote to move forward with the sponsor board.
  + ATV Raffle – James: We need to work out the pricing detail and decide if we are moving forward. Ticket prices were discussed briefly, board did agree to stay away from the

‘3 for…,’ and stick to 1 ticket, 1 price. James discussed rewards, like the Yeti Tumbler, per 5 tickets sold, as an incentive for each player/family to sell tickets.

* + ‘History of Hockey’ Jersey Display – James got Matt’s approval to hang jerseys in shadow boxes along the scoreboard side of the rink. This will include BHS, ND, Men’s League, Ramparts, etc; all organizations that have played in the rink, new and old jerseys. Chad and James will work on the shadow boxes.
* Treasurer’s Report:
  + Carrie was absent; sent the following report:
    - All players on the most recent registration list have been billed, this is over $171K with $138K owed (any beginners were given a 10/15 due date)
    - There are still players missing from the list so hopefully coaches have sent that message to them
    - Please remind your coaches/teams that payments are due September 11th
    - Please remind your coaches/teams about scholarship opportunities
    - Sponsorships so far total $5,100
* Registrar’s Update:
  + Allyson sent the most recent registration list. 168 players are registered (as of meeting date).
  + Allyson suggested we have a Mite Jersey fitting before Labor Day.
* Sponsorship Update:
  + 3 more team sponsors are needed.
  + \*\* As of September meeting, these are all fulfilled.
* Ice scheduler’s Report:
  + Jim Kujawski sent the following email due to planned meeting absence; Discussed responses are in RED.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Confirm start date of 8/29?? No, after Labor Day

WNY scheduling 9/17

Mohl scheduling 9/24

Mite Jamboree 9/30-10/2 – Tentative, WNY will email dates.

Empire 14U/18U scheduling 10/2-10/4

Empire 10U/12U scheduling 10/6-10/8

Empire 8U scheduling 10/10-10/12

WNY playoffs 2/24-2/26, Championships 3/3-3/5

Empire playoffs/Championships 2/23-2/26

\*\*NEEDS TO BE SENT TO ALL COACHES\*\*

Need all game schedules submitted ASAP after scheduling to add to schedule. Need all tournament weekends submitted or any dates you do not need ice ASAP.

Beginner’s tentative schedule:

Tuesday’s 10/4 and 10/18 @5pm

Saturday’s 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 @ earliest ice slot time

Can switch to Monday’s starting 10/31 or stay on Tuesday’s. Tuesdays

October schedule can be released as soon as MOHL game schedule is received.

November – January schedule released as soon as all empire game schedules received. (Wait for Feb/Mar due to playoffs, mite jamboree, and try-outs but we will have a preliminary schedule available)

\*\*QUESTIONS\*\*

For MITE games, do we need to add an additional 10 minute buffer for setting up and taking down boards? Yes and, according to Holly, is already accounted for.

When can I get my pucks and old rampart jersey’s for practice? Ask Tim

Need information with who to contact for game referees (needs to be sent to all coaches/managers) Scott Martin; Holly will email info to Jim

* Coaching Committee:
  + Safe Sport is ready;
  + Send wish list to Dale.
  + Need to generate a coaches list with trainings and USA Hockey.
* VP of WNY:
  + MOHL starting 9/24. 9/17 for PW and Squirt.
  + No WNY Bantam Team.
  + We need to do full team registrations. Need to look into how to do this.
  + There will be a 9/20 section meeting.
  + Penalties and suspensions will start to come down on players, parents, refs and coaches for inappropriate behavior.
  + USA Hockey is requiring Level IV to go to Colorado, USA Hockey Headquarters for training.
  + iPad is needed for new score sheets.
* VP of Empire:
  + They are looking for a commissioner for bantams and coaches cannot stand in. Is there someone on the board who’d like to volunteer? We are 1/3 organizations that aren’t participating in anything. There was some interest expressed on the board, Mike will look into what the position entails.
  + Mike wants to confirm the numbers to see if he has the count right for empire teams:
    - 2 mite blues (jamboree pending)
    - 1 mite white (jamboree pending)
    - 1 squirt Blue
    - 1 squirt white
    - 1 pee wee blue
    - 1 bantam
      * These are correct.
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 21st. \*\*This was a change from the original meeting schedule sent out in May. The meeting date will resume the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in September as there are no GAHA practices.

Meeting Adjourned 9:03pm.