Genesee Amateur Hockey Association

Board of Directors Meeting

8.16.2023

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: D. Hutchins (Zoom), A. Valyear, T. DeMars, C. Hutchins, B. McCarthy, D. Dedman, M. Benjamin, M. Barnes, M. Jafari (Zoom), J. Hale

Members absent: T. Sprague, S. Pies, J. Kujawski, C. Minuto, J. Patric

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 8/16/2023: Marcia
  + 2nd: Jeremy
  + All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from our last board meeting, 6/19/2023: Jeremy
  + 2nd: Brian
  + All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* New Business
  + Managers Meeting:
    - Wednesday, September 6th at 6pm. All managers will need to attend. Allyson will run meeting.
  + Fundraising:
    - A Lot of teams are very busy fundraising and a lot of money is coming in. Should we consider allowing Managers to maintain their funds, reducing the deposits into the accounts?
    - Theresa had mentioned last meeting that she would contact an accountant to come to the meeting and she didn’t – Brian suggested talking to Nick Harris. Allyson will put Carrie in touch with Nick to ask questions about avoiding the financial audit.
    - Malorie suggested that GAHA take a portion of the team’s fundraising to pay for the financial audits.
    - Jeremy is going to ask ROCO how they navigate this.
  + Jerseys:
    - 18U has been ordered. Tim is waiting on registrations from 2 remaining teams.
    - It was mentioned during the apparel discussion later in the meeting that a new logo was submitted to the Jersey Vendor. The logo is very similar, but has definitely been altered. This means that everything else has to be changed as well. This should have been a board decision – we should have voted on an updated logo before it was submitted. As a reminder, decisions are not made by 1 person.
  + Apparel:
    - Malorie is working with Mugs N More – she will get a sample store, she needs the updated logo.
    - Also discussed was that all of the GAHA families that purchased new apparel last year, all have outdated items now, due to the logo change.
* Committee Reports
  + Treasurer
    - Ice fees are coming in. Carrie will sort through them. Final balances are due 9/15.
  + Registrar
    - Waiting on registrations for PW B and Squirt B. So far 190 players are registered.
    - 41 mite players – 4 teams.
  + Sponsorship
    - Short 2 Team Sponsors; Malorie is working on the ESL Sponsorship.
    - 3 Companies have committed to being a team sponsor but have not paid.
  + Ice Scheduler
    - Jim sent an email with several questions that Theresa went through:
      * September Schedule (Proposed) was sent to board for review as well as Kati. Carrie asked if Midgets could start as soon as ice was ready –
      * Try Hockey for Free is 11/4.
      * Jim proposing 10/28-10/29 for homecoming. 18U have games both dates and Mite games will start that weekend. Both days have the opportunity to have 10/11 teams playing at home. Allyson asked about Mite Fright, if Tim was going to bring the Mite Teams. Halloween would be a great theme for Homecoming.
      * Scheduling meetings start 9/9, ending 10/11. Jim has received nothing on MOHL Scheduling.
      * Jim expressed the need to get another iPad. 5 teams will need to use the iPad for WNY. GAHA will purchase the 2nd iPad and Kati said we could store and charge them in the office.
      * Jim asked what was going on with the website – coaches and board members are not up to date. Other organizations are trying to contact coaches but the information is not there. Dave said he will get the contacts updated.
        + Malorie suggested finding a freelance person, maybe just starting out, that could build and keep up the website for a low cost. She will ask around.
  + Coaching
    - Tim was absent; Brian said they are still looking for a PW Empire Coach.
    - Coaching requirements added another hour of prequalifying training – people are getting it done but Brian will send out another reminder.
  + WNY
    - Absent
  + VP of Empire
    - In Chad’s absence, he sent the following updates via email:
      * 8U Organizational counts – it appears based on number and levels of 8U players across the league that there will not be enough teams to form a RED Division at this level.
      * Empire Website is being transitioned to be controlled by “Crossbar” Sports Management Platform.
      * Rochester Edge Girls Hockey is trying to form an 8U all girls team, however their count is low at seven players.
      * Passed by board vote to allow girls from other organizations to play for Rochester Edge Hockey. If so, must follow state rules, can only play one co-ed team and one all girls team cross organizationally. Only blue level players will be allowed. Must petition Empire Board for the addition of player. This addition will have to be approved by the board on a case-by-case basis. This could be open to 8U girls in the GAHA organization who wish to play more hockey.
  + President’s Report
    - Dale will talk with Turnbull about a Team Sponsorship.
  + Rink Update
    - A lot of cosmetic updates have happened over the summer.
    - Kati brought up the need for housing for a BND player – it was discussed, the board was going to think of groups to reach out to and ask Marc for info if needed.
* Motion to adjourn, 7:13pm, Malorie
  + 2nd: Carrie
  + Meeting adjourned

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 20th.