**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**February 27th, 2024**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: *D. Hutchins, A. Valyear, T. DeMars, C. Hutchins, B. McCarthy, T. Sprague, D. Dedman, S. Pies, M. Barnes, J. Kujawski, C. Minuto, M. Jafari, J. Hale, J. Patric*

Members absent: *M. Benjamin*

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, February 27th, 2024: Brian
	+ 2nd: Carrie
	+ 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting, January 17th, 2024: Mike
	+ 2nd: Jeremy
	+ 0 Opposed
* Old Business
	+ Old business items were mostly moved to agenda items for this meeting. Tim was reminded to send the difference between Empire and WNY to Theresa.
* New Business
	+ 2024-2025 Ice Fees
		- Board was informed by rink management that ice fees for next season will increase 10%. Given the increase in rink improvements and taking into consideration that ice fees have not increase in several years, the board did not have any issues or concerns with the increase in fees. Out of courtesy, Theresa will send an email out to the organization.
	+ Ice Chiller
		- City Council has tabled the ice chiller project until spring/summer 2025. This was to insure project was completed by their 9/1 date.
		- Rink is making necessary plans should issues arise.
	+ Tryouts
		- Squirt/PW
			* Tryouts will be Monday and Tuesday, March 11th and 12th. March 11th will be more of an evaluation; all players should attend. Those being considered for WNY Teams will be invited back for Tuesday. If players are not able to attend evaluation/tryouts, they should let their coach know.
			* Mike will work on the graphic and Theresa will send out.
			* Team announcements will be Monday, March 25th. Teams will be posted on Social Media and through email.
		- Bantam
			* Evaluations will be held last week of March. Tryout will need to be held at another rink.
			* Mike will make a graphic.
		- Midgets
			* Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm are available for evaluations.
	+ Annual Meeting/Elections
		- Board information sessions will be held 3/6 and 3/13. Dale and Theresa have already received interest. Please let Dale know if you are not interested in pursuing another board term.
	+ Banquet
		- Eli Fish will do the food. Banquet will be held at the rink again as it worked out well.
		- Theresa will send out email for volunteers.
		- Minimal awards
		- Mites will have a separate banquet.
	+ Other New Business?
	+ Committee Reports
		- Treasurer
			* P/L statement presented by Carrie. We are spending all we took in, plus extra, which is great.
			* GAHA must file a new FEIN next season for fundraising. Accountant filed an exception for this year, but it’s a 1-time occurrence.
			* Brian will look into the turn around time. We will start process once season is over.
			* We need to look into a better way to manage fundraising dollars. Managers cannot start fundraising until we have new FEIN.
			* Carrie asked if we could donate $500 to the Turnbull family: **VOTE**
				+ Motion: Carrie
				+ 2nd: Theresa
				+ All in Favor
				+ 0 Opposed
		- Registrar
		- Ice Scheduler
			* Now that tryout dates are set, final schedule can be sent out.
		- Coaching Committee
			* Will work on team assignments and coaching assignments after tryouts.
		- VP of WNY
			* Score app is changing back to website.
		- VP of Empire
			* Last meeting was structuring playoffs. Playoffs were great – Chad thanked board members who volunteered.
		- President
		- Rink

Meeting adjourned, 7pm.