**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**1/18/23**

**Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance: *D. Hutchins, T. DeMars, C. Hutchins, B. McCarthy, D. Dedman, H. Carney, S. Pies, M. Barnes, J. Kujawski, C. Minuto, J. Hale, M. Jafari (Zoom)*

Members absent: *A. Valyear, T. Sprague, J. Patric*

Meeting called to order at 6:06m.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 1/18/23: Dave
  + Carrie, 2nd
  + 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the 11/16/22 Board Meeting: Brian
  + Chad, 2nd
  + 0 Opposed
* 2023/24 Season Prep
  + Coaching applications have been sent, would like applications back by 2/8. As of meeting date, 2 applications had been received.
  + Dale is still waiting on confirmation of tryout dates. Theresa has some tentative dates Dale had sent, he will let her know when they are confirmed so that they can get on the rink schedule and website. Kati does have availability at other rinks, she will send options to Dale.
  + Brian, Jim, Mike J & Tim will all need help with evaluations.
  + Jim suggested evaluations rather than tryouts for higher levels based on numbers.
  + Dale wants registration free collected and a commitment organization wide at tryouts. This is common practice in other leagues.
  + WNY/Empire coaches MUST make calls 1-2 days after tryouts/evaluations.
  + Dale wants a coaching committee meeting scheduled within 2 weeks.
* Elections
  + Dale asked for a volunteer to run the election process. Holly volunteered to lead as her term is expiring and she is not seeking another term.
  + A lot of board seats are up this year, if you are NOT looking to sign on for another term, please let Dale know as soon as possible.
  + We will have 2 informational sessions via Zoom.
  + Annual meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th at the rink.
* Scholarship Process
  + Tim mentioned to Theresa the idea of handling scholarships a little different, by having the coaches award scholarships to players at the end of the season, for the following year. Scholarships based on need of course, adding in leadership, mentality, etc., as criteria. Board agreed this was a good idea. Need to finalize it and approve it to get it out to GAHA soon.
* Banquet
  + Several parents have asked about the return of the banquet and it is something we need to do. A lot of families have awards that need to be acknowledged and awarded.
  + Mites & Beginners will have their own.
  + Squirts and above will have 1 combined banquet.
  + Theresa suggested having the banquet at the rink. Ice will be gone.
  + Theresa will reach out to Kati/Matt for dates and options.
* Committee Reports
  + Treasurer
    - Ice fees are paid through January.
    - We have some outstanding payables but we are in a good financial spot. If we need to fix or repair something, now is a great time.
  + Registrar: Absent
  + Ice Scheduler
    - Schedule is set through 2/18.
    - Jim needs playoff schedule from Tim & Mike
    - Dates of Tryouts
  + Coaching Committee
    - Will meet within the next 2 weeks. Jim wants to be included.
  + VP of WNY: Absent
  + VP of Empire
    - Hearing and suspension scheduled for player with heavy penalty minutes (discussed at last meeting).
    - PeeWee Commissioner has a record of forfeits and organization is dealing with it.
  + President’s Report
    - Dale has received a lot of positive feedback this season. Everyone is really happy with the rink.
    - Dale passed along a lot of praise to the coaches and volunteers.
    - Brian added that there were 69 beginners on the ice for the beginning of session II!
  + Kati
    - Kati reviewed locker room policy. There is 1 parent that is very rude to ice rink staff when the locker rooms are locked when she arrives. She is not SafeSport certified and cannot be in the locker room alone with kids. Several coaches will not offer to surrender their key to unlock the locker rooms and it is very frustrating. Managers and coaches together have to help with this. The board agreed that we want to continue with the policy.
    - The rink is going to be adding roller skating and curling. They need curling stones if anyone has a connection.
    - Kati asked for help getting mats/tires, etc out for beginners/mites.
  + Other items:
    - Jim – the NYS Empire Games Torch Relay reached out about making the rink a stop. Jim said we were interested. He will send details when he has them.
    - Mike J. – Suggested an organizational video to advertise/market the rink and the program. Cost is $1200.

Meeting adjourned: 7:21pm