**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**6.21.2023**

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

Members absent: *B. McCarthy, T. Sprague, D. Dedman, S. Pies, M. Jafari*

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 6.21.2023: Carrie
  + 2nd: Chad
  + All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting, 4.19.2023: Marcia
  + 2nd: Chad
  + All in Favor, 0 Opposed

New Business

* Motion to approve the appointment of Chad Minuto to replace Mike Jafari as VP of Empire: Dale
  + 2nd: Allyson
  + All in Favor ,0 Opposed
* Sponsorships:
  + Gold sponsor will now receive a 15 second TV ad in the warming room to run on continuous loop during practices/games. Kristine McCarthy is helping with this.
  + Malorie is assisting with new sponsorships through business contacts.
  + James asked – what about businesses who want the 2 year jersey sponsorship after this year; it was discussed that perhaps they pay a deposit or we keep a list of those interested.
  + Team sponsorships are being bumped up to $650.
* Scholarships:
  + Dale will contact recommended recipients. The awards will cover partial ice fees.
  + Dale made a motion to waive full ice fees for Sean Rearden this year
    - 2nd James
    - All in favor, 0 Opposed
  + Repeat scholarship recipients will be asked to fulfill a volunteer requirement.
  + Going forward, board can deny scholarship requests based on past awards or experiences with recipients.
* Manager Training: Wednesday, August 30th at the rink, 6pm. Kati will reserve rink space.
* Jersey/Apparel Vendor for upcoming season:
  + Valley Athletics and Envious Gamewear are the 2 options.
  + James and Tim will get samples/sizes.
  + Both vendors are offering a 4 week turn around.
  + Both vendors are running around $40 per jersey.
  + Board felt that apparel this year should be offered to a local vendor. Allyson will reach out to T-Shirts, Etc. We want to keep the fundraising option.
* Budget
  + Carrie needs final team counts ASAP to finalize ice fees, once rink has confirmed the cost for the upcoming year. Kati will get with Matt to confirm and will relay to Carrie.
  + Carrie will work on a budget to be approved electronically by email.
* Treasurers report:
  + Financial/P&L Statements were sent via email.
  + What is needed at the rink? We have funds to spend.
  + Banquet costs will be included in ice fees.
  + It was discussed to have an accountant come to our next meeting to answer financial questions regarding Venmo, fundraising, managers, etc. Theresa will reach out to a couple of contacts.
* Registrar:
  + Allyson sent out most recent numbers this morning – 80 registered as of meeting date. Theresa will send registration link again.
* Ice Scheduler:
  + Jim is waiting to find out when Empire game scheduling is.
  + Jim wants to meet with Kati & Matt and will set up a time.
  + Can we run clinics last week of august with practices following?
  + Jim asked where profits from Mite Tournament will go – Mites or GAHA?
  + Homecoming weekend will need to include all team levels – November, possibly.
* VP of Empire:
  + Empire wants to lengthen the games for 10U from 50 minutes to 60. GAHA was only organization to vote ‘NO.’ The motion passed. This is going to pose an issue for ice scheduling. Tim said we wouldn’t adhere to the new game length; we still have some time to decide.
* VP of WNY: Absent
* Coaching Committee
  + Dale wants to schedule a meeting with the coaching committee sooner than later. Will contact Tim to set up a time.
* President:
  + NO July meeting.
* Rink/Kati:
  + Kati asked what should be done with the overflow of trophies? James will go to the rink and take a look – will look for ways to reuse/repurpose.
  + Lots of events happening this summer at the rink: 80s skating, silent disco, cornhole tournament and garage sale.
  + Water fountain is in, waiting for city to install it.
* Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:15pm: Marcia
  + 2nd: Carrie
  + All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 16th