**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**6/18/2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *D. Calkins, S. Pies, J. Kujawski, M. Jafari, J. Patric*

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 6/18/2024: Brian
  + 2nd: Marcia
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 5/15/2024: Malorie
  + 2nd: Carrie
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
* New Business
  + Old Business
    - Jersey Update:
      * James sent an email with an update on jerseys. He has been hoping to get sample jerseys by June 12th, but they have not been received. He is also having difficulty communicating with Envious. He said that Envious is now expecting them next week (week of 6/24).
      * James created order forms and forwarded them to board for review. He did add 3rd jersey, and sock, shell, t shirt, bag, hoodie and cut resistant shirt. Board agreed that we wanted a sample of the cut resistant shirt or confirmation of brand before we add it to the order form.
      * Board asked for goalie sizes to be added to the order forms and for the jersey cost to be removed from the order form. We also have to pick a jersey.
    - Website Update:
      * Malorie is working on dividing duties for website content creation. She will assign jobs and send them to those who volunteered. The registration page is up and running and most of the nuances are cleared up.
    - Coaching Clinic Update:
      * Dan is waiting on his passport and will schedule his Calgary trip once it is received.
    - ROCO Update:
      * Not happening this year.
  + New Business
    - Theresa received and accepted Jim Kujawski’s resignation from the Board of Directors. Per the By Laws, Dale will reach out to Russ Borden, who had the next highest votes at the general election.
    - Sponsorships:
      * Allyson updated the sponsorship form and will email last year’s sponsors and mail letters to businesses noted in Chamber directory. Levels will be $250, $400 and $700. 2 year Rampart Sponsor will again go to the McCarthy Foundation.
  + Committee Reports
    - Treasurer:
      * Carrie presented a preliminary budget based on an increase of $75-$100 per team from last year. Preliminary budget indicated a decent loss for the upcoming year. The board discussed increasing the ice fees more across the board; we have already alerted parents to expect a 10% increase. We can go with the 10% increase. Carrie will send an updated budget.
    - Registrar:
      * 72 players are currently registered. Theresa will send out the email again.
    - Coaching Committee:
      * The coaching committee will be meeting at the end of July to set expectations for the year.
      * Tim and Brian met with Corey Mickey and he is confirmed to run the clinics from September – Thanksgiving. This will be incorporated into the overall ice fees and presented as a positive addition to the Rampart Experience.
      * Clinic needs to be publicized.
    - WNY:
      * WNY will be using their own scoring app.
      * Play in Tournament for 10U is scheduled for 8/10-8/11. Need to let families know.
      * Periods are changing next year; PW will play 3 – 15 minute periods.
      * Tier 1 TB Teams will not be curfewed, other teams will have a curfew.
    - Empire:
      * 8U Rule Changes: Cancellations (not allowed, must be made up). Reschedules MUST be communicated to 8U Commissioner. Fine for forfeits will be $200.
      * Teams may not use Red Players or players from other leagues.
      * 5 v 5 plus goalies must be played
      * 10U Games: Blue 11-11-11 White 12-12-12 Period Length Proposal (Game slots stay 60 minutes minimum, no change to 23-24 game slots)
      * 12U – 1 division: Allow Tier 2 Girls to play on EAHC teams without requiring permission. Girls must otherwise be eligible to play (i.e. not playing on a Travel/WNY team and all other rules followed).
      * Add new rule – accept Midget Petitions until 12/1 for players with no place to play. If space available, we will consider players on JV teams at December Meeting.
      * Approval of the calendar: The calendar is on the website. Playoffs will be the last weekend of February (February 20th-23rd), which is the second weekend of the school’s winter break.
      * October 5th and 6th – Empire placement 8U Jamboree at Lakeshore.
      * Scheduling by Lisa Cammilleri will be on September 28th – October 3rd. This will be accomplished virtually.
      * Board proposal for two weekends for scheduling:

Tenative Dates: September 21st- 22nd (18U and 16U) September 28th – 29th (14U, 10U, 8U)

* + - * We will also speak with Lisa to explore other options in the future, such as in-person scheduling rather than virtual.
      * Neck guard mandatory – all voted yes to approve the change in Empire rule book.
      * Bantams penalties changed to 1.5 min minor, 4 min majors, and 8 min misconduct. Will be changed per USA Hockey.
      * Midgets: If one team has (8) or less players, a proposal was passed to change game to non-checking. This will be mandatory.
      * 6U Jamboree dates need to be in by July meeting.
    - Rink
      * Halfway through offseason
      * No other updates!
    - President
    - Other New Business
      * Merry Mitemas will return in 2024
      * Dale will help Malorie with website administration.

Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm: Dale

2nd: Malorie