**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**5/15/2024**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *M. Jafari, J. Kujawski, J. Patric, T. DeMars*

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 5/15/2024: Tim

2nd: Malorie

0 Opposed

Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 4/24/2024: Brian

2nd: Tim

0 Opposed

* Old Business: Update on Coaching committee; it will consist of VP Empire, WNY, Ace Coordinator, President and Dan Calkins
* Rink Sound System **vote:**

Cost of full system is close to $8K, discussion on what level of support is appropriate to provide the rink, this is a good investment and can be used by teams and especially for tournaments.

-Steve Pies made motion for $2000 donation

All in favor, 0 opposed

* Mcarthy Foundation Golf Tournament Donation **vote:**

Discussion on level of support of one non-profit to another, we do have general fundraising and other support, not necessarily using player ice fee dollars, it would be nice to see our logo with a large donation

-Marcia Barnes made a motion to donate up to $500

All in favor, 0 opposed

Brian will let us know what we should purchase

* Jerseys

-It was decided we don’t want to rush, get some additional options

-we will use the same company, Envious

-Patric to provide the pricing

-We are also looking for pricing of practice jerseys (we would put sponsor information on these and pay out of sponsorship funds)

-still looking at options for warm-up suits, we don’t think Pure Hockey is a good choice, suggestion was made for Front Row Team Sports

-we also need to get pricing for t-shirt, long sleeve T’s, and sweatshirts from both Envious and Mug-N-More so we can determine if we can provide them to all registered players

* GAHA/ROCO Partnership- no real update at this point, 15U may still want to use our Tier III status
* Other New Business: League Apps

-We have paid the $2500 fee to develop our website, it will cost approximately $400 a year for maintenance. We will pass on credit card/processing fees to players upon payment

-We are trying to get a temporary registration site up in the next couple of weeks so players can register and pay deposit before we order jerseys in July

-We need to pull together a separate committee to review and pull the information from the old website to the new website (Carrie will send out meeting information to anyone that can attend, we need several people to help out with this project)

* Committee Reports
  + Treasurer
    - Nothing new at this time, we have approximately $114K in the bank
    - Now that we have the teams and player info for next year, Carrie will work with Malorie on developing the budget so we can get ice fee costs on the website
  + Registrar
    - New website will bring online payment and online registration.
  + Ice Scheduler
    - We will need to work with Matt/Adam on the ice scheduling; we need to find clinic instructor and what available times we have for September and October
  + Coaching Committee
    - We want to have clinics once a week
    - Meeting with coaches and parents, provide information on the responsibilities of the team, what to expect from coaches and players, discussion on what the Tiers mean (singe A, AA, AAA)
    - The coaching committee wants to be more formal, make more of a contribution, follow guidelines and hold themselves more accountable
    - Discussion about IHS (Ice Hockey Systems): this shows you how to draw up ice plans, there are pre-made drills, ice videos (several individuals are paying for it separately, GAHA may cover in future)
    - Manager meeting will be held in the beginning of the year

Discussion of sending Dan Calkins to Calgary to go to a Skating Coach Certification to earn his level 2 and 3 for cert (the cost would be $750 plus ice fees),

-Dan would be able to hold trainings in the future to teams or individuals, it would be a good investment for GAHA

Tim made a motion to pay these costs for Dan

Chade seconded it, all in Favor, 0 opposed

* + VP of WNY
    - WNY is forcing a 9U/10U preseason tournament ($900), two weekends in August
    - League fees will increase most likely $750 (probably not until 25/26)
    - Playoff costs not included in fees currently but may be in future
    - Changes to Website and scoring app
    - Player and fan conduct issues, get rid of parent (and family) and player- must leave rink
    - Changing the number of minutes per period for pee wee and up (probably not until 25/26)

* + VP of Empire
    - Rotation of Officer positions, we are up for a position, Chad will be secretary next season, he would be asked to be Treasurer the following year, but he would bow out at the end of this year
  + President – Discussion about the responsibilities of the Board to show up and attend meetings and communicate if you cannot attend
    - Determine what to do with those that don’t show up (what do the bi-laws say)
    - We need people on the Board that want to participate and care about the organization, we have too many other people interested that want to get involved
  + Rink
    - Katie had to leave to coach a roller hockey team
* Meeting adjourned: 7:48pm, all in favor, 0 opposed