**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**11.16.2022**

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

Members absent: *D. Hutchins, T. Sprague, J. Kujawski, H. Carney, J. Patric*

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

* Motion to approve agenda for this meeting, 11/16/2022 of the Genesee Amateur Hockey Association Board of Directors:
  + Motion: Dave
  + 2nd: Brian
  + All in Favor
* Motion to approve the minutes of the last board meeting, 10/19/2022:
  + Motion: Dave
  + 2nd: Carrie
  + All in Favor
* Planning out Future Events
  + Matt and the rink staff would like the organization to be proactive in planning events, especially tryout dates. The last day of ice is March 31st. There is a tournament happening this year with or without GAHA participation in February for squirt and pee wee levels.
  + Matt wants tryout dates on the calendar in order to promote to other organizations. He would like the dates within the next 2 months.
* Matt
  + Sponsor board is being hung in the next week. Tim does have the sponsor plates printed; will pick up when needed.
  + Carrie asked about a water fountain/bottle filler. The City knows of the need for this and is working on it.
  + Rink needs new refrigeration. This expense will be in the range of $300,000-$2,000,000. Rachel is working with local government to secure grants.
  + Unattended children – Children are being dropped off and left at rink for lengthy periods of time unattended. Board discussed and decided that players should arrive approximately 30 minutes before game/practice time, or when coach requests. Coach or manager will get a key for the assigned locker room to open it. This will be effective 12/1. Kati will send the new locker room policy for Tim to forward to all coaches.
  + Matt asked for feedback on the clinics scheduled by Desiree. She is doing this without GAHA. Russ is working with New Edge, he will connect with Tim on this.
* Homecoming
  + $2,800 raised
  + $300 in expenses
  + Homecoming 2023 will be in November so that there are more games and more people coming to the rink.
  + Possibly more events in 2023.
* Apparel Store – What is the status of order #1
  + This store closed on October 12th, orders have not been received and no shipping notifications have been sent. Per online store, 4 weeks planned for delivery after order.
  + Carrie will contact Matt Keeler for the status of this order.
* Treasurer’s Report
  + Missing a few ice fees from families – one being a scholarship recipient who is very delinquent on payments.
  + Carrie reported that the Schum family bequest has purchased new nets. She asked Gary if there was anything else he would like us to purchase. Matt suggested new equipment for the scorer’s box.
* Registrar’s Report
  + Most rosters are set, alternates are needed.
* Ice Scheduler: Absent
* Coaching Committee: Absent
* VP of WNY: Absent
* VP of Empire:
  + Bantams – 1 player has 43 penalty minutes so far this season.
  + Board approved Tritown borrowing a PW Player
  + Adding a 7 goal mercy rule at all levels.
  + Remind coaches to be prepared to ref games if needed.
  + Encourage coaches to go to website and complete referee evaluation forms.
* President’s Report: Absent
* New Business/Other
  + AV Equipment in the party room is locked. John Kirkwood knows how to use it and will train any head and assistant coach. Brian will reach out to him on this
  + Old Equipment – There are 12 sets of old jerseys and 15 pair of old socks. These are all organized; we need to decide what to do with it.
  + Kati added that any weather related closure will be posted on social media, local media and relayed to GAHA Board.
  + Dale would like meetings to begin at 6pm, starting next month. Board was in agreement that the time change was OK.
* Meeting adjourned, 8:06pm.