**GAHA Board of Directors Meeting**

**10.18.2023**

**David McCarthy Memorial Ice Arena**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *T. Sprague, J. Kujawski, J. Patric*

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 10/18/2023 of the GAHA Board of Directors: Brian
	+ 2nd: Steve
	+ All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting, 9/20/2023: Allyson
	+ 2nd: Steve
	+ All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Technology Presentation: John Kirkwood
	+ John presented the technology benefits provided to the BND Program with Hudl. He offered a brief presentation and talked about how BND Hockey utilizes the film and showed how GAHA can also benefit. John offered to meet with coaches after a practice to show how to use the film, breakdown players and lines, etc. The program is athlete – centric and coaches and players can view how their systems are working. There is a GoPro on the goalie net and film can be recorded on a tablet and uploaded to Hudl.
	+ BHS now uses Hudl for every sport – costs the district approximately $15,000 a year for the top package. There are no satellite options therefore, GAHA cannot use the district’s membership.
	+ Brian added that older players would really benefit from the program.
	+ Theresa will email Hudl for package and pricing options.
* Pictures
	+ Allyson will be scheduling pictures the 1st week of November with Blink of an Eye Photography. Mites are still waiting on jerseys, estimating arrival in 2 weeks.
* Homecoming
	+ Homecoming being held on 10/28. Recap will be given next meeting.
* PWB Tournament Funding
	+ Tim suggested the board offer to pay for a tournament for the newly formed Pee Wee B team. This is the team that was down in numbers and merged with the Squirt B team, also low in numbers. There is a lot of negative chatter amongst the parents in the warming room and the merger should have been better communicated to the parents form coaches/board. The merging of the teams did result in a reduction in GAHA’s expenses, some ice fees and referee costs. Overall, the consensus was that this is a goodwill gesture based on how the merger was handled.
		- VOTE: Funding One Tournament Cost for Pee Wee B Team
			* Motion: Steve
			* 2nd: Carrie
			* All in Favor: 9
			* All Opposed: 3
		- Motion Passed
	+ Dale will email Manager of PWB Team to set up a meeting with coaches and parents.
* Committee Reports
	+ Treasurer: Not too much to report, receivables are under $5,000.
	+ Registrar:
		- 40 Beginners
		- Rosters are complete
		- Alternates are needed
	+ Sponsorships:
		- All teams have a sponsor
		- Theresa is waiting for completed sponsor signs.
	+ Ice Scheduler
		- Jim sent schedule for November – January.
		- Jim indicated that a referee asked that we schedule games back to back so that referees were not waiting.
		- Jim also indicated that Scott Martin will be retiring in the next couple of years and this likely means that we would have to book refs out of the area at an additional costs. Carrie did point out that GAHA would be invoiced for the fees and managers would no longer have to carry the money.
	+ Coaching:
		- Tim Absent
		- Brian has been working with coaches on getting their requirements completed.
		- Brian said that there is going to be an issue with lockers in the future. It’s ok now, but eventually we are going to have to reconfigure.
	+ VP of WNY: Absent
	+ VP of Empire:
		- The PWB Roster is all set; 2 players moved back down to the Squirt A Team.
		- Empire launched a new, user friendly website.
	+ President:
	+ Rink Update: GAHA Board Meetings will move from Lawley to the Rink starting in November.
* Motion to Adjourn at 7:17pm: Steve; 2nd: Marcia.