**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**9.20.2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *T. Sprague, D. Dedman, M. Benjamin, J. Kujawski*

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting: 9/20/2023; Marcia
	+ 2nd: Brian
	+ All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the 8/16/23 meeting; Carrie
	+ 2nd: Theresa
	+ All in Favor, 0 Opposed
* New Business
	+ Sponsorships:
		- Still waiting on payment from committed team sponsors.
		- Still short 1 team sponsor, Dale will ask Bill Hayes – it is for a Mite Sponsorship.
		- Ad monitor is up and running; 16 businesses’ ads will run on a loop.
		- We need to update the sponsor board. Theresa will contact Phil Vigneri. The Rink and James Patric can help get board updated.
	+ Fundraising
		- Carrie met with Nick Harris and he reiterated what we already knew. We will have to have audited financials done if we exceed the deposit threshold.
		- We are not at the threshold yet, however, we will get to the point as registrations and ice fees increase.
		- As of now, we are asking managers to pay out all expenses before depositing balance into account. We do have to have Managers sign document stating GAHA is not responsible for lost funds.
		- We will be reviewing options going forward to help alleviate the cost of the financial audit, which can be $6,000-$7,000 a year:
			* We can open a separate 501.c.3 solely for fundraising.
			* We can utilize pre-paid Visa cards.
	+ Homecoming
		- Theresa agreed to work on Homecoming – Allyson and Carrie will help as well. Theresa will ask Holly Carney for help too. We will do the posters and basket raffles, perhaps a Trunk or Treat event and a hot dog stand.
		- Date is October 28th – Halloween Theme
	+ Locker Room Policy
		- Theresa is going to send out the Locker Room/Warming Room Policy to organization with reminders on:
			* No getting dressed in the warming room,
			* Managers and coaches with SafeSport Training are allowed in the locker rooms for players Squirt and older,
			* Assigned locker rooms must be opened with a key that is available at the snack shop. A manager or a coach must leave a car key in exchange for the locker room key and it will be returned after the practice is over and rink staffed has cleared the locker room.
	+ Apparel Store
		- Malorie was not in attendance but she did send a preliminary store; she is waiting on the updated logo from Tim.
		- Board agreed that store looked great, asked that the Navy Blue items be replaced with Royal Blue in the selections with red, grey and white.
* Committee Reports
	+ Treasurer
		- Carrie gave account update – still waiting on several families’ ice fees. Carrie will send out a list to coaches/managers at the end of the week and will give 1 additional week for payments to come in.
	+ Registrar
		- Registration numbers were sent to board today.
		- Rosters are going well; Mites, Squirt B & PW B are also not done.
		- Squirt B & PW B are combining and will play at the PW level.
	+ Coaching
		- Brian mentioned an issue happening in the 8U locker rooms with one of the coaches using vulgar language regularly. There are a couple of coaches who also have inappropriate conversations on adult topics in the locker room and in front of the players. Dale is going to send an email to coaches regarding this. Parents have complained.
	+ Ice Scheduler
		- Jim was not in attendance, sent an email with questions that were addressed:
		- MOHL scheduling is on 10/14; Chad said that Randy Havens indicated that numbers are down as a league.
		- All WNY games are scheduled, Empire Scheduling is 10/11-10/14.
		- Jim is revising schedule due to combination of Squirt/PW Team.
		- Partial October Schedule being released soon, finalized once all team scheduling is done.
		- Jim proposes not having practice on 10/31, board agreed.
	+ VP of WNY – Absent
	+ VP of Empire – No Report
* Rink Report
	+ Kati and Matt want Locker Room Policy resent to organization. Parent swore to rink employee, several other people witnessed this and it is not going to be tolerated.
* President’s Report
	+ Dale will ask Stephanie Benson to head coach the combined Squirt/PW Team and he will ask for parents to come to a meeting to present this in a positive light. There are several theories of what is going to happen being talked about and everyone needs to be on the same page.
	+ Considering having 2 MOHL teams next year.
	+ Next year, jersey ordering will need to be the responsibility of more than 1 person as it is a big undertaking
	+ Let’s consider getting jersey info at the end of this season.

Next meeting: October 18th, 2023 at the RINK

Meeting adjourned: 7:22pm.