**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

**8.21.2024**

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

Members absent: *S. Pies, B. McCarthy*

Meeting called to order at 5:33pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting 8.21.24 of the board of directors: Carrie
  + 2nd: Jeremy
  + All in Favor
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 6/18/2024: Tim
  + 2nd: Carrie
  + All in Favor; no corrections
* Old Business
  + Jerseys
    - All jerseys are ordered and in production. Tim at Envious said he would send an anticipated delivery date when he has it. Only 1 team responded to James about a 3rd jersey. James is hoping all items are delivered like the spreadsheet and are organized. Anticipated date is 9/13 (1 month from order date).
  + Website
    - Website is making progress. The Domain was owned by Erik Trifthauser so, we can keep the same address which is great news.
    - Malorie does need missing information from the board:
      * Board Bios – these can be 1-2 sentences. We did agree to not post our pictures.
      * The ‘Check out our Numbers’ Page needs combined years of coaching experience and 24/25 Tournament Info. Dale will get the coaching years, Tim will get the teams’ tournament info.
      * WNY Tier III Page – Tim will provide this.
      * Learn to Skate – this is a rink program; the page will have a link to the rink’s website.
      * Recent award recipients – Carrie will get this info.
      * Player Conduct Forms
    - There is an apparel page. This will also include a link for the 3rd jersey inquiry.
    - Plan is to launch week of 8/31.
  + Coaching Clinics
    - Coaching clinics will start on Mondays in September, moving to Wednesdays in October. The clinics will run for 10 weeks through Relentless Hockey. There will be 3 time slots for squirt, PW and Bantam. These are mandatory for WNY teams, strongly encouraged for Empire teams. Jim Armstrong offered to come for a couple of hours during the season, free of charge. Tim will schedule this.
    - Dan is going to Calgary on September 16th.
  + Sponsorships
    - If there is only 1 PW Empire team, we need 3 more team sponsors.
  + Scheduling
    - Dale met with the coaches and Adam has the schedule tentatively completed. It will be ready to go out shortly.
    - Practices will start the Tuesday after Labor Day, Beginners start on 10/5.
  + Reports
    - Treasurer
      * Invoices are being updated for those who paid in full. Will see what it is like after 9/15.
    - Registrar
      * 174 players are registered; all teams are set.
      * Squirt B has 11 players.
      * Coaches need to register.
      * Board needs USA Hockey Registration/SafeSport.
    - Coaching Committee
      * There was a meeting early in August with a lot of positive feedback and good conversations. Everyone is hoping for better communication going forward.
      * Will start using HIS (Ice Hockey Systems) as an organization. This will give coaches access to other coaches practice plans.
    - WNY
      * Playoffs are 2/21-2/23 with the Championships being held 2/28-3/2.
      * Scheduling and the annual meeting will be 9/7 from 8am-4pm.
      * The placement tournament will be mandatory in 2025 for ages 9-14.
      * West Section Meeting is 9/18 in Amherst.
      * There will be a coaching credential check in December 2024.
    - Empire
      * Scheduling is as follows:
        + 9/19-21, 18U Virtual
        + 9/22-24 14U Virtual
        + 9/29 10U & 12U In Person

9am-12pm 12U

12pm-3pm 10U White

3pm-6pm 10U Blue

* + - * + 9/16 Preschedule Meeting at 7pm
        + Final 8U Team Count has to be to 8U Commissioner via email by 9/1.
        + Empire wants final 12U count BEFORE 9/17 meeting.
        + Mike Jafari offered to help with scheduling. Calendar will be updated on Empire Website. Coaches and Managers will need to bring their blackout dates.
      * 18U was lowered to 15 games for 24/25 season.
      * Musical instruments are banned in the stands – this includes cowbells.
      * Empire is going to start using the term ‘Alternate’ rather than ‘Substitute.’
      * There will no longer be fair play points based on referee evaluations.
      * Webster hasn’t sent a representative to a meeting since March. A letter was sent to them and fines will be imposed.
    - Rink
    - President
      * Dale would like a managers meeting before games start. As of meeting date, Borden, Peca and Crane need managers.
      * Scholarship applications are coming in. Dale, Theresa, Dan and Jeremy will serve on the scholarship committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.