**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**10.16.2024**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *S. Pies, J. Patric*

* Motion to approve agenda for this meeting of the Board of Directors: Dan
  + 2nd: Brian
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 9.18.2024: Carrie
  + 2nd: Dan
  + All in Favor
  + 0 Opposed
  + 0 Corrections
* Old Business
  + Jerseys/Bags/Etc:
    - Bags are being delivered to the Patrics by the end of the week and will be available next week.
    - Jersey corrections are still undetermined.
  + Website:
    - Website is up and live – please provide Malorie with the information she is looking for. You can also send any corrections on the website to her.
  + Coaching Clinics:
    - Dan has already worked with a few teams and it has been very well received by the coaches.
* New Business
  + Homecoming
    - November 16th, 2024. Allyson, Carrie and Theresa will organize
    - Basket Raffle, Poster Contest and 50/50.
    - Theme – TBD
  + Treasurer
    - Malorie has asked to relinquish some of her board responsibilities. She is currently managing the website and LeagueApps, the apparel store and is working along side Carrie to take over the Treasurer role next year. Malorie feels that the website and LeagueApps management should remain linked and has agreed to keep doing that.
    - The apparel, which is mainly just being a point of contact between us and M&M, Brian agreed to take on.
    - The role of treasurer might be more difficult. In conversation, Theresa had mentioned a name to Brian and Brian had a brief conversation with him at practice. He expressed interest – Theresa will reach out to invite him to meetings. As a rule, he could come but not vote until he is elected in March.
  + Warm-Ups
    - Allyson worked directly with Pure Hockey to set up a store specifically for Bauer Warm Up Suits. She had to choose black because gray was out of stock and they are no longer offering red or royal blue. This would be up to teams and individuals if they wanted to purchase or not. The same suit store will be available year after year, only in black.
  + Branding/Logo
    - In connection with the warm-ups, the conversation came to our brand overall. We did a lot of work and spent a long time changing from our old navy and red to the royal blue, red and white logo. The teams and jerseys look great and we should be doing what we can to maintain our brand and presence as an organization. There is currently an online apparel store that a team is using as a fundraiser with two alternate, black, red and white logos. We need to be more direct and forthcoming about the logo usage to all of the organization.
  + Fundraising
    - Fundraising is getting out of control. The amount of dollars coming in is one thing, but the fundraising is happening without any board input or approval. We have to start monitoring the fundraising; Theresa will look in the documents for a form and update it. We will review at the November meeting.
    - There is a grant available through Dick’s. It is $2900 and would need to be split among the 10 teams evenly. There are some stipulations and we agreed to apply for the grant.
  + Merry Mitemas
    - 17 teams are signed up – Allyson would like 20 to even out the brackets.
    - Monies from the tournament will go to GAHA to cover the banquet costs.
* Committee Reports
  + Treasurer:
    - October installments are coming in – once our LeagueApps account is fully functional, the whole process will be better.
  + Registrar:
    - Still working on rosters – Coaches need to get registered. Allyson will send the list of unregistered coaches to Brian.
  + Sponsorship:
    - New plates are in – Theresa has them and will bring them to the rink for James to put up.
  + Ice Scheduler:
    - Adam has received the final Mite game schedule and has sent the latest November schedule to Dale to review. He is hoping to have the schedule completed through February by the end of next week.
    - A Junior team from Elmira will be here on November 9th and January 4th and 5th.
  + Coaching Committee
    - Parents are expressing dissatisfaction because they see other teams playing games but they are not playing games, mainly empire teams – Empire schedules later. Coaches are newer and are not familiar with the process of scheduling scrimmages and communicating to families.
    - Having the 2 Empire PW teams is going well.
    - Dale wants coaches to have another parent meeting after the holidays and preferably before tryouts.
  + WNY: Tim missed the last meeting –
    - League fees were discussed and fines will be imposed if they are not paid.
  + Empire: There was no October meeting.
    - 8u scheduling has been completed.
    - Tim asked if 8u could play Squirt; Chad said it has never been discussed.
  + President
    - Adam is doing a great job with the schedule. If you have schedule changes, please bring them to Dale first.
    - There is consideration of dropping the last 2 clinics. Some teams are horsing around and not utilizing the benefit. Tim will get the clinician feedback as this is a lot of money.
    - MOHL wants to hang banners of graduating seniors.
  + Rink – Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned: 7:31pm.