**Genesee Amateur Hockey Association**

**September 18th, 2024**

**Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes**

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

Members absent: *M. Benjamin, J. Patric, M. Jafari, B. McCarthy*

Meeting called to order at 6:07pm.

* Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting, 9/18/2024 of the Board of Directors: Jeremy
  + 2nd. Tim
  + All in Favor
* Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, 8/21/2024: Carrie
  + 2nd Marcia
  + All in Favor
* New Business
  + Old Business
    - Jerseys: Per James, as long as there are no delays, Jerseys will be at Envious by Friday, 9/20. Shells and Bags are being shipped next week. Once Envious has them, James will go get them.
    - Website: Everything is ready, we are still working on getting access to the domain from Erik T. Malorie is working on it.
  + Calgary/Skating Instruction
    - Dan had a positive experience in Calgary and is ready to bring knowledge back here – He is offering to coaches to visit practices and take slow motion video of each player, offer suggestions and then come at the end of the season and compare videos. He will also offer to go through correction drills with the teams.
    - Tim asked Dan to come Friday to both of Tim’s practices; Tim will invite all coaches to attend. After the coaches watch, they will be asked to contact Dan directly to arrange for him to come to their practice.
  + Manager’s Meeting
    - Allyson is presenting on Monday, September 23rd.
  + Referee Fees
    - Per Carrie, fees are the same as 2023. We need to remind Managers of process.
  + Homecoming
    - Dale would like to wait until MOHL and Empire have completed scheduling. 11/2 and 11/16 are tentative dates. Theresa, Carrie and Allyson volunteered to organize.
    - Kati asked if a team could set up a table to sell their individual fundraiser – board agreed yes, as long as there is no takeaway from GAHA’s only fundraiser.
  + Other New Business
    - Updates Scholarship Process
      * Board has discussed in the past updating the scholarship application process. The criteria has to require some additional effort on the family requesting. More of a description of their financial need and something about how they support GAHA’s fundraising efforts.
      * Jeremy brought copies of 2 scholarships available through the Jr. Amerks, and the applications.
      * Our process has been the same for many years and to change, we have to be forthcoming with the requirements to the families in advance. We will discuss at a future meeting.
* Reports
  + Treasurer
    - 1st installment of ice fees was due 9/15, as of meeting date, 45 families were delinquent. Next year, LeagueApps will be fully functional and families will automatically be charged with the credit card they paid the deposit with.
    - We have to be mindful of deposits – Merry Mitemas and other fundraisers.
  + Registrar
    - Still working on Empire Rosters.
    - Board members have to register as volunteers with USA Hockey, complete Safesport Training and Background Checks.
  + Sponsorships
    - We need 2 more Team Sponsors
  + Ice Scheduler
    - Tim wants Beginners moved earlier than 9am – we need the ice for older players who are paying more $$$. Beginners start earlier.
  + Coaching Committee
    - Skills clinics are going well. More coaches are needed to help in the locker rooms.
    - They will be adjusting times and reorganizing based on skill level – WNY teams together and Empire Teams together at the squirt and PW levels.
    - They will be splitting up the PW Empire Team into 2 teams.
    - Bantam team needs a manager.
  + WNY
    - Scheduling is done.
    - 3 Body Checks will result in a game suspension.
    - Kicking penalty will result in a hearing. This is new.
  + Empire
    - 18u virtual scheduling is 9/19, 14u virtual scheduling is over the weekend.
    - There are 21 10u teams (10 white, 11 blue), 12 -12u teams, 9 – 14u teams and 6 – 18u teams. They are working on divisions for 8u.
    - Chad asked about the 12U team – Tim advised there would be 2 teams, we just don’t have the rosters, yet.
    - Petition was sent from Rochester Edge to allow 3 girls who currently play on a mixed travel team to also play on an all girls Edge Empire Team. The rule is being reviewed on a case by case basis this year, after each family submits a petition.
  + President
    - Great start to the year; communication with coaches has been great and we are seeing the positive results.
* Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16th.
* Motion to adjourn at 7:08pm: Tim
  + All in Favor