

Western New York High School Club Hockey League Meeting Report January 9, 2018

Board Members Present: (indicated by an “x”)

X	Steve Ferrentino	X	Sue Koral		Yves Pierre-Louis
	Paul Crissy	X	Marge Michalowski	X	Dave Saskowski
X	Roger Gmerek	X	Tom Paradowski	X	Paul Galgovich

Teams Represented: (Indicated by an “X”)

Varsity

X	Canisius	X	Iroquois	X	St Joe’s - Black
X	City Honors/O’Hara		Jamestown	X	St. Joe’s - Maroon
	Cleve Hill/JFK/Cheek	X	Lancaster	X	St. Joe’s White
X	Depew	X	Olean	X	Team Buffalo
X	Dunkirk/Fredonia	X	Orchard Park A	X	West Seneca East
X	East Aurora/Holland	X	Orchard Park B	X	Wilson/Newfane
X	Eden/Lake Shore/Pioneer	X	Royal-Hartland		

JUNIOR VARSITY

X	Canisius	X	Hamburg	X	Orchard Park - B	X	West Seneca East
X	City Honors/O’Hara	X	Iroquois/Alden	X	St. Francis - Red	X	West Seneca West
X	Depew		Jamestown		St. Francis - White	X	Williamsville South
X	Dunkirk/Fredonia		Kenmore East/Sweet Home	X	St. Joe’s Black	X	Wilson/Newfane
X	East Aurora/Holland	X	Kenmore West	X	St. Joe’s White		
X	Eden/Lake Shore/Pion	X	Lew Port		St. Mary’s		
X	Frontier A	X	Lockport	X	Starpont		
X	Frontier B	X	Olean		Timon		
X	Grand Island	X	Orchard Park - A		TNT/Niagara Falls		

Referees

X	Chuck Sieber	X	John Jarvis
X	Mark Brennan		

Security

	Vince Supples		
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Meeting was called to order by Steve at 7:06 PM.

Fonz Reports:

- Varsity Play Off Procedures are available via a hand out. He gave out some projections as some games are already locked in but some are not.
- Hoped all had a good holiday.
- **Next League meeting will be early – 2/6/18** as we will be into semi’s if we stayed with usual meeting date.
- JV Play Off procedures – Also available via handouts to all.

Treasurer’s Reports

- JV – Given by Dave. Report available to all. Mney coming in timely but for a few teams. He would like all teams to catch up on payments by next meeting. Motion made by Canisius to accept the report with a second by West Seneca East. All in favor.

- Varsity – Report given by Roger. Reports available for review. He has requested that all payments be caught up by next meeting which is 2/6/18. He further indicated that any team that is behind – he has spoken to. Motion made to accept the report made by Dunkirk/Fredonia with a second by West Seneca East.. All in favor.

Cancellations

- There have been quite a few and we are in crunch time to get games in.
- If the Thruway is open – you will most likely be playing your game.
- If there is a driving ban – then a game is cancelled.
- Timon, Canisius, and St. Joe's have a rule that if the school is closed due to weather – the teams cannot play. Even if the game is on Saturday – the League will discuss this with them before next season.

Referee Report – Given by Chuck.

- If you have a make-up game – please go on the ref's web site and make sure you are scheduled. If not – please call Chuck or Mark and they will try and get the game covered. He notes there have been about 15-20 make up games already.
- He continues to emphasize that any changes – alert them.
- There have been 3 issues so far this season – one was their fault, one the League's, and one the team's.
- There have been 3 x's the number of changes this year as there has been in the past.
- If a team gets to a game early, checks site, and sees a problem (no refs) – call – usually this can be worked out.
- Christmas Tournament – he went to a lot of the JV and Varsity games. He states they were good games with few issues.
- **He reminds all that in a game only a Trainer is allowed to attend to a player due to a past lawsuit and/or criminal issues. If you feel you must attend to the player also – ask the Ref first.**
- Playoff are coming up – Chuck encourages all coaches to go over conduct rules with players. They are in the front of the USA Hockey Book.
- If anyone has a problem with a particular Ref or do not wish him to officiate a certain game – the Coach needs to contact them and give a reason. Chuck will personally review any objections and will render a decision. Cancelling a game makes their organization legally responsible to the ref. If there is a serious problem – they will suspend a ref.
- Fonz and Chuck both indicated that if a team has problem parents – get them under control for play offs or they will be escorted out of the arena.
- Teams should check before a game if the refs are present. They should be the first on the ice. If schedules are running ahead – search for the ref and get him on the ice but let them know ASAP about situation.

Fonz Reports:

- Website exhibits Power Rankings. They show your division and are done every Sunday Morning. This is a good place to see where your team falls for play off purposes.
- Reminds all to call their scores into the Buffalo News.
- Play Offs start 2/11/18.

Play Offs – Varsity – By Fonz

- Jersey Colors – Discuss before the games.
- Print scoresheet from the website.
- Gate is run by the Home Team. \$4/\$3.
- **League will get all the Gate Money.**
- If you wish to run a 50/50 – it is yours.
- There are no ties in these games.
- Best of 3.
- 5 Minute warm up.
- Reminds all that a player must have 9 League games to qualify to play or a Medical Excuse to cover those missed games.
- Winners go to states.
- Losers will play for the 3rd team to go to States – may be on 2/19 or 2/21/18.

Accreditation Meeting – Will be 2/26/18 between 5-8PM. Or earlier. League will communicate with affected teams.

Play Offs – JV – By Tom

- Games will probably be 2/11/18 for the higher seeds.
- 2/12/18 – play will be at East Aurora.
- He reviewed the Play Off Procedures that were handed out.

Next Meeting

- 2/6/18
- Need all Ads from all teams for the Super Sunday Program.
- See the Website for who to send these to (Jim Chojnicki).
- Varsity Teams need to prep for Pictures and Rosters if it looks like they will make it to the game.
- Need application for the \$1,000 J. T. Conte scholarship. This will also be on the website.

Starting this weekend - all Varsity Scores need to be texted to Fonz as he needs them for standings and for the News.

Modified

- The first meeting had to be cancelled due to weather.
- The first Tournament will be 3/23/18-3/25/18.
- The season will then start and go until 6/3 or 6/14/18.
- Fonz indicates that if your team is packed, consider not taking that catholic school bound student as you will not have him/her for the future.
- All games will be at Harbor Center.
- Parking Passes will be distributed.
- All teams have to bring their own Trainers to games there.
- Teams need to tell Tom if they are fielding a team or not.

States

Hotels are on the website. Fonz suggests getting a room now if needed.

Fonz congratulates all for keeping up on rescheduling.

Tom asks all JV teams to text all scores to Marge instead of him until 1/22/18 due to vacation.

Rochester – Fonz indicates he will try and get them into our League next year. Only 1-2 teams indicated they tried to schedule a game against them

Christmas Tournaments – all trophies were finally handed out. The tournament went well.

Reminders from Fonz:

- If a player is thrown out now – the League has 30 days to schedule a hearing – talk to the players and remind them of this as their season may be over.
- Coaches on Bench – Please stay off the Refs. The effect on your team is like dominoes to the players.
- Play off Ice – watch this - may wish to change to avoid back to back games.

Motion to adjourn made by Canisius with a second by West Seneca East. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Koral