

NCCYHA SPECIAL PLANNING
MEETING

October 13, 2022

7:00 p.m.
Fredonia Beaver Club

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Andy Davidson, Nick Williams, Andy Hellwig, Mike Whitcher, Mike Mead, Marissa Salemi, Brian Crawford and Bryan Fabiano.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: No appearances.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING MESSAGE: With new Officers elected and new Board members appointed, our goal is to do the best job possible in our roles by striving to achieve the good communication. We can never assume that participants in our Association know how something is done. Additionally, we cannot simply do something in a particular manner because we have always done it that way. We have to strive to find the best possible way.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Andy D. with a second by Andy H., to approve the minutes of the 9/1/22 and 9/22/22 Board meetings. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John prepared and distributed a detailed Treasurer's report including a Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. Total assets are \$48,817.75. A comparison to a similar time frame last year shows assets lower by approximately \$13,000. Gross profit so far this fiscal year is \$35,599.03 and net income stands at \$21,606.83 Nick reports that checks have been issued to WNYHSCHL of \$4,600 for the JV team and \$5,300 for the Varsity team. Nick will get cash from the checking account to provide for the Varsity and JV managers to pay referees and trainers during the course of the High School Season. Nick also reports that we have received a bill for storage charges. This would cover costs for a year in advance. In that we do plan to weed out old and unusable equipment and supplies, it was agreed to pay six months in the hope that we may be able to eliminate the need for the storage at the end of that six month term. As it relates to the Association finances, it was agreed that a \$500 registration fee was a reasonable charge for JV alternates because they will be practicing with the team. The ice charge for HS games will be \$245 per hour. Renewing the Dasher Board Ad for the Steele Hall rink was approved at a cost of \$750. Nancy Whitcher will be asked to prepare a new design.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Mike Mead reports that he has been working together with Andy Davidson to remind our coaches to be registered with USA Hockey and the NCCYHA. They are also to be up to date with their Safe Sport and screened. Mike and Andy have obtained all the coaches photos for ID's as well. Mike also advises that during the first week of ice, he went to the rink to introduce himself to all the coaches and to let them know that he is a resource for them. Scott Hazelton went to the WNYAHL training meeting to learn more

about the E scoring in WNYAHL for Travel hockey. The League is looking to do electronic score tracking as well as stats. Mike has sent an email to all the coaches to remind them to provide at least two gift baskets and bake sale items for the Spaghetti Dinner.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY: Brian Crawford reported that they had conducted both Varsity and JV tryouts. These tryouts were separate from each other to better evaluate the talent. Brian ran the ice sessions while coaches were in the bleachers to evaluate. \$10 was collected from every player for the ice session. Players who were at both tryouts were only required to pay once. Brian advised that tryouts went smoothly and both coaches filled out their rosters. There was discussion as to the general principles employed in picking the teams and the concept of dual rostering. Brian indicated that he would be having a further discussion with the High School coaches on these specific issues and if necessary, would conduct a meeting involving all the stakeholders. The 8th grade fitness test will be taking place within the week following the 10/13 meeting. This test is for 8th graders that are planning on playing a high school sport. Brian and Scott Hazelton, who is also the Athletic Director at Forestville will be conducting the tryouts. There was one jersey number issue with Varsity. The probable solution is have one player use another player's former jersey. Open High School ice times continue and have been moderately attended, due to players playing other fall sports. Official High School practices will start in a couple of weeks Coach Olson had only one contentious discussion about a player not making the team. Brian assured the Board that the decision was strictly based on skill and no other considerations. Brian fully supports the head coach and his staff for making this decision. Brian indicated that he would be happy to meet with the player and concerned parent if they desired to do so. Mike Mead provided a report on some of the HS developments. \$320.00 was collected at the Tryouts. Mike is turning over the cash to Nick Williams for deposit. There is no gate fee at JV or Varsity games. We are responsible to pay our Refs and Trainers cash before each home game. Here are the new costs: **JV**- 8 Home games \$2,240.00 to cover Refs. and Trainer. Refs \$ 80.00 per ref. Trainer \$120.00. **Varsity** - 8 Home Games \$2,560.00 to cover Refs and Trainer. \$100 per Ref. Trainer \$120.00. They have a trainer available for both JV and Varsity. Varsity has received their practice jersey with a total cost of \$328.76. The bill has been submitted to John Szydlo and Nick Williams for reimbursement. Shaun Fadale is requesting the same provision for JV.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: Andy Hellwig advises the following: The 2022-23 Schedule is 95% complete Varsity, JV, 14U, 12U and 8U are complete 10U is in the process of barnstorming. As a result scheduling will be ongoing. Having this already completed, is a testament to our coaches and managers. We have a good group of veterans and eager learners. All games and practices have been uploaded to the webpage's calendar. Officials have been requested for all home games scheduled as of today. He is currently cleaning up the schedule. (Reassigning or canceling unused ice times as well as, looking for discrepancies) Mandatory Jamboree Meeting for Coaches and Managers October 22 at 11:00am. The meeting is at The Cheektowaga Recreation Center. Junior Varsity has requested a meeting room at the college. It is scheduled for October 18 at 6:00pm. New Business: He has ordered the Jackets and Shells for the varsity team and they are in my possession. We have an opportunity to make earning these exciting. Picture Day is November 5 and Lisa Nasca will be the photographer again with some adjustments from last year.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Eddie Paluch reports 60 House/Travel registered (May include overlap.) 10 straight Travel (May include overlap), 45 LTPH, 1 High School. Only the 12U Travel has submitted any type of roster or player list to him for submission to USA Hockey and that has been certified. He has not heard from any other managers as of yet. The first Jersey/sock order came in and he is in the process of distributing them.

WEBSITE REPORT: Andy D. reports that minor updates to website have been made including: Learn to play info banner added to homepage; Minutes posted; Varsity and JV rosters posted, with email sent for each; Rosters updated for all divisions.

OLD BUSINESS: After completion of LTPH, we are working toward a seamless transition from LTP to the Mite Division for most graduates. The new mites will continue on their own end of the Mite ice to continue their development.

OLD BUSINESS: All tickets have been printed. Nick has all the details worked out and will send out a league wide email with all the information. Our next Board Meeting will be prior to the Dinner and any loose ends can be ironed out then. We have been in touch with LakeShore Bank on switching account access over to new Officers. Once the necessary documentation is provided, Andy D. and Andy H. will be added to the account. John and Nick are already on as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: The annual Board Dinner was tentatively scheduled for January 14, 2023. Former Board members who left the Board after the last Board Dinner, will be invited.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Andy H. with a second by Nick. All were in favor.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday November 3 at 7PM at the Beaver Club.