

NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

November 3, 2022

7:00 p.m.
Fredonia Beaver Club

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Andy Davidson, Nick Williams, Andy Hellwig, Mike Whitcher, Eddie Paluch, Mike Mead, Marissa Salemi, and Danielle Hartson.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: Mr. and Mrs. Curtin were present with their daughter so that Mia could personally give her thanks to the Board for their support during her recent illness.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Andy H. with a second by Eddie, to approve the minutes of the 10/13/22 Board meeting. 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 \$59,147.95. Cash is \$13,665.19 lower than last year. The delta is largely attributable to the following:

1) \$7,158.07 net loss for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2022

2) \$3,887.70 due to lower income

- \$2,460 due to refund from Northwest Arena associated with a WNYHSCHL paid to them directly that they incorrectly credited to Jamestown

- Balance is primarily attributable to lower High School roster compared to prior year and delayed registration for current year players

3) \$6,507.12 due to higher expenses

- Primarily attributable to Varsity/JV jackets and shell purchases, house/travel jersey/apparel orders, and various hockey equipment purchases (i.e. pucks, bags, skills training, etc)

- Prior fiscal year expenses included a High School Hockey cash advance of \$4,610 for referees/trainers for which a similar cash flow has not occurred this year. This favorable expense to the current year was offset by higher league apparel purchases in a substantially similar amount. The fiscal year to date results do not include cash expenses for the following material payments. He would expect each of these payments totaling \$27,570 to occur prior to our next meeting. Most relate to High School hockey for which we have relatively less registration income received to date to fund.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: Andy H. made the following report: several mild changes have been made and more will surely happen. The 10U team is barnstorming and several changes are made at that level. JV has added an additional team to the division. I am currently working with Fonz for scheduling. (It is worth noting that Fonz gave a "Thank you" I have received an Ice invoice from John to confirm dates/charges. Beyond scheduling, several picture order forms have gone out to some teams this week. I will get them to the remainder as I receive them from the photographer. I am told that there are more being printed at Copy Boy today. A league wide email went out to registrants concerning the time and process for this weekend's

picture day. We furthered this via Facebook- Thank you Danielle. I intend to be there for the entirety of photos to assist the photographer and skaters. Should anyone else be available please assist. Many hands make light work and Board presence is important. I have asked the Varsity Coach if he had any input to Varsity Jacket/Shell distribution. I have not heard anything as of yet in regards to this. I will continue with plans to distribute during this weekend's fundraiser as decided by the Board. The Jamboree had been scheduled for December 17. However WNYAHL is not behind formal Jamborees this year. Instead, teams will be invited to scrimmage to use the ice time.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Mike Mead reports that we have had two new additions for Learn to play and mites, for coaching. Modified season will start the organizational phase usually around January / Feb. Brian Crawford as the Director of High School Hockey will be deciding who is to be the head coach for the Modified team (7th and 8th graders). Mike will be in the meetings for WNYHSCHL (Western New York High School Club Hockey League) and keep an ear out when they might send out information about this coming season. Mike can also help out with the process of the league and what the coaches need to do to get ready for the Modified season. Mike will also start the process for finding and picking coaches for next season.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY: Brian Crawford reports the following:

A meeting was held with high school coaches and board members to make clear the vision of the program.

É From that meeting it was communicated that players will only be shared between varsity and JV on an emergency basis.

É 3 players that were deemed alternates on the JV were elevated to the Full-time roster and 2 more were added to supplement the 5 that made varsity.

É Scott Hazelton (Forestville Athletic director and NCCYHA coach) implemented the physical fitness test for the 8th graders playing JV.

É Both rosters are now finalized

É Official practices have started with the season starting in Mid-November.

WEBSITE REPORT: Andy D. reports that minor updates to website have been made including: Minutes posted; Discount for house registration has been incorporated in to the registration for players coming out of LTPH. Andy will work on removing website editing access to former Board members.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Eddie reports 88 total house and travel, 47 total learn to play and 28 high school. There are 3 divisions that have submitted rosters to me and those have been submitted to USA hockey. 2 have been certified for some time, and I'm still waiting on USA hockey for the 10U. I don't have anything from 8U/6U. I will need Birth Certificates from that division for all the transfers from LTPH. Second jersey order was placed and should arrive around the second week of November. There ended up being 12 total jerseys. There are 2 sizes on backorder, unfortunately, and they should arrive by the end of November. I have socks and will bring them to the meeting. Next year, we have to be explicit in setting a deadline for when jerseys must be ordered.

LTPH/Mites: Marissa reports that things are set for the Mites for picture day. Existing mites will wear the jerseys that were purchased last year and the LTP kids who are newly registered for Mites will wear the Tim Hortons Navy Blue jerseys.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Danielle reports the following: Established the Amazon Smile account to bring in some \$ to the league. Please keep sharing. I have been posting more on FB and we are definitely getting more interaction and traffic to our page. Still need pics from the squirt team would love to do a post for all teams every so often. Players of the week- great idea let's get started. I think this will be a great post weekly for each team and something for the kids to be proud of. Suggest we get an email out to the coaches to start this and provide head shots of the kids so we can post it. Also suggest "Play of the week- Having parents or whoever submit a play of the week and we choose which one for that week. I have attempted to get into the Instagram page but the password reset goes to an email of some unknown person. . It looks like it's already connected in the FB business suite but then never posts to Instagram because we have no login. Another suggestion is to post more information on the Facebook page and one possibility is a FAQ section.

OLD BUSINESS: Nick has things all set for the Spaghetti Dinner. Picture Day is also all set and Andy H. will be there all day to assist and troubleshoot. Isaac Williams photograph his first game on November 7 which is the 10 U game against Cheektowaga. Sample photos will be provided to the Board for evaluation. Andy H. will work on a brochure for the Tough as Steele Tournament Divisions would probably include 12U, 10U, 8U and 6U. Coaches in each division will have to assist in getting teams. Once the brochure is completed, it will be given to the coaches to hand out. Danielle will work on promotion of the Tournament. The annual Board Dinner is scheduled for Friday January 27. Bryan is working on the apparel catalog so it is available for orders to be placed in time for delivery before Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS: Modified players need some instruction in checking before play begins. Brian will work on developing a training camp for this purpose. A motion was made by Andy H. with a second by Eddie to add the cost of socks to the registration fee beginning next season. All were in favor. Also agreed to was the development an on line Wall of Fame of former distinguished players of the NCCYHA. Some type of polling on Facebook was suggested as a way to pick the players.

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

NEXT MEETING: Thursday December 8 at 7PM at the Beaver Club.