

NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

February 1, 2022

7:00 p.m.
258 West Main St., Fredonia

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Shaun Fadale, Eddie Paluch, Andy Hellwig and Nick Williams and Andy Davidson. Mike Witcher appeared by phone.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: There was no one in attendance.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 1/11/22 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Andy Davidson and a second by Andy Hellwig. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Szydlo was not present and Nick Williams delivered the report. The ice bill has been paid. That covered ice costs through the end of December. The January bill has not been issued yet. A \$500 payment has been issued to the Referees association for January services. Shaun will deliver an invoice for High School ice to the WNY High School Club Hockey meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Andy Hellwig to approve the report with a second by Eddie Paluch. All were in favor.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: Andy Hellwig confirms that the Annual Board Dinner will be held on February 25 at the Fireside. He is currently waiting for WNYHSCHL to provide him with the High School playoff schedule. In that we will not be having the Tough as Steele Tournament, there was discussion as to how to utilize the ice. Shaun will ask the Mite head coach if they want to have another Mite Jamboree. Additionally, the Squirt team may want to schedule some extra games. There was also mention of a possible family skate.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Andy Davidson reports that we have gotten a few coaching applications already. Scott Hazleton attended the recent Modified meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT: Mark was not present but Shaun reported that Mark has had discussions with several people concerning the High School coaching positions. Mark will report on High School coaching appointments at the next meeting. There was lengthy discussion about Varsity Jackets and whether the purchase of new jackets should be funded by the Association. It was finally agreed that the Board needs more information before any formal motion can be made. This would include pricing on the jackets and input from the Treasurer as to whether there are funds available for the purchase or if special fund raising would be required.

WEBSITE REPORT: The minutes from the 1/11/22 meeting have been posted. Also posted is the opening for a position on the Board and the 2022 & 2023 Coaching application.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS: One of the jersey from the supplier had a defect. Mark Taylor was going to talk to the supplier and Shaun will check with Mark on the status. On the party for the end of LTPH, Andy will check on our medal supply and Shaun will check with his Stacy about taking care of getting the refreshments. Eddie will be taking over Kevin Persch's job of handling jersey orders and number assignments. Mike sent the scholarship application to Mike Mead on 1/31/22 for distribution to all Seniors on the Varsity team. Andy D. will send out a league wide e-mail informing people that Senior Night is Monday February 7.

NEW BUSINESS: On the Steger Award, Andy will advise each head coach to turn in the name of one nominee from their team. He will have the Mite Division turn in two, one from U6 and one from U8. The nominees will be considered at the next meeting. Nothing has come back so far from anyone interested in Board membership. There was extensive discussion about the possible make up of next year's PeeWee division. If all currently registered players registered for next season, there would be 11 PeeWee minors, consisting of 3 goalies and 8 skaters, and 10 PeeWee Majors, made up of 1 goalie and 9 skaters. Unless more players register, that would only be enough for one team, unless a second team could be formed with some players to be dual rostered. We discussed the emails and conversations expressed to Board members and coaches, by the parents, who would not allow their child to participate should we again enter the MOHL division in WNY. Therefore, due to likely player movement away from our Association, the consensus opinion was that it was necessary to form a travel team first and a MOHL team second, with the players left, if additional players could be added in some fashion. This does represent a reversal of our customary emphasis on House hockey as a traditionally House first organization but forced on us by the degradation of the level of play in MOHL hockey in Western New York. Unfortunately, it does leave open the possibility of some of our players not having a place to play next season.

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

Minutes as amended 3/3/22 6:30 PM