



**WNY Physically Challenged Youth Sports Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2025
7:30 pm
Microsoft Teams**

Minutes

Board Members: Bill Becker, Jeff Cutler, Josh Heim, Barb Kaderli, Terrie Kothe, Stefan Kothe, Jeremiah Lyon, Dave Miller, Matt Murray, Judy Newbold, Mason Newbold, Carol Walker, and Mary Willis.

Absent: Susan Parzymieso and Nancy Siembida

Guest: Harold Kothe

1. Approval of Minutes, David Miller made a motion to approve the January 2025 minutes. Mary Willis seconded the motion. All in favor. No nays.
2. Treasurer's Report reviewed. Once Sabres' check comes in (Harold Kothe to follow up with Rich) we will make revenue on budget. From an expense side we are doing great. Saving and checking accounts are strong. Jeff Cutler made a motion to approve. Bill Becker seconded the motion. All in favor. No nays.
3. Fundraising
 - Super Bowl Squares - \$2000 earned
 - Meat Raffle - David Miller, reviewed report, we all worked hard, great gift cards and prizes. There were approximately 108 in attendance. Profit was \$3058. More attendance is needed to be more profitable for all the hard work we did. Judy Newbold made a motion to purchase a table for the Jolly Boys meat raffle on May 2, 2025. Jeremiah Lyon second the motion. All in favor. No nays. Please ponder other fundraising ideas and bring them back to our May 2025 meeting.
4. Old Business
 - Helmet reimbursements - a total of 10 have come in for \$750, all Sabres' helmets have expired, if anyone has one they can purchase a new helmet and be reimbursed for it. Coaches please check expiration dates and encourage players to purchase new helmets. Matt Murray will send an email to the organization indicating reimbursements will end at the close of the fiscal year.
 - Ice updates - we are basically done for the year.
 - New player poster - have been posted, looking at more to be made to continue driving registrations. PDF to be sent out so copies can be made and posted.
 - Sled Hockey Worlds fundraising - for the tournament volunteers are needed, driver's needed, laundry carts, statistics for the games, bus transportation, Marriott/Hyatt. USA hockey asked if we

had equipment for the sled try it, we do but not helmets. We may possibly be able to set up a fundraising table with a "Buffalo" themed item then accept a donation. For example, a \$1.00 small bottle of hot sauce and accept a \$5/\$10 donation. Harold Kothe is going to follow up with Rich DeGlopper and update the board.

- Black Jerseys/reimbursement - David Miller reminded the group that all fundraising has to funnel through the organization and then expenditures are issued. An individual team cannot fundraise and then spend money on a particular item that they want.
- Open Discussion - Judy Newbold shared that NYS is reaching out with questions for not for profit licensing for raffles, bingo, etc. Josh Heim, we need to do a heavy blitz in recruiting, we may have a junior team coach, need to have players for the team. GBAS has young players for lacrosse and football, we may want to partner with them to try and form that junior sled team. David Miller will reach out to GBAS for a meeting to partner in recruiting for young players.

5. New Business

- OSHA and Sled Nationals - Bill Becker has not heard anything about another OSHA meeting. Board of Election voting is going on, two or four year terms. Playoff format is not the best and everyone is complaining about it. Matt Murray received an email from Kevin Ball that the senior team is going to the sled nationals. Mason Newbold indicated it's a small portion of the senior team.
- End of Year Banquet and player gift - June 22nd at 1:00 pm, player gift, black logo hat. Jeff Cutler made a motion to purchase 100 hats. Josh Heim second the motion. All in favor. No nays.
- New Player engagement plans next year - meet with GBAS, distribute posters anywhere where someone is willing to let us post.
- Open Discussion - Stefan Kothe, made a motion to increase holiday party budget for each team to \$400, David Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. No nays.

6. Adjournment - Jeff Cutler made a motion to adjourn. Bill Becker seconded the motion. All in favor. No nays.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:30pm
Location: Zoom