

NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Fredonia Beaver Club

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Shaun Fadale, Kevin Persch, Mark Taylor, Eddie Paluch, John Szydlo, Andy Hellwig, Nick Williams and Mike Whitcher.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: As team Manager, Nick Williams described some behavior of parents he had witnessed at a recent game. It was agreed by Board members that the conduct was not proper and that a warning should be given to the parents involved that this would not be tolerated in the future.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 12/3/19 Board meeting were reviewed and approved, on motion by Eddie Paluch with second by Nick Williams. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Szydlo advised that a full Treasurer's report and Pasta Dinner report will be provided at the next meeting. He did give some information on our current status. There is approximately \$85,000 in bank accounts although ice bills for the current season have not yet been received. There are some installment payments of registration fees that have been missed. John will follow up on those. Some Varsity players have not yet registered and the Coach will be advised that he should let those players know that they cannot be allowed on the ice until they are registered. If there are financial concerns of individual players, this has to be communicated to the Coach and Board.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: Andy Hellwig reports that information on the Goalie clinic is now on the website. Extra ice time for Senior Night for the Varsity team will be provided.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Mark Taylor reports that an individual who has coached in the past for the NCCYHA, would like to help coach Mites this year. However, he has not yet registered with USA Hockey, has not been screened and has not completed Safe Sport. If those are all done, he still could not be on a roster because the deadline passed on 12/31/19. Applications for Head Coach Positions for next year should be requested soon.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT: Mark advises that if we have enough players for a Modified team, we will have to find someone to be Head Coach. However, at this time, whether we will have the numbers for a team is suspect. Mark will have something put in the Observer that we are looking for 7th and 8th graders to play on the modified team.

WEBSITE REPORT: Mark will work on getting the updated Learn to Play Hockey information and registration on the website because the first session is coming right up. There was also discussion about looking for a new Board Member. It was decided that this should be

publicized by announcing on the website and sending out an e-mail league wide that we are taking letters of interest in Board membership. Those letters should be returned by February 1.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Eddie Paluch reports that there are 105 house and travel players registered so far for the 2019-20 season. A total of 27 registered for Learn to Play (both sessions). So far there are 24 players registered for HS.

TOUGH AS STEELE TOURNAMENT: Work on getting teams for the Tournament is getting results. Teams that have committed or are possible are: PeeWee Travel & Southtowns MOHL, East Aurora, Southtowns travel? Batavia? and Wheatfield? PeeWee MOHL & Buffalo Regals, Lockport? and Bradford? Bantam & Lockport and East Aurora. Squirts & no teams yet but travel teams will be solicited. They might be a better match for our Squirt team than MOHL teams.

PASTA DINNER REPORT: Will be provided at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Shaun reports that our Intern is doing well in his position and has been extremely helpful in assisting in coaching duties with the Bantam team. Details of the internship still have to be defined by the Professor from SUNY Fredonia who is overseeing the internship. Shaun will follow up as needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Shaun reported that there was a complaint lodged by a Squirt parent about language used by a Coach which the parent found offensive and inappropriate. Shaun has talked to the parent and the coach involved. The coach was advised to refrain from any such language and he was in agreement. Mark reports that there are 3 Junior team goalies who might be able to help out at our goalie clinics. He will investigate further to see what can be worked out. Ron Tonelli will be the only returning Mite coach next year and we need to recruit some new coaches who will have children in the division. Shaun has a few in mind and will talk to them about committing. We also have an issue on how to handle the squirt division next year. As in any year, it depends on our numbers but assuming we have enough for two teams, there is a decision to be made as to whether to have two MOHL teams, a travel and MOHL team or perhaps two MOHL teams with a select team that plays the latter part of the season. Nothing was decided and the issue was tabled at least until the next meeting. There are also questions about next year's Bantam team. Right now, it does not appear that we have a goalie. Kevin will let coaches know that they need to nominate a player for the Steger award.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Kevin Persch with a second by Mike Witcher. All were in favor.