

## NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

February 20, 2018

7:00 p.m.

EBC-Fredonia

**PRESENT FOR MEETING:** Shaun Fadale, Kevin Persch, John Szydlo, Mark Taylor, Nick Keefe, Andy Helwig, Eddie Paluch, Brian Madurski and Mike Whitcher. Present for Fredonia State Intern Program: Nicole Korzenewski, and Haleigh Sullivan.

**OPEN PORTION OF MEETING:** Several parents and players from the varsity team appeared, including Ken and Nick Novelli; John, Catherine and Carter D'Agostino; and Ken, Edie and Ian Clement. Parents and players appeared to voice their complaints and concerns over the coaching on the high school varsity team. Complaints included such things as lack of playing time and the coach's demeanor, including complaints that he yelled at players. There was also a description of an incident during a game in which it was alleged that the head coach grabbed a player during a game, which occurred in the 2016-2017 season. The Board listened to all complaints and thanked the players and parents for attending. After the open portion of the meeting, the Board discussed all issues and agreed to issue a letter to parents and players addressing all concerns raised, where appropriate. It was later noted that the incident referred to, which occurred during the 2016-2017 season, was investigated and addressed at the time of occurrence. There was a Board meeting which included a disciplinary hearing with a decision issued. No further action is required in regard to the allegation.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 1/9/18 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion by Mark Taylor, with second by Brian Madurski. All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Szydlo reported that there is a current fund balance of \$70,935.00 in the NCCYHA accounts. However, a number of checks were just written which will take the balance down significantly. John will prepare a more formal report for later submission. There was also discussion of possible future expenditures given the financial health of the Association. One thought was the purchase of portable dasher boards, although if such a purchase were entertained, supplemental fundraising likely would be necessary. John also reports that the extension for submission of the 2017 federal income tax return has been granted. The partial treasurer's report was approved on motion by Mark Taylor, with second by Kevin Persch. All were in favor.

**COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT:** Mark Taylor reported that all coaches have been properly certified and there are no remaining issues.

**DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT:** Mark Taylor indicates that it is unlikely that we will be able to have a modified high school team next year. There do not appear to be enough candidates and there was discussion about perhaps combining with another team.

**WEBSITE REPORT:** There was discussion as to whether the website could be better utilized. The site could contain more information, such as a how-to list for managers. It does seem that coaches and managers are not using the site enough and perhaps more training for coaches is necessary on how to use the website.

**REGISTRAR REPORT:** Eddie Paluch reported on some of the difficulties with the registrar process, including various requirements for state bound teams. Some coaches did not ask for certified rosters in time. They must be submitted by 12/31 of any given season. There was also discussion of fines imposed by Western New York AHL. These include items for scoresheet errors. These are charged off against the offending team when received. The treasurer's report was approved on motion by Nick Keefe, with a second by Brian Madurski.

**NCCYHA TOURNAMENT:** Nicole and Haleigh, our student interns, have been working on promotional activity for our tournament. They have been in contact with teams and have assisted Kevin Persch. The mite division is taken care of. Pee-wees are also done, and good leads are in place for the girls' division and the bantam division. The squirt division may be a problem and there was discussion about whether to drop the price. This may be necessary depending on circumstances. Mark is working on the midget or varsity division but is not hopeful.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Shaun indicates that he will reach out to the Seneca Nation when time permits to discuss perhaps combining a developmental program. Shaun also followed up on his proposal to rent space in his new building to the Association for storage and office space. This would be more expensive than our current storage space, but would give the Association more opportunities for other uses, which might benefit the Association. Shaun has not yet closed on the property and Board members indicated that they would like to have a tour and physical inspection of the premises before moving forward. Shaun indicated he would work on setting something up.

The league-wide goalie problem was also discussed. We have a shortage of goaltenders and have to encourage them, both on the short-term basis and on a long-term

basis to get players started in goaltending early in their career. There were various ideas including offering free registration, free equipment, free goalie clinics, etc. Shaun will compose a proposal and submit it for later consideration by the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nick Keefe reports that due to considerable time he must allot to his new business, he will be unable to continue on the Board and he submitted his letter of resignation, effective at the end of this season. Discussion was had as to possible new Board members. Nick Williams will be invited to the next meeting. There was a midget player who broke his wrist and missed most of the season. According to the handbook, the player is entitled to a 50% refund and that refund will be issued.

Coaching positions should be advertised for next year, with applications due by March 12<sup>th</sup>. A decision on coaches would then be made by the first meeting in April.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion by Shaun Fadale, with a second by Eddie Paluch. All were in favor.