

Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association  
Board Meeting - June 15, 2011  
Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena

Attendance: Russ Bell, Sarah Drake, Joe Hirliman, Marlene Sirianno, Marcia Carlson, Ted Farnham, Greg Noon, Betsey Wells, Tom McFall.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by the President at 6:30 p.m.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President's Report

There are several changes to the coaching requirements starting this year effective September 1, 2011. Every coach must attend a required certification clinic. A coach can only attend one clinic per season. In addition, every coach must complete the online age-specific module for the age level of play he/she is coaching. These must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. Level one and two certifications are good for one year. The new standards have the Level 3 certification valid for two seasons. Levels four and five do not need to attend a yearly coaching clinic but they do need to do complete the module. The modules will cost \$10 and close out on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The requirements are all laid out on the USA Hockey website. It is important all our coaches understand the requirements and comply with them. Liz reported she would like to recompense coaches for volunteering their time by providing discounted ice fees. Liz suggested we establish a subfinance committee to make recommendations on issues such as recompense for coaching As for any new players not on prior CCYHA rosters, Janice Cavaretta will need to approve their birth certificates.

Liz suggested we do billboard advertising this year to recruit new young players. LaMar group sent her a proposal for signs which was at a cost much less than she anticipated. She would like the billboards up in August and September and would like to target ages 6-9. This year "Try Hockey for free" day will be on November 5, 2011. Liz submitted the application for One Goal and ADM for matching funds for equipment. USA Hockey gave Western New York \$26,000 for this purpose and she is trying to tap into those funds.

There was a discussion about equipment needs for the upcoming year. Liz appointed Joe Hirliman as the point person for equipment requests. In addition she requested Joe go through the cage and inventory what we have and discard what we do not need or use.

VP Of Travel

Ted reports that the structure of the Western New York High School program has changed entirely. Essentially, three organizations have merged into one organization. Akron has now joined Western New York. There will be 28 varsity teams and 19 JV teams. JV periods will be 13-13-15. Varsity will be 17-17-17. There will be a two man referee system. Penalties will be, 3 games for fighting. If a coach gets 15 penalties in a game, twice in the season, the

coach will be removed for the remainder of the season. USA Hockey voted not to have 8<sup>th</sup> graders play on JV or Varsity.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted her report with recommended fees for the various levels. These fees are based on the surplus we have and essentially give back to the association by lowering ice fees but we need to make sure we reserve enough funds for various uses such as ADM equipment, advertising, etc.. Sarah also requested board members with known expenses e-mail her with estimates of those expenses so that she can figure them into the projected budget.

### VP House

Betsey reported that her and Tom McFall attended a meeting earlier in the month regarding ADM. Tom McFall will be handling U6 and the Mites will now be U9. Any requests to for an exception from the ADM requirement must be put in writing and sent to the state committee. During the VP of House report Tom McFall expressed a concern about having enough coaches. He would like to see some of the midgets helping out. The squirt coaches have all volunteered to help with the ADM group so they hope to schedule their practices back-to-back with ADM groups. Tom also suggested making contact with Olean, Fredonia, and Meadville to try and establish some travel for the U9's.

### Registrar's Report

No report

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

Liz again reiterated the importance of any prospective new President to shadow her for the remainder of her term to learn the ropes. The golf committee reported that the golf tournament is set for August 20, 2011 at Jackson Valley country club. Russ Bell reported that the Winter Classic will take place over the weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ted Farnham to Adjourn, seconded by Marcia Carlson. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlene Sirianno  
Secretary