

AMHERST YOUTH HOCKEY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2017

The General Board of Directors of Amherst Youth Hockey Inc. held a board meeting on April 3rd, 2017.

President Steve Bengart, noting that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Steve Bengart, Ed Guzdek, Bill Higgins, Christina Biondolillo, Peter Kneis, Tom Tzetzio, Ralph Gattozzi, Dawn Sylves, Joe DesRosiers, Crystal Harris, Tim DiGiulio, Joe Spano, Pat Gormley, Peter Lajeunesse, Mike Wulken, Ken Coyle, Marc Rosenthal, Bob Schell, and Renae Gattozzi.

Excused: Jack Quigley, Sunil Bakshi, Dave Hayman, John Gaffney, Frank Lukomski, Glenn Aichinger, Paul Gugino, Scott Mosher, Darren Palaszewski, Dan House, Steve Ferenczy, Gary Joseph, David Browne, and Grant Ledyard.

President Bengart thanked everyone for their hard work with States. Thank you to Dawn for Top Gun and Friendship Tournament.

Correspondence:

Amherst Hockey received an email from Mike Faso regarding John Gaffney and Frank Lukomski. Some of the comments were what a great job that John Gaffney and Frank Lukomski did with the Girls team over the last several years that their daughter played with them. Also, the coaches and players do a nice job of welcoming all new players to the team and really helped with their transition. Overall the experience was great for their daughter and them.

There was a Letter to the Editor in the Amherst Bee from a parent of the Girls 16U Potsdam team. They congratulated the Girls 16U team on a great championship game and commented on what great sportsmanship was shown by the players and coaches. They also thanked Amherst Youth Hockey for putting on a great tournament.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the Minutes from the March Board Meeting by Lajeunesse, **Second** DiGiulio. **Approved Unanimously.**

Reports:

Secretary: Bill Higgins-

The annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 2nd at Classics V. All invitations have gone out.

VP Travel: Jack Quigley- By Ed Guzdek

The second half of travel tryouts have been scheduled.

We will be fielding both a 10U and a 12U girls team.

Motion to approve Don Murphy as the Girls 16U Coach by Guzdek, **Second** Harris.
Approved Unanimously.

VP House-Ed Guzdek-

Registrations for Spring Hockey is down. Pee-Wee/Bantam division may be cancelled. Working on getting coordinators to run each of the other Spring divisions.

Treasurer-Kneis-

Fiscal report through February was passed out and reviewed.

Starting to look at the budget for next year.

Motion to accept the Fiscal Report by Tzetzso, **Second** Rosenthal.
Approved Unanimously.

Registrar- Christina Biondolillo – No Report

Ice Coordinator-Tzetzso-

The ice meeting was held for next year. The cost of ice is going up to \$210 per hour.

Amherst Hockey is looking to do full 60 minute ice times for Squirts and up.

State and National Tournament Director- Bob Schell-

We had a good run at States. Financials are being finalized.

President Bengart thanked Bob and Gary for all of their help with States. He also thanked Renae for all of the hours that she spent at the rink helping.

AYH will be hosting the 14U Tier II Nationals next year.

The World Deaf Championships will be held at the NTC in two weeks.

Tournament Director- Dawn Sylves-
No Report

Development- Joe DesRosiers-
No Report

ACE- Dave Hayman-
No Report

Equipment- Ralph Gattozzi-
Pinnies are all set for the next round of tryouts.

Officials Director- Glenn Aichinger-
No Report.

Ex-Officio- Sunil Bakshi- No Report

Board Administrator: Renae Gattozzi-
Unused ice through the end of December was only at approximately \$12000. This is a huge improvement from several years ago and thanks go out to Tom Tzetzto.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Tim DiGiulio and Crystal Harris presented to the board the idea to offer a 1 month trial period for kids to try hockey without committing to register for the season. Christina Biondolillo commented that this could be a part of the 2x2 challenge issued by USA Hockey with the specific goal of increasing participation from girls. A discussion was held on the specifics aspects of the program and the best way to institute it.

Motion by Harris to approve on a 1 year trial basis to offer 8 and under players that are new to hockey the opportunity to try hockey for the month of October without paying during the registration process. At the end of October, full payment requirements go into effect, **Second** DiGiulio

On the Question-

- 1) Participants must be newly registered with USA Hockey. They cannot have registered in the past.
- 2) All participants must register with USA Hockey and Amherst Hockey prior to stepping on the ice.

Approved Unanimously

Motion by Rosenthal to adjourn meeting, **Second** Gattozzi
Approved Unanimously

7:52 PM

Next Meeting: Annual Meeting- Tuesday May 2nd, 2016 7:00 pm