

Pawling Youth Hockey

Board Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2014 (Monthly Meeting)

I. Call to order

President, Tom O'Hara called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Pawling Youth Hockey Executive Board at 7:21 pm on April 2, 2014.

II. Roll call

Attendees:

Tom O'Hara, Bill Maasz, Steve Maynard, Kurt Twaddell, Chris Shultz, Melissa Geiger and Todd Henke

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the March 5, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Presidential business – Tom O'Hara

-Tom O'Hara would like to get started planning on the Annual Meeting. He would like the presentation to include PYH performance, fundraising, registration fees. Tom would like to have an e-mail sent out to the members requesting that they attend the annual meeting. At a minimum, Tom would like the team parents to attend. He would like to present these numbers at the Annual Meeting so people understand the financial status of PYH and the very real need for individuals to volunteer to help with fundraising.

-Tom O'Hara stated that we need to maximize the value of the quality items that Maria Mignone has been able to acquire for raffles. She had received a number of quality items that were raffled off at the Alumni Game/Family Skate. Over \$300 was raised but it should have been more. Same goes for the Camp Cody tickets. We raised \$1,400 for tickets that had a \$8,400 value. We need to be able to reach people outside the PHY community to raffle items off to and to raise money. We discussed reaching out to leaders of Pawling Little League, Pawling Soccer and Pawling Lacrosse to see if they would be willing to allow us to raffle off quality items at some of their events.

-Tom is still attempting to get a copy of the agreement between PYH and Pawling High School, if one actually exists. He would still like to meet with John Bellucci, Pawling High School Athletic Director, to discuss the scheduling problems that occurred last year due to canceled Pawling High School games.

-Finalizing the Registration Fees- Registration fees for the 2014-2015 season were discussed. Fees will have to be raised to cover operating costs. After the discussion, the members present

voted on what the registration fees will be next season. Tom O'Hara will contact the members who were unable attend this meeting to get their votes.

-Tom O'Hara would like to have an e-mail go out to the members regarding the results of the jersey survey.

-Kevin Waters spoke to Tom O'Hara about possibly combining some practices with Arlington to share ice time which may be cost effective. Tom O'Hara is also going to speak with the President of Millbrook to see if getting ice together before the TP ice opens would be beneficial to both programs.

-Tom O'Hara would like to continue to look at the evaluation process to see how we can improve it. He would like to see more emphasis put on game play. Todd Henke suggested that the players wear jerseys or pinnies without players' names on the backs during evaluations. Whatever the criteria is, Tom O'Hara would like to have it set by June or July so the coaches understand what will be evaluated. Tom O'Hara will continue to discuss the evaluation process with Steve Maynard and Kurt Twaddell before discussing it with the board again.

-PYH Registration Flyers- Members of the Board discussed the merits of putting flyers into the local Middle Schools. They discussed the perception of kids over 10 year being a little too old to start playing hockey. Flyers will be put into the Elementary Schools in Pawling, Dover, Lagrange, Poughquag and Beekman. Tom O'Hara will try to get the flyers made up before the next board meeting.

-Local Events- Kurt Twaddell will set up the PYH booth at the Pawling Fireman's Carnival again this year. Tom O'Hara brought up the possibility of setting up a table at the Pawling Little League Opening Day Ceremony. Setting up a table at the Pawling Lacrosse end of year barbeque was also discussed. Todd Henke would like to open a booth at the Pawling Community Garage Sale to hand out flyers and to sell used equipment. A PYH booth will be set up at the Beekman Community Day. Events in Patterson and Dover should also be targeted.

V. Financial Report

PYH Financial

VI. Registration Report

• *Potential issues:*

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- Steve Maynard would like to send an e-mail out to the members promoting the upcoming Pawling Beekman Roller Hockey Summer Season. The board agreed to send an e-mail blast out to the members after the board approves of the e-mail.

-The board members present discussed potential coaching assignments for next season.

-Melissa Geiger would like an e-mail to go out to the members regarding the Danbury Ice Arena Summer Camp. As in years past, Danbury Ice Arena is offering PYH players a discounted rate for their Summer Camp.

-In the future, Steve Maynard would to report on the CGHL. He reports that a new U14 team has just joined- Westfield, Massachusetts.

IX. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Monthly Meeting is scheduled for 05/07/14.