

Pawling Youth Hockey

2018-2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 31, 2018

I. Attendees

Board Attendees:

Kurt Twaddell, Melissa Geiger, Jacquelyn Vaccaro, Chris Cotroneo, Amy Twaddell, Julie Fixman

Parent Attendees:

Julie Weber, Pete Weis, Alec Fixman, Heather Ingeman, Eleanor Smith, Jerry Macchia, Mike Suarez

II. Introduction of Board Members

III. 2017/2018 Highlights

- Pawling Youth Hockey had 131 registered players for the 2017/18 season.
- We had early registration and an extended season for the second year in a row by starting the season early.
- We held goalie clinics throughout the season.
- Learn to Skate and Mites levels have both grown.
- Squirt A and U19 both made the finals.
- PeeWee team won the Kittredge Tournament in Massachusetts.

V. 2018/2019 Season

- Current registration numbers:
 - LTS 2
 - Mites 11
 - Squirts 22 – Short 2 goalies but hoping to be able to recruit from elsewhere. Playing up or playing down is always an option when it comes to filling goalie positions. Mike Suarez asked about his daughter possibly playing down to Squirts (currently playing with Lady Bulldogs.)
 - PeeWees 7
 - Bantams 4
 - U16/19 4
 - Midgets 1
- Registration is currently open for the 2018/2019 season. All registration fees are to be paid in full by September 1, 2018 or player will not be able to participate in tryouts. A late fee of \$50 per month will be issued after June 15th, 2018 (\$100 after July 15th, 2018 and \$150 after August 15th, 2018.) Learn to Skate registration is always open.
- Due to increased ice time fees, rates for the upcoming 2018 / 2019 season were raised by \$150 at each level, still keeping PYH the cheapest program in CHC.

IV. Financials / Registration

- Pawling Youth Hockey had a total income of \$127,695 for the 2017/2018 season, which includes registration fees, t-shirt sales, all fundraising, donations, etc. After all operating costs were calculated, PYH was left with a \$9,000 loss, mainly due to the increase of the cost of ice. Which is the main reason for the rate increase for the 2018/2019 season.
- Registration numbers remain to be consistent for the last couple of years, at 130 – 140 registered players.

VI. Future Plans for Pawling Youth Hockey

- To stay consistent with CHC's ADM (American Development Model,) cross ice exemption is no longer in effect. Mites can only play cross ice games.
- Going into effect for the 2018/2019 season, all coaches must take a goalie specific class. USA Hockey will be offering the classes at no charge.

- Updates for Safe Sport rule changes will be announced at the annual coaches meeting.
- Goalie clinics are currently being held by Pro-Crease but we are looking into other options, as there were a few issues with them throughout the season.
- Skills clinics will be held throughout the summer at South Kent.
- Evaluations for the Squirt teams will be held at the end of August or beginning of September.
- PYH is looking for more people to get involved. Need people for the following tasks:
 - Schedulers for each level
 - Team representative from each team
 - Learn To Skate coordinator (coaches and scheduling) – Peter Weis volunteered
 - Spiritwear Coordinator
 - Certified coaches
 - Sponsorship Program Committee
 - CGHL representative to attend meetings
 - Fundraising chairman – organizing and running events
 - Recruiting and retention - we need people to push the referral incentive program to recruit new players (\$100 per player)

VII. Election

- Jacquelyn Vaccaro was reelected for Secretary – 3 year term.
- Chris Cotroneo was reelected for Trustee – 3 year term.

VIII. Questions / Concerns

- Eleanor Smith voiced her concern about having a large roster at Bantam level and her frustration about the 2017/2018 season.
- Julie Weber asked how she could help spread the word about PYH, ie: flyers, Facebook, etc.