

NCCYHA Board Meeting: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 7pm

Fredonia Beaver Club

**Present:**

Andrew Hellwig, Shaun Fadale, Brain Madurski, Kevin Persch, Nick Williams, Mark Taylor, Eddie Paluch

**Open portion to the Meeting:**

Scott Hazelton attending meeting to discuss next year's squirt teams. His idea was to have a travel team and a MOHL team for 2018-2019. Scott mentioned he would like to challenge the group of kids that he has and believes having a travel team will accomplish that goal. Discussions on how players can move between travel and MOHL rosters as well as the projected numbers for next year's squirt division were had. The philosophy of the organization was explained in terms of developing at the MOHL level as well as retention of players over the years. It was decided to continue with the set up of having two MOHL teams and then having a squirt select team as we have had for at least the last three years. Mark Taylor will follow up with Scott to be sure we are all on the same page and see if there is anything Scott needs at this point.

**Reading and approval of the minutes:**

Minutes were emailed to all board members. The April board minutes were approved by a motion from Mark Taylor and seconded by Brian Madurski.

**Girls division with Jamestown:**

Devin Ecklof from the Jamestown Lakers attended meeting to discuss the progress of the combined girls team. Devin right now is coaching squirts and mites for his girls in Jamestown. He doesn't have time to coach the girls team but wants to help in any way possible. Devin has been given power by the Jamestown board to move ahead with anything possible to make this combined team happen. Discussions have happened over the past month and right now there is a rough draft plan to have a combined team with a practice in Jamestown one week and then Fredonia the next week for the girls division. This plan is at the beginning stages as money for payment for ice time, games, etc. needs to be discussed from a proportional stand point between the NCCYHA Steelers and Jamestown Lakers boards. It has been noted that at the May 8<sup>th</sup> WNYAHL board meeting, there is an agenda item to discuss the merger of the Jamestown Lakers and NCCYHA Steelers girls team. Andy Hellwig and Devin Ecklof will be at this meeting to discuss with Janice and the board. Everyone has agreed that we all want to move forward in creating a combined team.

**Treasurer Report/NCCYHA Tournament Report:**

No report given.

**Coaching Coordinator Report :**

Nothing to report

**Director of High School Hockey:**

Nothing to report.

**Coaching Recruitment and Retention Committee:**

Andrew Hellwig has been selected to be the fifth member of this committee alongside Mark Taylor, Aaron Marshall, Shaun Fadale, and Mark Maytum. Recommendations from this committee need to be made by the July Board Meeting.

**Website Report:**

Mark Taylor reported that we are waiting on sports engine to respond on a few changes for the registration process in regards to the goalie discounts and payment. Once this is done then the registration will be posted to the website.

**Registrar Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

With the treasurer not present, the Fadale proposal was pushed until next meeting as well as the development camp. Learn to play hockey needs to be advertised early. We would like to get flyers out into the schools, paper, etc. the first or second week of September. Looking to run two Learn to Play Hockey programs each with eight sessions. The price per program will be discussed at the next board meeting. Shaun will connect with Jill Madurski on times for the learn to play hockey program.

**New Business:**

Mark Taylor brought up making a connection with the Indian Reservation for ice time as well as making a deal with them in advertising for players. The idea was brought up to possibly set up a learn to play hockey session at the Indian reservation. We would like to develop a relationship with them. Shaun Fadale plans to be in contact with them over the month of June and July to set things up and get the ball rolling on some ideas in how we can incorporate this facility while including the kids of that area. We hope that we can attract some players to our organization through this process.

Star Graphix contract is up after the past two years. A new deal was proposed. They want to put a clause in for a wait time based on supply. Bauer is the biggest problem based on being able to order based on quantity. We would like to seek out other proposals from companies to see what type of deal we can set up. This will give the board an opportunity to compare prices as well as a ground to stand on

in negotiations with Star Graphix. The amount of time it takes to receive a product right now from Star Graphix seems to be too long. We would like to see more product with lower price points. If contract fails with Star Graphix, they would like to discuss us buying out their stock items. Star Graphix wants to advertise for a May deal through our social media. It was approved to advertise with a understanding they can mark up 50% with a 10% gross kickback to the NCCYHA organization. Contract with Star Graphix will be discussed more by Shaun Fadale and Star Graphix.

Brain Madurski brought up the Street Hockey tournament. He would like to see something onto our website for registration. A place to hold the tournament was discussed between Wright Park and the parking lot at the Fadale Enterprises business. A date was discussed between August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. A motion by Kevin Persch was made for the street hockey tournament to take place on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Eddie Paluch. Motion passed.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by Kevin Persch. Seconded by Mark Taylor. All in favor