

NCCYHA Board Meeting

May 4, 2023

7:00 pm

Fredonia Beaver Club

Present for meeting: Andrew Davidson, Andy Hellwig, Nick Williams, Mike Mead, Marissa Salemi, Danielle Hartson, Adam Whitcher.

Open portion of meeting: help coaches and managers information meeting. Went over NCCYHA Team Handbook, prepared by Andy Hellwig and Nick Williams. Answered questions regarding the upcoming season.

Board member interviews: interviewed Dave Hennessey and Matt Slaven for Registrar position. Vote to add both candidates to the board with Dave taking the registrar position and Matt filling in a role to be determined.

Reading and approval of minutes: A motion was made by Andy Hellwig with a second by Mike Mead, to approve the minutes of the 3/30/2023 Board meeting. All were in favor.

Treasurer's report: none.

Scheduler's report:

- The 2023-2024 Season's schedule has been submitted to SUNY
- The weekday schedule has been confirmed following some alterations made to best suit the availability of Steele Hall
- Weekday ice times are up on the Website's calendar
- I am still waiting on confirmations for weekend ice times
- Older groups of skaters have been moved to times better suited for ice repair after their heavy skates. Meaning that the traditional High School practice times have been moved from Monday and Wednesday to Tuesday and Thursday
- Most youth teams have a 3 practice per week schedule!
- Scrimmage Games have been added to U16's page

Manager's Handbook:

The Manager's Handbook has been completed with the requested edits. I will distribute copies at tonight's meeting.

Aug 13 BBQ:

The Current Status of the event is on schedule. We have reserved the Pavillion; the vendor and the menu. Danielle has secured a bounce house for the event along with the necessary insurance paperwork. Tickets are being printed at copyboy.

We still need mini games or ideas for said games. We need to decide how to distribute the tickets for sale for this event. What sides/ desserts/ beverages/ hors d'oeuvres/ etc? Should we

add raffles? If so... what? I am looking forward to finalizing plans!

Coaching Coordinator report:

So all our tryouts went well, at least from my perspective.

I attended my first WNYAHL meeting on April 12th. Here is some information from the meeting.

USA Hockey and Safe Sport is open for the new season 2023-2024 , I have notified our coaches and managers.

MOHL Playoffs will be March 9 & 10th and 17th championship
MOHL will also be going to iPad scoring

Tryouts dates have been set for 24-25 season
12U and under can have tryouts starting after Feb. 25th 2024 either that Monday or Tuesday
14U and above can have tryouts either the 8th or 9th of April 2024

Spoke with Adam about this Mite Elite League, this just a league that we as an origination is not ready for.

Mite Elite League Decorations due by May 14th, this is AAU full ice, Scheduling will be October

- 7 and 8 year old's only
- No more than 12 games
- 10 10 12 periods
- iPad scoring
- No League Fees
- AAU Ref Fees 40,00 per Ref
- 1st round of playoffs split cost between teams
- Championship game at Cheektowaga

There is a Cross Ice House league (USA Hockey) that will be played at River side rink on Sunday's starting January 7th 2:30 to 6:30PM.

I have contacts for both leagues and have been talking to both of the leagues.

Coaches and Parents have been unruly against the officials on the ice. We still have a code of conduct on the registration for our kids and Parents? Let's remind our Coaches and Parents that NCCYHA will not tolerate this on or off the ice.

New Registrar is needed to fill Ed Paluch position. I will take on the role of new registrar and will let WNYAHL know of the change, I have been in contact with Ed and he will be working with me on the changeover.

Team Declarations are due May 14th , I have talked to all the coaches and have filled out our declarations for the 2023-2024 season.

All Teams are Tier III

8U Team MOHL

10U Team Travel Non Tournament Bound

12U Team Travel Non Tournament Bound

14 U Team Travel Tournament Bound

16U Team Travel Tournament Bound

Looked over the NCCYHA Team Handbook, thank you Andy H. and Nick. One thing we should add is the iPad scoring and how it works and how it is submitted. Also, on the iPad Scoring, do we need one for every team or can we use the same iPad for every team?

High School Hockey:

Nothing really new on the high school front. Modified is playing. Mike can give a status on that, also Scott Hazelton just attended the last meeting for wny high school hockey. Nothing really new to report, but he does have refund checks that he said he will give to Andy.

Website report: registration form is completed and running. Jersey order form needs to be updated to use SportsEngine's new method. Home page cleaned up

Registrar report: none. As of May 4 the following numbers have registered.

- 16 total
- 6U & 8U: 6
- 10U: 1
- 12U: 2
- 14U: 5
- 16U: 2

LTPH / Mites:

We still need to sort through the equipment in the equipment room at the rink. We should set up a time with Scotty to get in there, or better yet, get our own key.

A further discussion is needed on what we are going to do for jerseys for the Mites and Mini Mites. The prices I see online run about \$35 for a blank reversible jersey, and \$15-\$20 for a regular blank jersey. That does not include any printing on the jerseys. The reversible jerseys give us the most flexibility if kids don't show for games. We could look into sponsors to defer some of the cost.

Apparently, Shaun and Stacey have the TimBits login information. If we got that, we could get an order of jerseys and medals from Tim Horton's.

I set up a can return at Can Kings under NCCYHA Steelers. I wanted to open it up to the entire organization. It's an easy way to generate some revenue for the organization. If we are interested in that we can discuss it further.

Social media:

Secured bounce house donation for Summer Picnic

Continually posting skill camps, hockey tips, guess the steeler, etc to keep Facebook alive in the off season.

Car magnets from Hae Jude shipping today so should be here soon and I will go pick up.

Nikki at Hae Jude will have our preliminary swag store ready for our review by tomorrow.

Marketing:

- We should start promoting the Chicken BBQ. I would be happy to make flyers if we want to go that route.

- Now that registration is up, are we sending out the yard signs again?

- Booth at some of the summer festivals/events to promote the org and registrations?

Old business:

Summer chicken BBQ. August 13, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm. \$18 ticket. Will create an online form to purchase tickets. 600 tickets, printing at CopyBoy.

Stipend for travel for organizational meetings, WNYAHL, High school, etc... Set at \$40 per trip. Motion to accept by Nick W., second by Andy H. All were in favor.

New business:

Coaching coordinator to attend WNYAHL meetings, high schools to be attended by Brian C. Scott H. and Steve O. on a rotating basis.

We will retain Issac Williams as player photographer.

Will use Ashleigh Brown for team photographer. Digital photos will be an option.

Looking to schedule a jamboree / showcase day with all divisions playing at home on the same day. It will be part of the 40th anniversary celebration.,

Need to ask Mike Whitcher about the insurance packet and secondary background checks for the upcoming season.

Motion to adjoin: made by Andy H., second by Mike. All were in favor.

Next meeting June 1 at 7PM at the Beaver Club.