

NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2022

7:00 p.m.

258 West Main St., Fredonia

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Shaun Fadale, Mark Taylor, Andy Hellwig, Nick Williams and Andy Davidson. Mike Whitcher appeared by phone.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: Isaac Williams presented his Eagle Scout project to the Board. The project entitled, "Operation Save the Steelers," would be divided into five phases. Those would be 1. Organizing the equipment; 2. Fundraising; 3. Getting new equipment; 4. Building shelves in the equipment room; 5. Advertising of the Learn to Play Hockey Program. On a motion by Mark Taylor and a second by Andy Hellwig, the project was approved. We will have to ask permission from the college for the shelf building aspect of the plan before that phase can take place.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 2/1/22 Board meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Andy Davidson and a second by Mark Taylor. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nick Williams reported that he has written a check to the referees for their February bill in the amount of \$350. No additional ice bill has been received and we are paid up through December which was the last bill. Southtowns sent a check for \$275 for a canceled game. Nick Keefe had a question about the \$275 charge for his team's playoff game. It will come out of their fundraising account because it is for the post season and not paid for out of registration fees. A motion to approve the report was made by Andy Davidson with a second by Andy Hellwig. All were in favor.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: The potential for a resurrected Tough as Steele Tournament has been negated by the reintroduction of MOHL Playoffs. Coaches were unable to obtain commitments from any challenging team. We are left with reserved ice for the tourney weekend. Confirmations are needed by U8 regarding their possible Jamboree. Once confirmed, any unneeded ice will be turned back to the college. Modified Practices are being scheduled twice a week until games start. Practices will then decrease to one per week. Practices will start in mid-March at Steele Hall and then shift to Jamestown in April. Andy is waiting for a return email from their scheduler. He will begin creating next season's schedule shortly with hopes of an April completion. One potential change to next year's High School season is the addition of an extra weekly practice ice. This will allow the full Varsity Team and the full JV team to have a dedicated practice for their respective teams every other week. This will add to High School costs and registration fees may need to increase to cover this. However, adding extra practices will greatly benefit the teams while fixing a consistency concern. Before any decision, we will consult with John for a cost analysis.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Andy Davidson reports that we have not gotten any other coaching applications since the last meeting. The committee interviewing candidates for the U-12 Travel team recommended that Scott Hazelton be appointed. He was approved as the coach. We are still looking for a U10 coach.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT: Mark reports that he will be meeting with Mike Mead to go over this past season and to discuss how things went and how he did. Mark will report back at the next meeting. There was extensive discussion as to the purchase of Varsity jackets. Historically, according to Mark, this is a team function and not one that the Association would be responsible for. If there are discretionary funds left over out of registration fees, the team could decide to purchase jackets. However, if a budget is prepared and the jackets were budgeted in, an increase in registration fees might be necessary. We can ask John to help prepare a budget.

WEBSITE REPORT: The minutes from the 2/1/22 meeting have been posted. There was an amendment to those minutes and that will be posted. The Modified team registration is on the website and active. Andy D. will send out a mass email letting people know that the registration is up and active.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: No report

OLD BUSINESS: One of the jerseys from the supplier had a defect. Mark Taylor is working on it. He will get a picture of it to show it to the supplier. Scholarship applications are not due until the beginning of May. DFT has generously donated their remaining inventory of Steelers gear to the Association. Shaun estimates that it has a value of \$5,000 to \$6000.00. In return, DFT will issue a press release at a later date. There are no applications for Board membership. It is agreed that we may have to try to recruit individuals who we think can help us.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion of bringing back a U-18 travel team which we have not had for some years. It was agreed that it would depend on interest but that the Board was in favor of the idea.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Andy D. with a second by Nick. All were in favor.