

NCCYHA BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

PRESENT FOR MEETING: Shaun Fadale, Kevin Persch, Eddie Paluch, John Szydlo, Andy Hellwig, Nick Williams, Andy Davidson and Mike Whitcher.

OPEN PORTION OF MEETING: There was no public portion conducted due to the setup of the meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of 1/5/21 Board meeting were reviewed and approved with one revision, Mark Taylor appeared at the meeting by phone. Motion to approve by Mike Whitcher with second by Kevin Persch. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: By Nick Williams and supplemented by John Szydlo. Full payment has been received from the remaining unpaid High School family for last season. The December ice bill from Northwest Arena in the amount of \$6560 has been paid. The January bill has not been received yet. A request for an extension has been submitted to the IRS for the 990 tax return giving the NCCYHA until 6/15/21 to submit the return. As approved by the Board, a \$500 contribution was paid to the WNYAHL for litigation expenses incurred by that Association in its lawsuit against the State of New York. (This was approved by email vote of the NCCYHA Board in pursuit of having ice hockey redesignated as a medium/low risk sport under New York State protocol so as to permit resumption of game play.) With the return of High School Hockey, payments to the WNYHSCHL will be required, \$5000 for Varsity and \$4500 for JV. A cash advance will be needed to the High School teams so that they will have cash on hand at games to pay trainers and referees. Nick Williams will speak to Mike Mead to facilitate this. Cash will also be needed to pay refs for the squirt and peewee games. Shaun will be at all the games so he can take care of that. Fredonia referees have not responded so at this point, the plan is to use the referees in Jamestown. John reported on current balances: \$20,476.01 in the operating account; \$35,012.57 in savings and the CD for a total of \$55,488.58. This is down some \$31,977.22 from where we were at a similar point last year but obviously, due to the pandemic, we have far fewer players registered and higher expenses. A motion by Andy Hellwig to approve the report was seconded by Eddie Paluch. All were in favor.

SCHEDULER'S REPORT: As games are being scheduled, Andy is placing them on the calendar.

COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT: Mark Taylor was not present due to illness so there was no report. Shaun noted that currently, we have only one Mite coach. Ron Tonelli has been alone but Nick Sliwa will soon be coming back from injury. In this segment, there was discussion about projected numbers of players for next season. It would appear there would be enough for two squirt teams, one peewee team and possibly, one bantam team. The number of

bantam age kids who might be available next year was exhaustively scrutinized and it was felt that it would be close as to whether there will be enough for a team.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY REPORT: There was no High School report in Mark's absence but there was a report on the High School work shop meeting held via Zoom on 1/23/21. It was decided at that time what the rough costs for the High School season would be so that the information could be conveyed to potential players. It was decided at that time that registration fees could be set at \$575 to be paid in 3 installments of \$175, \$200 and \$200. It was also noted that Mike Mead is well qualified to step in as HS coach during Mark's absence. As of now, 30 HS players have registered, 13 of which have 2004 birthdays or older and 17 potential JV players.

WEBSITE REPORT: Andy has the High School registration page up and running. It was noted that the Board of Director's Page (Contact Us) needs updating as a few are missing photos and bios.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: No updates at this time.

COVID-19 REPORT: Coaches will have to keep accurate information on exactly who is on the ice at any given time, for tracking purposes in case of an outbreak. It appears that there will be a requirement at the High School level, that following a game, if anyone from either team tests positive, both teams will have to shut down for a 10 day period. This will be verified prior to the start of game play. At any level, only two spectators per player will be allowed.

PASTA DINNER REPORT: The Dinner is cancelled this year given the results of a league wide survey.

OLD BUSINESS: None reported.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion about the type of play for this year's squirt team, given the limited schedule. Shaun questions whether his team can handle a full travel schedule that might involve 2 or 3 games a week. He suggests that they barnstorm. He already has 7 games lined up and plans to add approximately 10 more and possibly a Tournament. As to the length of the season, the question was raised as to whether an end date should be set. March 31 was determined to be a good cutoff date.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Made by Nick Williams with a second by Eddie Paluch. All were in favor.