

## Clinton Youth Hockey

### Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:13pm, Clinton Arena.

Members Present – Houle, Majka, Clarey, Froass, Tyksinski, Carr, Novak, Lopata, Frank, Damico, Foote

Guests – Nina Bremer, Eric Huckaby, Rob Haverbusch

Hamilton Head Hockey Coach – Rob Haverbusch addressed the board and introduced himself. He stated that the Hamilton men's home opener would be at the Clinton Arena against Cortland and would be a youth hockey fundraiser. He stated that he was looking forward to continuing the Hockey Day on the Hill this coming January and offering his help to the organization.

Eric Huckaby approached the board regarding the PW hockey situation. He is requesting that the board consider creating a "fair evaluation" process for travel player selection in an effort to reduce bias in the process.

***Motion by Tyksinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Novak, to have outside observer for the hockey tryouts during 2011 season at the PW level. PW Head coach is to identify two independent observers for the process. Motion carried 10-0.***

**President/VP Report** – John Majka reported that at the central section meeting they talked extensively about the rule changes. There will be a lot more referee calls this year for hits to the head. College coaches, or anyone who is on the ice is supposed to have a helmet, and this rule needs to be enforced. This will be the last year for SQ sectionals and states, and tag up off sides will be introduced at Bantam level.

The CNY bobcats were voted in by the section to compete in tournaments starting this year. Coaches should be aware of the liabilities associated with cell phone usage in the locker rooms and organizations should have a cell phone policy on file. SQT sectionals are in Whitestown this year while, PW and BNT are in Lysander. ***Motion to accept report by Carr, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lopata, approved.***

**Secretary** – Christopher Houle gave the report and asked for changes to the minutes from last month. There were no requests. ***Motion to accept report by Majka, 2<sup>nd</sup> Foote, approved.***

**Treasurer Report** – Andrew Clarey said that since the last meeting several checks went out. Registration has been collected and will be deposited. Chris Carr and Harris Frank had to buy pucks and will be reimbursed accordingly. ***Motion to accept by Novak, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lopata, approved.***

#### **Committee Reports:**

Registration – Nina still needs USA registration from several coaches and the paperwork has been turned over to Bill Foote for follow up. Midgets only have 4 registered and no decision has been made yet regarding the Midget team.

***Motion by John Majka to allow the registered Midgets to skate with Midget skills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lopata, Motion carried 10-0.***

***Motion by John Majka to waive the late fees for and PeeWee aged players should they decide to join the Clinton organization, 2<sup>nd</sup> Foote, carried 11-0.***

VP Travel – Chris Carr reported that all Q games are scheduled.

VP House. – John Froass advised that the rule changes at Snowbelt will be the same as CNY section. Also, he noted that discipline for game misconducts have declined year over year. Furthermore, there will be only 16 games scheduled this year instead of 20. John said that the Thousand Island organization (Clayton, NY) has officially joined Snowbelt. Snowbelt is requesting an organizational vote the proposed implementation of the “fair play” policy. After discussion, it was decided that CYH will record a “no” vote.

Coaching – Bill Foote went to the ACE coordinator meeting and covered the changes to the rules.

Scheduling – Harris Frank is trying to get the whole season slots scheduled for 2011-12 and this is ongoing.

Equipment – John Majka advised that Scott Hughes will be doing the equipment/jerseys for 2011-12 season.

Mites – Jeremy Lopata reported that the mite concerns have been resolved. Officially, we are going with the red white blue mite USA hockey program. A mite parent meeting has taken place to discuss what to do with the mite group and what to charge based on placement. Additionally, there are 49 new mites this year and we will be using the USA hockey skills challenge to evaluate players.

LTP/LTS – Dave Damico says that the program is scheduled to start and has volunteers to help out. He is expecting 40 LTP/LTS players.

Tournaments- Dave Novak and Chris Carr gave the tournament report for Halloween. The Squirt bracket is now full, but the PW bracket has only 3 teams

#### **Old Business –**

Lopata reported that try hockey free day is this coming Saturday. We need volunteers for this event.

Fundraising – “Pink the Rink” has been suggested by the Bobcats as a fundraiser again this year.

***Motion by Majka, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Froass to donate 1.5 hours of organization ice time for pink the rink fundraising. Motion carried 11-0.***

#### **New Business –**

Bantams – John Majka notified the board that the Bantam coaching staff is intending to keep all the Bantams this year. We have 21 players, and according to USA/NYSAHA rules, we may only roster 20 on a tournament bound team. The head Bantam coach, and the coaching committee are supporting the creation of “two” rosters. Those that are rostered on the “2<sup>nd</sup> team” would not be allowed to participate in Q games, sectionals, or states. After discussion, it was not known by John Majka how many players would be placed on roster two at this time and that he was only advising the board of the proposed intent of the coaching staff. No motions were made.

Meeting adjourned 903p