



Clinton Youth Hockey
Minutes of Meeting
October 2, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by President Bob Shorey

Board Members Present: Mark Hobaica, Mark Harjung, Todd Jury, Ian Anderson, Dave Barrett, Ken Grabeldinger, Mike Perry, Tony Gurdo, Bob Shorey, John Lauchert, John Waters

Board Members Excused: Bill Owens, Mike Yutzler

Guests: Patty Maxam, Tiffany Fletcher, Rhayalene Perry, Dawn Burdick

Reading of the Minutes of September 11, 2006 Meeting: waived

Treasurers Report: John Waters gave his report, copy attached, motion to accept made by Ken Grabeldinger, seconded by Mike Perry, all in favor.

Travel Report: Mike Perry reported that all Q games have been scheduled. Reported that at the Central Section Meeting sites for Pre-Sectionals (Feb. 9 – 11, 2007) were announced as follows: Squirts – Rome, Pee Wee's – Clinton, Bantams – Lysander. Sectionals (Feb. 23 – 25, 2007) for all levels will be played in Camillus.

House League Report: Dave Barrett was not able to attend and had nothing to report. Bob Shorey attended Snowbelt meeting in Dave's place and reported that he requested Snowbelt to allow Clinton to have two (2) Pee Wee House teams in the league, if that is what CYH decided, and Snowbelt Board accepted Clinton's request.

UNY League Report: No report. Mike Perry will contact Tom Duffy for a report on the status of the UNY League.

Committee Reports:

A. Registration: Rhayalene Perry reviewed numbers registered at each level:

Mohawk Valley Herrericanes	13	Pee Wee's	28
Midget Skills Camp	18	Squirts	27
Midget Snowbelt	25	Mites (A-11, B-1, C-27)	39
Bantams	36	Learn to Skate	11

Discussion was held regarding the Midget numbers. It was decided to go with one team of 25 and set up a rotation of 5 players per game, unless we have more register and can make two teams. Midgets registering now will be put on a waiting list. As of Saturday, October 7, 2006, registration at the Bantam level will be closed. Registration at all other levels is open. Discussion was held regarding numbers at each level. At the Squirt level there are 27 total (24 skaters, 3 goalies). Todd Jury reported that two of the goalies have skated out. Todd Jury also informed the Board that Rich Kelly has expressed interest in helping out but does not want to jump in as a head coach. The board approved Squirt travel to have 13 players and 2 goalies. One goalie would be dual rostered on the house team. Todd also expressed to the board that if anyone else were to sign up at the Squirt level after try-outs were over he wanted the option to add another player on the travel team. Board agreed as long as it was done by December 17. At the Pee Wee level there are 28 total (25 skaters, 3 goalies). Discussion was held and board agreed that Dave Barrett could take 13 skaters and 2 goalies. One goalie would be dual rostered on the house team. Dave Barrett also expressed he wanted the same option as Todd to have anyone registering after try-outs to be able to try-out for the Pee Wee travel team. Board agreed. At the Bantam level there is 36 total (31 skaters, 5 goalies). Discussion was held and because of Mike Yutzlers absence, board not able to get his opinion, it was decided that the Bantam teams would be split equally. Bantam registration will be closed after Saturday, October 7, 2006 or at 40 whichever happens first.

Dawn Burdick was given the floor and had books that were purchased by the Kirkland Town Library for use by Clinton Youth Hockey. The library had purchased \$80.00 worth of books and Dawn was hoping CYH would make a donation back to The Kirkland Town Library. Motion was made by John Waters to make a \$100.00 donation to The Kirkland Town Library seconded by Ken Grabeldinger, voted on and carried. Dawn also expressed a need for more goalie training. Todd Jury offered the Squirt Travel practice spot to bring someone in to work with all CYH goalies. Ian Anderson reported to the Board that Gary Heenan would be coming to work on break-outs and Ian would check with Gary to see about getting someone to work with goalies.

- B. Fundraising: Mike Yutzler absent – report waived. Ken Grabeldinger reported that he had spoken with Tom Clark, owner of McDonald's, last season New Hartford Youth Hockey had one night a week and meals sold in a two hour time frame a percentage of the sale went back to New Hartford Youth Hockey and they made \$1,500.00 throughout the season. Board gave Ken approval to take care of this with Tom Clark as a fundraiser for CYH.
- C. Scheduling: Mike Perry asked if Ian Anderson had confirmed October 12th for power skating with Gary Heenan. Ian said he would confirm this asap, Gary Heenan was still on his honeymoon.

- D. Coaching: Bill Owens absent – waived. Todd Jury asked for the Board’s approval to have the following as his committee to select the Squirt Travel team: Dave Barrett, Matt Fletcher, Pat Monaghan, Tom Owens, Bill Foote and Rob Hameline. Todd advised the Board that he spoke with Gary LeBrun at the ACE Coordinators Meeting and Gary had no problem with Rob as part of the committee. Bob Shorey advised Todd that Rob Hameline would only be allowed to sit in the stands to do his evaluations. Dave Barrett advised he would use Mike Perry, Mike Seakan and Ian Anderson. Discussion was held regarding the Pee Wee Travel goalies and it was decided that Mike Conway and Ian Anderson would give their opinions in this selection. At the Bantam level Mike Perry thought Mike Yutzler would use Mike Perry and Adam Ullman. Bob Shorey reported to the Board that he had approached John Majka and Bob Seward because they were on the ice with no helmet. Todd Jury offered to discuss this with John Majka. Discussion was held that we need to find a Pee Wee House coach, Mike Perry said he had spoken to Bob Seward and Bob was interested but wanted to wait until after try-outs were over. Mark Harjung expressed to the board that CYH needs to keep interested coaches in the program. Motion was made by Mark Harjung seconded by Ken Grabeldinger for Bob Seward to be the Pee Wee House coach if his daughter did not make the travel team. Vote was as follows: 6 for, 4 opposed and 1 abstained. Bob Shorey is to inform Bob Seward of this decision. Bob Shorey, Ian Anderson and Bill Owens are to sit down with Bob Seward regarding the Board’s concerns.
- E. Refereeing: Bob Shorey explained to the Board that he had spoken to Todd Smith at the Central Section meeting and Todd advised CYH not to use Matt White, of Oswego, as our head referee. Bob Shorey asked for ice time to bring in a head referee to work with younger ref’s. Ken Grabeldinger mentioned Tom Adams once a month for six months. Mark Harjung suggested Kyle Simpson. Ian Anderson said he would call some candidates. Rhayalene Perry advised the Board that Tom Coyne had offered to do the Ref scheduling. Discussion was held motion made by Mark Hobaica to give Tom Coyne the scheduling duties seconded by Dave Barrett and approved. Tom Coyne happened to be at the rink and discussion was held with him regarding this. John Waters will supply the master list from Rick Kunze to Tom Coyne. Tom Coyne explained to the Board that his son, Chancellor, had attended the Clarkson Refereeing Clinic this summer and the rule change to NHL terms would not be a problem at the mite and squirt levels but the pee wee’s and bantams will have a hard time. Tom suggested that CYH get an established High School Ref to come in and speak to the teams and the coaches about the new standard of play.
- F. Player Development: Ian Anderson requested a coaching meeting asap. Board decided Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30 PM at Alteri’s. Ian wants all coaches and their assistants present. Rhayalene Perry will call all head coaches to inform them of the meeting and it will be head coaches responsibility to call their assistants.

- G. Jerseys: Bob Shorey reported that jerseys were ordered and are here.
- H. Parent's Club: Tiffany Fletcher reported that the wreath and poinsettia sale has been set up. She will put flyers in all the coaches mailboxes at the end of October. Pickup will be December 6th. Diane Barrett will arrange the mitten and glove sale again this season. Sell the mittens/gloves for \$5.00 and Parent's Club receives \$2.50 back.

Old Business: Bob Shorey reported that a Level 2 & 3 Coaching Clinic will be held at Lumbard Hall on October 7, 2006 from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Coffee, cups and coffee pots have been donated. Bob is trying to see about getting donuts donated. Any board members available to set-up or clean-up are asked to show up at Lumbard Hall.

New Business:

- A. Midget Numbers: reported above.
- B. Team Numbers / Split equally? Reported above.
- C. Mohawk Valley Cup: Mike Perry reported that the next Mohawk Valley Cup meeting will be held on October 11, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Whitestown Rink. The following rinks will host: Whitestown – Mites, New Hartford – Squirts, Clinton – Pee Wee's and Rome – Bantams. Mike reported that both travel and house teams will participate in this tournament to coincide with the Utica College High School tournament. Gary Heenan has agreed to give all players a ticket to the high school games as he did last season. Board approved that CYH would charge \$5.00 per player to all Mites, Squirts, Pee Wee's and Bantams as a tournament fee to help pay the cost of the CYH referee fees.
- D. Central Section Meeting Minutes: Rhayalene gave all board members copies of minutes from the Central Section meeting. Bob Shorey discussed the minutes. Discussion was held regarding meeting Tuesday, October 3 @ 7:00 PM at Skaneateles Rec Center to develop Cross-ice Program. Todd Jury advised the Board that Bill Foote was planning on attending and if he could not Todd would or would find someone to attend.
- E. Helmet Rule: Bob Shorey emphasized that all coaches need to spread the word that USA Hockey mandates all coaches to wear a helmet.
- F. Tournaments: Clinton will be hosting: Tier II Pee Wee Pre-Sectionals – Feb. 9 – 11, 2007, 14U & 19U Tier II Girls Sectionals – Feb. 23 – 25, 2007, 16U Tier II Girls States – March 9 – 11, 2007. Bob Shorey expressed to the Board that Bill Owens wanted to propose that all Board Members need to volunteer 8 hours of time during the tournaments. Discussion was held and all agreed.
- G. Tier I: John Lauchert asked about Rob Esche and what was going on. Mike Perry reported that an Exploratory Committee has been set up to discuss merging area organizations (Clinton, Whitestown, Rome, New Hartford and Mohawk Valley) to form a Tier I organization and not lose Tier II Tournament Bound status and the 5013C status because of dwindling numbers at all area organizations.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 PM. Motion made by Mike Perry and seconded by John Waters, all in favor.