



Minutes of Clinton Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting

August 4, 2009 – 8 pm @ Altieri's Restaurant

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm

Directors present: Chris Carr, Dave Barrett, Todd Jury, Chris Militello, Mike Perry, Harris Frank, Jeff Corigliano, Bert Mandia

Directors absent: Chris Houle, Matt Fletcher, Eric Bremer, Mike Seakan, Bill Foote

Guests: Todd Saunders, Mike Litz, Randy Naylor

President's Report: Mike Perry gave a President's report:

- Mike advised the board that four requests for releases have been received to date – three from peewees and one from a squirt. In addition, Mike expects requests from 5 midget players.
- The Central Section meeting will be held Sept. 20 in Auburn. Anyone wishing to place items on the agenda needs to do so by August 20 directly to section president Gary Lebrun.
- Guest Randy Naylor was invited to update the board on the status of the girls 19U team. The team wants to change its name from Mohawk Valley Herricanes to Mohawk Valley Comets. Team has 13 players committed and will play a 40-game schedule in the Great Lakes Girls League.

Secretary's report: Chris Militello presented the minutes of the July 2009 meeting for review by the board. Motion to accept the minutes by Chris Carr, 2d by Dave Barrett, unanimously passed.

Treasurer's report: Todd Saunders gave a treasurer's report:

- He reviewed and discussed balance sheet
- He updated the board on the status of the move of funds from NBT bank to Access FCU and requested board approval to close the NBT checking account.
- Motion to close NBT account by Chris Militello, 2d by Mike Perry, unanimously passed.
- Motion to accept treasurer's report by Dave Barrett, 2d by Mike Perry, unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Bantams: Guest Mike Litz addressed the board concerning this year's bantam team(s). Mr. Litz expressed concern that CYH would have only one team and call it a travel team when many of the players may not be travel level players. Board assured him that the situation would be monitored and addressed after registration, when numbers would be clearer.

Midgets: Mike Perry addressed the board about Midgets for the upcoming season. He stated that he believes there are 59 potential returning eligible players, five of whom are out of state. Of the remaining 54, 8 are expected to seek releases, leaving 46. 19 of these are expected to be HS players, leaving 27 midgets for potential house teams. Mike suggested the board consider the possibility of sponsoring one Snowbelt team and one independent team that could include some HS players who don't play much on HS team. No action taken by board on this subject.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: Chris Militello distributed a draft of the summer newsletter prior to the meeting. Corrections were made to the date of the Bottle & Can Drive and it was requested to add information about acceptance of credit cards for payment. Newsletter to be distributed by August 11.

Peewees: Todd Jury advised that he held a meeting of prospective peewee parents and explained the possible team structures for the upcoming season. He stated that the parents seemed to understand that the options depended upon the numbers of kids who registered and that no decision would be made prior to registration.

Coaching: Todd Jury announced the following recommendations for head coaches for the 2009-10 season:

Mite Coordinator: Dan Melie recommended

A-mite: no recommendation – Dan Melie and Jody Provost applied for head coach position

B-mite: no applicants

C-Mite: no applicant for head coach

Squirt Travel: Bill Foote recommended

Squirt House: no applicants

Peewee Travel: Todd Jury recommended

Peewee House: no applicants

Bantam Travel: Dave Barrett recommended

Bantam House: no applicants

Midget House: Chris Calidonna recommended, John Stephens also applied for head coach.

Motion by Todd Jury to accept recommendations, 2d by Chris Carr, unanimously passed.

Ice contract: Todd Saunders and Mike Perry reported that a further meeting was held with Mike Orsino and Patti Maxam regarding the ice contract. Both Perry & Saunders felt that decisions on contract were not coming from Mike & Patti, but from designated Town Board members.

Discussion was held regarding the justification for the Town's demanded increase in ice fees of 3% for 2009-10, 3.5% for 2010-11 and 4% for 2011-12. Following discussion, motion by Chris Militello to offer Town, in conjunction with Clinton Figure Skating Club, a one-year agreement with a 3% increase over last year's costs and to reject any provision that requires CYH to return unused ice slots to the Clinton Arena, 2d by Dave Barrett, unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm by unanimous consent