



MINUTES

New Jersey Youth Hockey League

Date | time 11/3/2015 7:35 PM | *Meeting called to order by* **Frank McGady**

Motion was made to adjourn by **Montclair Blues** *and seconded by* **Jersey Shore Wildcats.**

It was passed unanimously at **8:35 pm**

Respectfully Submitted by Maureen Thompson-Siegel, NJYHL Secretary

In Attendance

Officers Present: Ryan Gibbons, Frank McGady, Charlie McLaughlin, Maureen Thompson-Siegel, Lori Tomasello (Bill Fox and Al DiMauro, absent)

Administrative Appointees Present: Kim Litwack, Don Nichols, Tony D'Anna (Sandy Drake absent)

Delegates Absent: Atlantic City Sharks

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of **September 8, 2015** Delegate's meeting put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Secretary.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats.**
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by **Woodbridge Wolfpack.**
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried.**
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NJYHL OFFICER REPORTS

President Report

- Congratulations to the 16AA and 18AA teams that attended playoffs this weekend. The 18AA finalists are the Jaguars Black and the Ice House Avalanche. The 16AA finalists are the Skylands Kings Blue and the Princeton Tigers. The best of 3 series for both levels begins on 11/5/15.
 - NJYHL webmaster/master scheduler has resigned. Our thanks to Lou Galli for his six years of service and dedication to the NJYHL.
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Commissioner Report

- Commissioner report submitted by Coach in Chief on behalf of Commissioner.

- Commissioner is receiving an unusually high number of match penalties. Delegates must send the Commissioner the player's practice, non-league and NJYHL schedule when contacting the NJYHL regarding the Match penalty. The report of the assessment of a Match penalty goes to the Affiliate and is usually sent to the Commissioner to handle on behalf of the Affiliate. The player's coach can provide his opinion of the series of events that lead to the assessment of the Match penalty. They can also send a character background on the player. The Commissioner also needs to know if an injury occurred.
- The Commissioner is receiving notices through the Affiliate from USA Hockey on players with Progressive penalties and the assessment of the additional three game suspension. It is the organization's responsibility to track these penalties. For example – one player received a second penalty for fighting (5 games) and it was his third progressive penalty. He is assessed an eight game suspension (either in HS or next season) because his NJYHL season has ended.
- We should develop a consistent method to record progressive penalties – send ideas to NJYHL Secretary.
- Now that we are at the end of the midget season, please remind all players and organizations that penalties carry over into next season
- Organizations rostering players from the DVHL must also make sure that the player does not have any carry-over penalties that must be served.
- The Commissioner is still receiving emails directly from parents. Please remind your organizations that all contact must be initiated through the organization Delegate.

Executive Vice President Report

- Please become familiar with our NJYHL rules. It will circumvent problems if all are aware of the rules.
- Questions on any of our rules should be directed to the Executive Vice President.
- Any thoughts on rule changes can be sent in at any time to the Executive Vice President. They will be compiled in March and presented for voting at the April annual meeting.
- Rosters, stickers, on-line rosters:
 - Ghosting – not removing a player (scratching) from a game. It is illegal. It is important that they are crossed off. Please share this information with your teams.
 - Score sheet sticker should match your on-line roster (except for a one game change – which needs to be sent to the NJYHL Commissioner and Registrar for their concurrence and counts toward the eight moves rule).

Administrative Vice President Report

- 16AA and 18AA playoffs at Ice House last weekend.
 - 18AA – Jaguars and Avalanche.
 - 16AA – Skylands Kings and Princeton Tigers.
 - Best of three games start Thursday night, November 5th.
 - AAHA rules – 17 minute periods, ice cut after 2nd period
 - 10/20 rule applies (each player played in 10 games out of 20)
- Paper score sheets must be submitted for every game by the home team.

- Everything in the Scorekeeper system is date and time stamped. Roster changes must be made before the scheduled game date and time or the changes will not be accepted. Roster changes must also be sent to NJYHL Registrar and Commissioner for their concurrence.
- Game misconducts are not misconducts. Scorekeepers need to be experienced and need to know how to appropriately record the game.
- All mistakes that require corrections (impact outcome or suspensions) are fined \$25 per game.
- Remind your coaches to review the score sheet before signing it.
- If there is an issue with the score sheet, mark the score sheet accordingly and send an electronic version to the Administrative Vice President.
- If there are issues electronically, contact the Administrative Vice President for assistance before submitting the game.
- Make sure all players are scratched on both the paper score sheet AND in the Scorekeeper system that were not at the game.
- Make sure all score sheet stickers match the online roster.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's Report for the period **September 9 – November 3, 2015** was put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Treasurer.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by the **Montclair Blues**.
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report by **Red Bank Generals**.
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
- Federal 990 tax return for the NJYHL to be filed this week.

Registrar Report

- Submitted by President on Registrar's behalf.
- Rosters freeze 12/31.

NJYHL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEE REPORTS

Coach in Chief Report

- CEP clinics are coming up 11/7 and 11/8 in Voorhees and Brick. The last clinic date in the District is 11/15/15 at Lehigh. None are scheduled for anytime in December.
- All on-line modules, etc. done by 12/31
- Remind all midget coaches to get their credentials finished before the deadline or they will be suspended for 60 days next season. NJYHL will be reviewing this information.

Master Scheduler/Webmaster Report

- No report.
- Send in human interest stories for posting on the website.

Referee in Chief Report

- Attended AAHA meeting in late September to discuss how to retain officials.
- Each year, AAHA loses many Level 1 officials in part due to poor treatment by coaches and spectators. We must recognize that it is important to respect the official on the ice regardless of age or ability. Constructive feedback can be provided to your Assignor or directly to the NJYHL RIC at dnnjyhlic@aol.com (New email address).
- Overall headcounts for officials in the AAHA are low. We are the lowest in the country. As a result, games can be very hard to cover due to these headcount issues.

Professional Hockey Liaison Report

- NHL Promotions Distribution List
 - Winner of challenge was Princeton. Their Delegate received tickets to a Devils game.

Statistician Report

- Please make sure the proper postage is added to each score sheet. Quad fold the score sheet for standard letter postage. When folded in half, the score sheet requires additional postage.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Question was asked – “What is the timeline for change in home ice venue for a member organization”? Executive Vice President responded that it needs to be presented at the February meeting and is voted on at the March meeting.
- Organization President breakfast meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 9:00 am at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg. Please insure that either the organization President (or designated club representative (i.e. Delegate) will be in attendance. The fine for missing this meeting is \$200.00.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

1/9/2016 at 9:00 am at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, NJ – PRESIDENTS MEETING

2/2/2016 at 7:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, NJ