



MINUTES

New Jersey Youth Hockey League

Date | time 6/14/2016 7:40 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: Al Di Mauro, Ryan Gibbons, Frank McGady, Charlie McLaughlin, Maureen Thompson-Siegel, Lori Tomasello (Bill Fox absent)

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

Delegates Absent: Lawrence Flames

AAHA Representatives Present: Tony Montagna, AAHA Registrar

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of **April 4, 2016** 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 **Montclair Blues**.
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
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NJYHL OFFICER REPORTS

President Report

- USA Annual Congress
 - June 8-11.
 - It is not a rule change year and as such there is not too much to report that impacts NJYHL
 - USA Hockey is not increasing fees for the 2016-2017 season
 - Sites for Nationals were announced –
 - 14U Tier II - Coral Springs FL,
 - 16U Tier II - Dallas Frisco, TX,
 - 18U Tier II – Lansing, MI.
 - Nationals are April 6-10, 2017

- AAHA Annual meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2016 at this hotel. Representatives for NJYHL are: Lori Tomasello, Ryan Gibbons, Al DiMauro and Charlie McLaughlin. Alternates are Greg James and Gene Ross. Frank McGady is an AAHA District Director and Bill Fox is an AAHA VP so they will be in attendance. Maureen is a USA Hockey appointee and member of the AAHA Executive Board so she will be in attendance as well.

Commissioner Report

- No report

Executive Vice President Report

- Current NJYHL Guidebook online is for 2015-2016 season. The Guidebook will be updated online soon and will reflect the current rules.
- A new Organizational questionnaire will be sent to all member Presidents over the summer. This information will be collected on-line. Ryan Gibbons will send out a notice when this information will be required.
- The annual Mandatory Managers meeting is tentatively scheduled for late August – date to be confirmed – at this hotel. A scorekeeper presentation will be performed at this meeting for all those that require a tutorial.
- NJYHL did not assess any fines during the 2015-2016 season for absence from the Delegate’s meetings. Please note going forward, all members that do not have a representative will be fined in accordance with the Guidebook (1st offense, \$50.00, 2nd offense - \$100.00, 3rd offense - \$250 and organization is placed on probation for the remainder of the season. \$250 for each additional offense)

Administrative Vice President Report

- Team declarations are final at this meeting. No changes will be entertained that are brought to the floor at the meeting.
- The Admin VP communicates all scheduling information with the organization Master Scheduler. It is up to your Scheduler to share pertinent information with the rest of their club. Please confirm that their contact information is correct on the NJYHL website.
- Any organization that drops a team after this meeting will incur a \$1,000 fine.
- Preliminary divisions will be released tomorrow, June 15th. Scheduling may commence on June 17th. The gap is to allow for last minute adjustments/corrections to team colors, etc. No changes will be permitted once scheduling begins on June 17th.
- Season dates:
 - Midget AA – August 12th – October 23rd
 - Midget A, Bantam, Pee Wee – September 10th – February 12th
 - Squirts – October 8th – February 12th
- Jamboree and playoff dates and locations:
 - Squirt jamboree – September 24-25 –
 - North venue – Skylands Ice World
 - South venue – Jersey Shore Arena
 - AAHA Mite jamboree

- September 24-25th - Ice Works (PA teams)
 - October 1-2 - Ice Vault (NJ teams) (event will end by 4 pm on 10/2 for holiday observance)
- Midget AA playoffs - October 28-30th – Ice Vault
- AAHA Midget AA Districts (best of 3) – week of 10/31 (participating teams host) – winners advance to Nationals
- Squirt and Pee Wee playoffs – February 24-26 – Aspen Ice
- Bantam and Midget A playoffs – March 10-12 - Igloo
- Scoresheets are distributed at September meeting. There is a PDF on the website if needed.
- Paper score sheets are still required to be mailed in as usual.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer’s Report for the period **March 2, 2016 – April 4, 2016** was put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Treasurer.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer’s report was made by the **Jersey Shore Wildcats**.
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer’s Report by **Jaguars**.
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
- Treasurer will be asking the NJYHL to raise team fees minimally to provide additional income for the operations next season.

Registrar Report

- No report

NJYHL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEE REPORTS

Coach in Chief Report

- CEP classes are posted on the USA Hockey website and registration is open.
- The Atlantic District Level 4 clinic was held in May. There will not be another one offered in our District this season. There is a Level 4 clinic schedule for 6/24-26 in Buffalo.
- Levels 1-3
 - 8/20 & 21 – Voorhees, NJ
 - 8/27 – Newark, NJ
 - 9/10 - Newark, NJ
 - 9/10 & 9/11 – Bethlehem, PA
 - 10/2 – Chalfont , PA
 - 12/3 & 12/4 – Bethlehem, PA
- All coaches that are do not complete their certifications will be deemed ineligible next season in accordance with NJYHL rules. Certifications include:
 - CEP class
 - Age-specific on line module

- Safe Sport
- Background screening
- The Annual Coaching Director meeting will be held in August. Date to be finalized shortly.

Master Scheduler/Webmaster Report

- No report.

Referee in Chief Report

- No report

Professional Hockey Liaison Report

- Any organization that would like to replace their jersey or would like to have their jersey added to the wall at the Prudential Center should get the new one to Kim Litwack no later than the September meeting. She will get it to the NJ Devils. Larger sizes preferred.
- Trenton Thunder are hosting Hockey night on 8/18. Tickets are \$8.00.
- Mites on ice for Flyers – tell her quickly before the dates are all selected.

Statistician Report

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- The AAHA hosted a Youth Hockey summit on Monday evening, May 9th. It was attended by club Presidents, Hockey Directors, etc. interested to learn more information about the District. Jim Smith, USA Hockey President, was in attendance. Pat LaFontaine and Don Granato participated in panel discussions. It was well received and will most likely become an annual event.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony Montagna, AAHA Registrar was in attendance this evening. He reviewed the following information:
 - USA Hockey Registry will be available mid-July. Game counts for 20/10 rule start August 1st.
 - Updates to the registry will make rostering more efficient. Better player search tools have been developed.
 - Birth certificate verifications are moving along. Once a player's birth certificate has been verified by USA Hockey, it stays with the player in the system regardless of organization he/she plays for.
 - Non-citizens will not be able to be added to a roster without their transfer processed.
 - Unlimited transfer (those with a green card)

- Limited transfer must be done annually (“S “ visa is a student transfer = 4 players permitted per roster – “T” visa is a temporary visa (player with parents) = 20 players per roster)
- The transfer process can be started before the registry opens in mid-July
- Red-lining on rosters
 - Personnel that are red-lined on a roster cannot participate
 - Coaches are red-lined if they do not have valid Safe Sport
 - The Safe Sport report in the Registry lists all those that have taken Safe Sport and season when they need to be renewed
 - Background screening and CEP modules will not be red-lined on a roster until 12/31.
 - Players – over-age or under-age are automatically red-lined
 - 8U players cannot be rostered on a 10U team under any circumstances
- Any questions can be sent directly to Tony. He will be happy to address.
- The USA Hockey All American Prospects Game is scheduled for Thursday, September 22nd at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. AAHA is developing events around this game that will include coaching and officiating clinics, ADM demonstrations, etc. Stay tuned for more information. Please encourage your team families to attend this game. Tickets are \$12 each and are on sale now.
- The NJ Devils Grassroots department (Andy Gojdycz, Kevin Fox and Thomas Dreisbach) were in attendance this evening. They prepared a short presentation to re-introduce their department to the NJYHL membership. They let the membership know that their purpose is to support youth hockey in New Jersey. They advised that more information will be released soon regarding their upcoming initiatives within the community.
- Maureen Thompson-Siegel circulated the current list of organization contacts (President, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Hockey Director, Master Scheduler and Safe Sport Coordinator) for review and update.
- Next year’s meeting schedule will move the annual meeting back to a Tuesday night. The schedule will be posted on the NJYHL website over the summer.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

9/13/2016 at 7:30 pm at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, NJ – Scoresheets distributed.

ANNUAL FEES ARE DUE AS FOLLOWS (make payable to NJYHL and send to Charles McLaughlin, NJYHL Treasurer, 129 Grannis Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950):

League Fee - \$650 – due on or before the September meeting

Team Fees - \$375 per team (squirt and higher) due on or before the September meeting

Squirt Jamboree Fee - \$250 per team participating



The New Jersey Devils attended the NJYHL meeting on June 14th to discuss their current initiatives, offerings, and community involvement. Such initiatives include:

- **USA Hockey/American Development Model (ADM) Clinics:** Through a partnership with USA Hockey, the New Jersey Devils host multiple ADM clinics throughout the year. Individual clinics include tier I, tier II, girls, and goalie specific clinics.
- **Alumni Charity Hockey Games:** In conjunction with the New Jersey Devils Alumni Association, the New Jersey Devils help support local charities by providing donations and participating in charity hockey games.
- **High School Hockey:** The New Jersey Devils are heavily invested in New Jersey High School Hockey via hosting events such as High School Captains' Night, The High School Championship Luncheon, and NJSIAA High School Ice Hockey Championships in addition to recognizing high school players of the month, all-tournament teams, and players of the year. Additionally, the Alumni Association selects 4 student-athletes and provides them with a scholarship towards furthering their education.
- **Adult Dream Day Camp:** In an effort to provide the ultimate fantasy experience, the Devils offer multiple Dream Day Camps throughout the season where participants take part in a pre-game practice run by Devils alumni, stay to watch the Devils play, and face-off in a game of their own on the main ice after the pros.
- **Tournament of Champions:** The Tournament of Champions is a marquee youth hockey tournament where mite – U19 teams from all over the northeast region face off at the Barnabas Health Hockey House – the official practice facility of the New Jersey Devils.
- **Rink Partnerships:** The New Jersey Devils partner with over thirty rinks across the state of New Jersey and visit each one offering a youth hockey clinic with alumni and a Learn-To-Skate visits made by mascot N.J. DEVIL.
- **Peewee Quebec:** Each year, the New Jersey Devils host the Peewee Quebec Tournament Team at a Devils game where the team is recognized in-game during the first intermission. The New



Jersey Devils also provide ice time, fundraising opportunities, and giveaway items for the team to take with them to Quebec.

- **Marquee Matchup:** Youth hockey teams from all over New Jersey have the opportunity to face-off during intermission of a Devils game.
- **Youth Shootout Challenge:** New this year, the Devils conducted a state-wide shootout competition to determine the top shooter and goalie combination in New Jersey. A shooter and goalie pair from each rink partner participated in a pre-game shootout competition at the Barnabas Health Hockey House. The final pairings met for the championship round on the Prudential Center main ice during the first intermission of a Devils game.
- **Street Devils:** Street Devils is an athletic and educational street hockey program designed to introduce kids to the sport of hockey. The Devils have partnered with schools, community centers, recreation departments, and similar organizations all over New Jersey to run the Street Devils program. Devils alumni and N.J. DEVIL visit each Street Devils Center once per year to talk to the kids, run drills and sign autographs.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
APRIL 5- JUNE 14, 2016

Beginning Escrow Account	\$	33,000.00
Beginning Operating Account		\$156,177.43
Deposits	\$	961.08
Expenditures	\$	45,226.28
Final Escrow Account	\$	33,000.00
Final Operating Account		\$144,912.23

CLUB	Amount Due	Detail
Atlantic City Sharks	\$ -	
Bridgewater Bears		
Bayonne Rangers	\$ -	
Brick Hockey	\$ -	
Cranford Hockey	\$ -	
Flyers Youth Voorhees	\$ -	
Freeze (NJ)	\$ -	
Holydell Hurricanes	\$ -	
Ice House Avalanche	\$ -	
Ice Vault Bandits	\$ -	
Jaguars	\$ -	
Jersey City Capitals	\$ -	
Jersey Penguins	\$ -	
Jersey Shore Wildcats	\$ -	
Junior Knights (Old Bridge)	\$ -	
Junior Titans (NJ)	\$ -	
Kinnelon Colts	\$ -	
Lawrence Flames	\$ -	
Mercer Chiefs	\$ -	
Montclair Blues	\$ -	
NJ Colonials	\$ -	
NJ Devils Youth	\$ -	
NJ Ironmen	\$ -	
NJ Rockets	\$ -	
Princeton Tigers	\$ -	
Pro Tech Ponds	\$ -	
Ramapo Saints	\$ -	
Red Bank Generals	\$ -	
Skylands Kings	\$ -	
Stars (NJ)	\$ -	
Team Comcast	\$ -	
Toms River Blackhawks	\$ (750.00)	Credit Squirt & PW team fees
Woodbridge WolfPack	\$ -	

REVENUE

5-Apr	Titans	\$	400.00	fine	x
	Ironmen	\$	200.00	fine	x
	Bayonne	\$	50.00	fine	x
17-May	Rockets	\$	300.00	fine	x
29-Apr	interest	\$	5.53		x
31-May	interest	\$	5.55		x
		\$	961.08		

EXPENSE

5-Apr	Crowne Plaza	x	\$	1,453.86	April Delegate meeting
6-Apr	AMHL	x	\$	7,160.00	scorekeeper WEB
20-Apr	meeting expense	x	\$	376.20	
17-May	AAHA		\$	16,800.00	District Tournament
17-May	Maureen Thompson-Siegel	x	\$	163.66	Joseph Lanza
	Hollydell Ice Arena	x	\$	19,250.00	playoff ice
25-Apr	postage	x	\$	22.56	
			\$	45,226.28	