



MINUTES

New Jersey Youth Hockey League

Date | time 11/14/2017 7:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* **Frank McGady**

Motion was made to adjourn by **Bayonne** and *seconded by* **Montclair**

It was passed unanimously at 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Maureen Thompson-Siegel, NJYHL Secretary from notes recorded by other NJYHL Board members

In Attendance

Officers Present: Al DiMauro, Frank McGady, Charlie McLaughlin, Gene Ross, Lori Tomasello (Maureen Thompson-Siegel, absent)

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

Delegates Absent: Jersey Penguins

AAHA Representatives Present: None

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of **September 12, 2017** Delegate's meeting put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL president, Frank McGady.
 - Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Montclair.
 - Motion seconded to adopt the minutes by **Woodbridge**.
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.

NJYHL OFFICER REPORTS

President Report

- AAHA Tiering Applications for the 2018-2019 season have been released. Deadline for submission is November 20th. This is for all National Bound teams (Bantam AA, 16AA, 18AA). NJYHL will submit one package to the AAHA on behalf of its members.
- NJYHL playoffs for 18AA and 16AA were held the weekend of 10/27.

- 18AA teams advancing to AAHA District best of three playoff were NJ Freeze and North Jersey Avalanche.
- 16AA teams advancing to AAHA District best of three playoff were Brick Hockey Club and the Jaguars.
- Team advancing to Nationals at 18AA in Green Bay, WI is the NJ Freeze
- Teams advancing to Nationals at 16AA at the Ice Vault in Wayne, NJ are the Jaguars and the New Jersey Bandits Black (host team).
- Congratulations to all the teams.
- Additional information under Old Business. Frank asked this information to be reviewed for discussion at the January President's meeting, as well as, feedback on the Bantam Minor level.

Commissioner Report

- Many suspensions and incident reports received to date.
- The scoring system now has the ability to apply the two game suspension for fights. Player will automatically be red-lined when assessed a fighting penalty at the bantam and midget levels.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their team. Unruly teams on the ice are not the responsibility of the on-ice official.
- Score keepers should be reviewing the score sheet with the referee in between periods to confirm they are recording the stats properly. Then there are no surprises at the end of the game.
- A reminder that our rule #55 states there is a \$500 fine for not notifying the Commissioner (via Delegate) of a game misconduct. The notification sent to the club from the Commissioner is sent as a courtesy only. It is incumbent upon the organization to notify the Commissioner of the penalty and to confirm when the player/coach will serve the suspension.
- Reminder that fighting penalty equals a 2 game suspension at the bantam and midget level for the first incident. The suspensions increase with the 2nd incident.
- There is also lots of goalie movement happening. There appears to not be enough goalies to go around. Next season, it may be better to place a goalie at the B level and he can play up for coverage instead of the other way around.
- Bylaw #3 – Teams Fees due by 8/15. Suggest new rule for an organization that is non-compliant to be put on probation and not eligible for playoffs.

Executive Vice President Report

- Upcoming deadlines:
 - New member applications are due to EVP by January 1st.
 - Name/color/logo or home rink changes are due to EVP by February 1st.
 - Proposed rule changes are due to EVP by February 15th.

Administrative Vice President Report

- All playoff advancement/formats are on the website.

- Reminder that the scorekeeper system does not apply tiebreakers. Teams tied in points will be listed alphabetically.
- Scorekeeper must agree with the USA Hockey roster (single game moves are excluded though Al Di Mauro and Bill Fox need to be informed in these cases as the moves count toward the 8 move rule).
- Please advise score keepers that 2/10 penalties get recorded on two separate lines. This is important with regard to the 15 penalty rule for the coach.
- Reminder that only the NJYHL can input a forfeit. A team manager cannot score a forfeit in the system.
- Reminder that if there is an issue scoring a game, your organization representative (should be Delegate or Master Scheduler) is to contact Lori. Do not enter the game with incorrect information.
- The scoring system is date and time stamped. Roster changes must happen before the start of the game.
- Games that get cancelled due to rink conditions must advise Lori and game must be re-scheduled within seven days. This does not include a condition of not enough players. Too few players is considered a game forfeit. That is not a rink condition issue.
- Please be reminded that the AAHA determines the number of teams that advance to districts – that determines who will attend NJYHL playoffs.
- All organizations are required to have competent scorekeepers. Please train those that do not know how to properly keep score. The Guidebook is on the website, please read it. Ignorance of a rule is not a defense. A volunteer made a mistake is not a defense either. Make sure your volunteers know what they are doing.
- Please be reminded that statistics will not be updated unless it impacts the game (score or penalty). Discussion from the floor why we do not correct stats. It is too burdensome. There are other issues that directly impact the game that need to be corrected. If the amount of complaints continues – the stats will be turned off.
- Please be reminded that your scorekeepers need to understand the difference between a Misconduct and Game Misconduct.

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer's Report for the period **September 13, 2017 – November 14, 2017** was put to the floor for adoption by the NJYHL Treasurer.
 - Motion to adopt the Treasurer's report was made by the **Montclair**.
 - Motion seconded to adopt the Treasurer's Report by **Hollydell**.
 - All in favor and motion to adopt **carried**.
- Financial statement was distributed with the September minutes. Details included:
 - NJYHL operates on a fiscal calendar year – August 1st to July 31st.
 - League runs with a small surplus. A larger one is not necessary as the expenses are low.
- Fines are assessed by the Commissioner and Administrative VP. Financial report is the organizations notification. Invoices are not sent. Fees/fines are considered overdue 30 days after publication of the report. Teams that do not pay their fines can be declared ineligible for playoffs according to our rules.

- Year-end financial statement from last year was included. NJYHL is a 501c3 organization. Tax returns have been signed and filed.
- Statement from the floor - Fines assessed are now tracking at about 25%. Five years ago it was only at 5%. Are there any other means other than fining teams?
 - Administrative VP responded:
 - We have added many additional fines related to scorekeeper. The fines are meant to be deterrents so that organizations adhere to the process for scorekeeper. It is very timely to make the corrections and, in some cases, investigate wrong penalties/suspensions.
 - Many more forfeits now which carry \$1,000 fine. Teams are forfeiting because they are placed at the incorrect level of play. Most of the forfeits are due to teams with poor records not wanting to play their final games when they have been mathematically eliminated from playoffs. Organizations need to do a better job at evaluating and declaring their team levels.
 - Commissioner noted that there are many more parent ejection fines. Organizations should require that those parents that are ejected pay those fines.
 - It was suggested by the Administrative VP that organizations require that teams/parents provide escrow for future potential fines for their teams rather than the organizations pay the fines for the teams.

Registrar Report

- All roster changes are required to be sent to both Al DiMauro and Bill Fox.
- Risk Management – please let Al DiMauro know if there are any severe injuries.

NJYHL ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTEE REPORTS

Coach in Chief Report

- As covered at the Coaching Director meeting, all head coaches must sign the score sheet. This cannot be relegated to the assistant coach.
- If any Coach is not at the game, he must be scratched from the score sheet.
- All communication from your organization must come from the NJYHL Delegate.
- All coaching certifications must be completed by 12/31. This is CEP class and on-line module. Incomplete requirements will mandate that the coach is removed from the roster (ice and bench) on 1/1.
- Reminder that our rules state the playing of an ineligible player will result in a ten game suspension for the coach.
- Reminder that all coaches must have helmets on during all practices or face a 30 day suspension. The rule specifically states, ***Helmets** All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey Youth 18 & Under and below, high school, girls'/women's 19 & under and below, and disabled programs must properly wear an approved ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and all*

Coaching Education Program clinics and/or workshops. *Penalty for not wearing a helmet is a minimum thirty (30) day suspension.*

- Age specific modules and safe sport must be completed BEFORE any coach can be on the ice with their team.

Webmaster Report

- No report.

Referee in Chief Report

- Coach removed from a game must leave the playing area. Cannot be in the stands – must leave the four walls of the rink
- Official cannot force a parent or coach from the building – all he can do is stop play.

Professional Hockey Liaison Report

- No report.

Statistician Report

- No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Two tabled rule proposals:
 - 14.C. An organization may move one player per age level who is rostered on a Tier II youth “AA” team prior to October 16th (10U, 12U 14U) or September 16th (16U, 18U) to a Tier II youth “A” team. If an organization wishes to move more than one player per level or a player at any level after the above dates requires approval of the Commissioner before the player can be moved. Same rule shall apply to move an “A” level player to a “B” level team.
 - New rule proposal #7 – I would like to propose a limit of 4 players moving from one Tier II organization to another Tier II organization.

NEW BUSINESS

- Frank made a housekeeping rule change proposal. He was the author of the original rule change to the tie breaker rule in April. The rule change was inadvertently replaced with the USAH national tournament tie breaker rule which cannot be properly applied to season standings. Copy of corrected tie breaker rule is attached. None of the delegates present had any issue with the housekeeping correction.
- Discussion on the increased game counts at Pee Wee and Bantam. There are some teams that are declared in the incorrect division and do not have an opportunity to play games against similarly skilled competition due to too many NJYHL games.
 - Game counts were increased as a result of requests due to excessive cancellations of non-league games.

- Organizations should be aware of team's ability and should declare their teams appropriately.
- Discussion on the format for squirt playoffs/advancement.
 - Red Bank disagrees that divisions should be limited to only 3 teams advancing.
 - NJYHL stated a sixth division was added to even off the competition levels to provide better parity and as a result, the playoffs had to be adjusted. Playoffs at this level cannot be expanded or held another weekend.

NEXT DELEGATES MEETING

Next Delegates Meeting is February 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Ramada Conference Center in Jamesburg, NJ.

Annual President's Breakfast is January 6, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Ramada Conference Center in Jamesburg, NJ. This is a mandatory meeting. Fine for non-attendance in accordance with NJYHL Guidebook.

NJYHL			
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TREASURER'S REPORT			
September 13, 2017-November 14, 2017			
Beginning Escrow Account		\$	34,000.00
Beginning Operating Account		\$	286,660.90
Deposits		\$	12,134.45
Expenditures		\$	21,521.90
Final Escrow Account		\$	34,000.00
Final Operating Account		\$	277,273.45
CLUB	Amount Due	Detail	
Atlantic City Sharks	\$ -		
Bayonne Rangers	\$ -		
Brick Hockey	\$ -		
Cranford Hockey	\$ -	League fee due	\$ 650.00
		10 team fees due	\$ 3,750.00
		2 Squirt Jamboree	\$ 500.00
		Amount Due	\$ 4,900.00
		check	\$ 4,900.00
Devils Youth	\$ -		
Flyers Youth	\$ -		
Freeze (NJ)	\$ 1,000.00	Game forfeit	\$ 1,000.00
Hollydell Hurricanes	\$ 100.00	carry forward	
Hunterdon Bears	\$ -		
Ice House Avalanche			
Ice Vault Bandits	\$ -		
Jaguars	\$ 50.00	Mr Zane ejection	\$ 50.00
Jersey City Capitals	\$ -		
Jersey Penguins	\$ 200.00	fine-game not recorded 10-20	\$ 100.00
		fine-game not recorded 11-5 Mid 18A	\$ 100.00

Jersey Shore Wildcats	\$ 1,050.00	fine- game forfeit-bears game 18AA	\$ 1,000.00
		Campbell ejection	\$ 50.00
Junior Knights (Old Bridge)	\$ -		
Junior Titans (NJ)	\$ 2,975.00	League fee due	\$ 650.00
		5 team fees due	\$ 1,875.00
		1 Squirt Jamboree	\$ 250.00
		balance forward	\$ 200.00
		Amount Due	\$ 2,975.00
Kinnelon Colts	\$ -		
Lawrence Flames	\$ -		
Mercer Chiefs	\$ -		
Montclair Blues	\$ 1,000.00	fine - forfeit 18A game 29355	\$ 1,000.00
NJ Colonials	\$ 1,100.00	game forfeit for suspended player 18A	\$ 1,000.00
		fine- game not rcordeed 11-4 Ban A	\$ 100.00
NJFalcons	\$ 600.00	League fee due	\$ 650.00
		3 team fees due	\$ 1,125.00
		balance forward	\$ (200.00)
		Amount Due	\$ 1,575.00
		check	\$ 1,575.00
		Fine-late schedule 18A	\$ 200.00
		Fine-late schedule 16A	\$ 200.00
		fine - game not recorded 10-21 Ban A	\$ 100.00
		fine- game not recorded 11-5 Mid 18A	\$ 100.00
NJ Rockets	\$ 1,150.00	fine- late roster 18AA	\$ 200.00
		fine- late roster 16AA	\$ 200.00
		fine- failure to schedule	\$ 750.00
Princeton Tigers	\$ -		
Pro Tech Ponds	\$ -		
Ramapo Saints	\$ -	Carryover Amount Due	\$ 1,125.00
		check	\$ 1,125.00
Red Bank Generals	\$ -		
Skylands Kings	\$ 200.00	fine- late roster 18A	\$ 200.00
Stars (NJ)	\$ -	League fee due	\$ 650.00
		9 team fees due	\$ 3,375.00
		2 Squirt Jamboree	\$ 500.00
		Amount Due	\$ 4,525.00
		check	\$ 4,525.00

Union Thunder	\$ -		
Toms River Blackhawks	\$ -		
Virtua Youth Hockey	inactive		
Woodbridge WolfPack	\$ -		

REVENUE

29-Sep	Cranford	\$	4,900.00	member dues
	titians	\$	-	member dues
26-Oct	Falcons	\$	1,575.00	member dues
29-Sep	Stars	\$	4,525.00	member dues
26-Oct	Ramapo	\$	1,125.00	member dues
	Interest September	\$	4.39	
	Interest October	\$	5.06	
		\$	12,134.45	

EXPENSE

25-Sep	postage	\$	11.55	managers meeting
2-Oct	Maureen	\$	485.05	squirt jamboree printing
2-Oct	Sandy Alexander	\$	2,532.81	score sheet printing
2-Oct	Skylands	\$	295.30	jamboree meals
23-Oct	Jersey Shore Arena	\$	10,500.00	squirt jamboree ice bill
24-Oct	referees squirt jamborees	\$	4,514.50	
24-Oct	assignors squirt jamboree	\$	281.50	
31-Oct	Maureen	\$	181.99	printing playoffs
31-Oct	Maureen	\$	419.20	travel expense playoffs
1-Nov	Sobel & CO.	\$	2,300.00	tax return & financial statement
		\$	21,521.90	

Method of Determining a Winner

87. The following method is used for determining the winner of a League Division Championship:
- A. The team in each division accruing the greatest number of points will be declared the champions. Points are awarded as follows:
Win 2 points Tie 1 point Loss 0 points
 - B. If two or more teams are tied in total points, the standings will be determined using the following criteria:
 1. Team having the most wins in all league games.
 2. Team having accrued the most points among the tied teams (head to head).
 3. Team having the most wins among the tied teams.
 4. Team with the fewest goals against among the tied teams.
 5. Team having the fewest goals against in all league games.
 - C. If one tie-breaker establishes a position for one or more teams, each team is placed in their applicable positions. Once a team or teams are placed, any remaining tied teams shall start the tie-breaking process at step 1.