

Empire Amateur Hockey Conference
Meeting Notes
January 9, 2007

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Members in Attendance:

Jeff Chamberlain-Geneseo, Sean Grady-Tri Cty, Barbra Hess-Klee-WYH, LeAnne Johnston-Batavia, Tom Klee- WYH, Jeanne Barreca-RYH, Lisa Mekeel-Geneseo, Jim Young-PYH, Rick Abraham-WYH, Roger Salmons-PYH, Dave LaPenna-Tri Cty, Tom Poelma-PYH, Roger Partridge-MCYH, Scott Carley-MCYH, Jim Kibler-CKH, Sheri Dolan-Geneseo, Kevin Pacer-GAHA, Gerald Wolcott-GAHA, Mark Angelo-RYH, Steve Pullyblank- Geneseo, Mark DiTroia-MCYH, Steve Langdon-RYH

Call to order: 6:38 p.m.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

Disciplinary hearings were done on the following:

6:40pm: Disciplinary Hearing for Jacob Roncone
7:00pm: Appeal Hearing for Mike Faggiano
9:00pm: Disciplinary Hearing (APP) for coach Roger Salmons

All notes and decisions have been sent to:
David M. Braunstein
West Section President, NYSAHA
Adult Council, USA Hockey

Review of December Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve: Scott Carley
2nd: Kevin Pacer
All in favor

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary- Barb Klee (Webster)
Nothing to report

Treasurer-LeAnne Johnston (Batavia)
Balance: \$13,738.08
Paid out \$150.00 for web and \$350.00 Deposit to Monroe County Fair Grounds for the scheduling meeting room.
Received \$25.00 fine from Perinton for a Bantam A illegal roster.
LeAnne asked for \$25.00 to buy a filing organizer for all the paperwork she has.
Motion to approve: Dave LaPenna
2nd: Scott Carley
All in Favor

Vice-President- Sean Grady (Tri- Cty)

Reps and Commissioners should please remind coaches and managers that EAHC does not provide, pay or schedule officials for league games. Each Association is responsible for scheduling officials through RIHOA or another independent officiating group. Comments about games being influenced for the benefit of EAHC board members are misguided. Please also encourage team officials to fill out referee evaluations for each game.

President- Jeff Chamberlain (Geneseo)

Trophies and patches are ordered from Lamont and Jeff will bring them to the next meeting.

Commissioners were asked to notify Jeff if they were not going to be at the next monthly meeting. The billing from Lamont will be less this year.

Noisemakers at games were brought up. NYS book says NO noisemakers are allowed in any games. Commissioners are to remind your teams of this ruling.

Commissioners are also to remind all teams that Conference games must be played as scheduled.

If a team wants to change and one does not then the game must be played on the originally scheduled time. We cannot change games just so teams can play in tournaments. Discussion was brought up about a Perinton vs. Batavia game. Perinton could not play on scheduled date and asked Batavia to get ice, which they did and now Perinton coach wants to use ice that Perinton found. The game was changed through the commissioner to Batavia and that is where it will be played now.

Jim Young asked how the referee's were paid for the playoffs. Each organization pays for the ice and referees and then sends EAHC a billing with the amount owed for the play downs.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

MITE B: The 2 Batavia teams are leading the league. The 6-7 top scorers in this division are from Batavia. All coaches cards and rosters are in. Had a referee issue but that has been resolved.

MITE A: All rosters received. 3 assistant coaches do not have certification – 2 have none at all. Play downs scheduled and ice is reserved. Some coaches not on roster. Jim will check to see if they are on another roster somewhere and get back to the board with the results.

SQUIRT B: Coaches cards in except for 1 team. Most rosters are in. Everything going well. Play downs set. 2 MCYH teams at top and 1 at bottom. MCYH has 3 rinks they use and do not cross play.

SQUIRT A: All going well. All coaching cards and rosters. Top 6 teams are all competitive and bottom 5 are competitive. Problems with referee's outside of RIHOA.

PEE WEE B: No problems. All coaching cards in except 1 assistant coach and he won't be on the bench any longer. 3 rosters still missing.

PEE WEE A: Missing 2 coaching cards and 2 rosters.

BANTAM B: Missing 2 assistant coaching cards and 2 rosters. No penalty issues to date. Play downs all set.

BANTAM A: Play downs all set. Will get Jeff schedule by tomorrow. All coaches cards are in. Missing a couple of rosters. 3 kids over 50 penalty minutes so far. APP are better than expected for this age group. Was watching a game and noticed that a Bantam A head coach was refereeing

a Bantam A game. Wanted to know if that was normal, as he had never seen that happen before. Board has nothing to do with referees so question was dropped.

MIDGET B: 1 player has 4 APP and has been spoken to. 29 misconducts to date in this division. Brought up that a goalie did not sign a score sheet for a game played and told other commissioners to remind teams that all players must sign the score sheet even if they come in late.

MIDGET A: Problems with incomplete score sheets and timekeepers knowledge of running the clock. At this level many penalties are called and it is hard for inexperienced timekeepers and score sheet people to keep up. These people in the score box are considered "Officials" and have the right to buzz the clock during stoppage of play to get the referee to give them the information they need before the game proceeds. Other suggestions were given also one to have another person in just doing the penalties. Jeanne wanted to know if anyone would have a problem with her doing the box for all the play down games and the members said she could do it if they chose to. Others do the same already in some of the divisions. Coach's cards are almost set. Missing 1 roster. Has 18 APP's to date. More game misconducts this year. A lot of 404d's and 601's but much less violent one this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Banner Update – Tim Eddinger – not present but sent e-mail with prices. The board voted and approved the following: 2 banners one 3x8 and one 3x5. The cost is \$705.00.

Motion to approve: Scott Carley

2nd: Roger Partridge

All in favor

Mark Angelo will contact Tim and send artwork to get these started. Should only take 10-14 days. We will have them by the championship games.

EAHC Website & Referee Evaluations – Roger Partridge

Would like to see more referee reports being done on the web. Nick got two referee reports on game issues before the commissioner even received the score sheets and took care of the problems. So it is working very well.

Required Guidebook Changes Update – Jeff Chamberlain

Second set sent in before Thanksgiving. Jeff just heard back from them.

It was accepted and we are now IN COMPLIANCE. (Applause, applause).

Roger will get them on the website.

2007 Scheduling Meeting

Scheduling meeting is set for October 16, 2007 for Mites through Bantams.

Midget scheduling meeting will be held at ESL in the meeting room on October 9th so that the season can begin earlier.

Some tentative dates are as follows:

Oct 2nd Pre scheduling meeting

Oct 9th Midget scheduling meeting at ESL

Oct 16th Mites through Bantam scheduling meeting at the Dome

Oct 19th Midget season starts

Oct 26th Mites through Bantam season starts

NEW BUSINESS

Additions to Summer Guidebook Changes
Tabled

DISCUSSIONS

If commissioners are having problems with any coaches they are to e-mail EAHC Board Members and Organization Representatives so they are aware of the problem and can help resolve it.

Commissioners to send organizations e-mail on coaches that are not at proper level so they can investigate and see what is being done to get them to level needed. All head coaches are at proper levels this year.

If anyone is abusing score box or penalty people they can sound horn during stoppage of play to call officials over to get help with the situation.

EAHC ruling on the 404D Suspensions:

Motion made to change EAHC ruling for head coaches. The EAHC rule will now read as follows:

1. Any player, who receives three (3) Game Misconducts during any given season, will forfeit their eligibility for the remainder of the season and playoffs. *Any coach who receives three (3) Game Misconducts (exclusive of USA Hockey Rule 404d suspensions) during any given season will forfeit their eligibility for the remainder of the season and playoffs.* A player or coach may appeal the suspension at the next scheduled EAHC meeting within thirty (30) days.

Motion to approve: Dave LaPenna

2nd: Scott Carley

All in favor

Jeff to write up new rule on the 404D and send out to commissioners to pass onto all teams.

Tabled for next meeting:

Player that does not sign in for game: should the game be forfeited and should a fine be imposed.

Buying Championship Banners instead of trophies starting next year. Most rinks do not have room to put anymore Team trophies but the banners can be hung at the respective rinks.

What to do next year if coaches are not working towards correct level (not allow on bench, fined?).

ADJOURN 9:27 p.m.

Motion to approve: Dave LaPenna

2nd: Scott Carley

All in favor

Respectfully submitted by Barbra Hess-Klee