

Empire Amateur Hockey Conference  
Meeting Notes

Empire Meeting August 8, 2006

Members in attendance:

Jeff Chamberlain-Geneseo, Jeanne Barreca-RYH, John Sage-MCYH, Lisa Mekeel-Geneseo, Jim Young-PYH, Sean Grady-Tri Cty, Rick Abraham-WYH, Roger Salmons-PYH, Dave LaPenna-Tri Cty, Doug Miles-CKH, Tom Klee, WYH, Barbra Hess-Klee-WYH, Tom Poelma-PYH, Roger Partridge-MCYH, Scott Carley-MCYH

Call to order: 6:34 pm

Review of July Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Dave LaPenna  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rick Abraham  
All in favor

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary- Barb Klee (Webster) –  
Nothing to report

Treasurer-LeAnne Johnson (Batavia)  
Absent

Vice-President- Sean Grady (Tri-County)  
Nothing to report

President- Jeff Chamberlain (Geneseo)  
Championship games will be in Scottsville this season

OLD BUSINESS

Banner updates:  
Tabled for next month

EAHC Website and Referee Evaluations:  
Roger working on it. It will be up and running before the start of the season.

RIHOA Website Reporting  
Tabled for next month

Updates to Conference Directory

Please let Jeff know if there are any other changes

Nick wants to speak at the scheduling meeting because of all the changes in penalty minutes. Jeff to get in touch with him. We discussed holding the matrix until after Nick speaks to make sure we have everyone's attention.

## RULE CHANGES

List of items reviewed:

- Team Rosters for Midget Teams;

Discussion over whether to eliminate "A" and "B" divisions for Midget level teams and go with 18U and 16U instead. One of reasons for was to reduce size/physical mismatches. One of reasons against was uncertainty of smaller organizations being able to fill roster accordingly. Empire reps. were asked to discuss issue with their organizations and issue was tabled for August.

Discussion from August meeting:– Not enough players to split to U16 and U18 teams. Some organizations may only come up with 1 Midget team. No motion made to change this.

- Fair Play Policy;

Discussion on instituting a Fair Play Policy for Midget level as a trial for one season.

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Discussion from August meeting: Concerns about new penalty minutes being enforced. Push to 15 penalties. Midgets do not seem to be motivated by anything. Board does not want to vote on this yet. We need to take a look at what happens this year. No motion made.

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

This is what we have so far. This is not final yet.

Mite A: Canandaigua (will have someone named by next month)

Mite B: Sherri Dolan (Geneseo)

Squirt A: Mark Angelo (RYH)

Squirt B: Roger Partridge (MCYH)

Peewee A: Roger Salmons (PYH)

Peewee B: John Sage (MCYH)

Bantam A: Tom Klee (WYH)

Bantam B: **BATAVIA needs to know who the person is (John Sage says he has someone that will do it. Just let him know).**

Midget A: Jeanne Barreca (RYH)

Midget B: Dave LaPenna (TCYH)

## NEW BUSINESS

Official Team Roster (Birthdates for Midgets)

New form to use was passed around and is good

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Aggressive Play Policy;

A copy of WNYAHL’s Aggressive Play Policy was handed out for review in July.

Review and put some numbers together for next meeting.

Tabled for September

Equal Ice Time Guidelines;

A copy of Snowbelt Youth Hockey League’s Equal Ice Time Policy was handed out for review in July.

Discussed adopting the Snowbelt Equal Ice Time policy with some modifications.

Jeff to modify and bring new copy to next meeting.

Tabled for September.

Championship Weekend Committee;

Discussed dim lights, playing the national anthem before games.

Tabled again for September.

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Motion made by: Dave LaPenna

2<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Poelma

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Barbra Hess-Klee