

# Empire Amateur Hockey Conference Meeting Notes

Empire Meeting August 9, 2005

Members in attendance:

Tim Eddinger-CKH, Tom Klee-WYH, Henry Moscicki-Batavia, Dale Canning-CKH, Steve Pullyblank-Geneseo, Scott Carley-MCYH, Jeff Chamberlain-Geneseo, Steve Langdon-RYH, Jeanne Barreca-RYH, Dave LaPenna-TCYH, Sean Grady-TCYH, LeAnne Johnston-Batavia, Roger Partridge-MCYH, Roger Salmons-PYH, Jim Young-PYH, Barbra Hess-Klee-WYH

Call to order 6:32 pm

Approval of July minutes: tabled till next meeting to give Tim a chance to write them up.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report – Barb Hess-Klee (Webster) nothing to report

Treasurer – LeAnne Johnston (Batavia)

Balance is \$11,065.54

Dale Canning-CKH asked what the bank consisted of as far as income and what it is used for:

The money in the account is from the fees that the league charges. The charge is \$80.00 for each team that an organization registers.

The money is then spent on items such as: trophies, hall rental, rental for meetings, web pages, etc.

Vice-President - Jeff Chamberlain (Geneseo) nothing to report

President - Tim Eddinger (Canandaigua)

Introduced Dale Canning as a representative from Canandaigua.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Non-Profit Status – Mike Smith is working on it. Jim Vacca (?) is the lawyer who will be helping us with putting the paperwork together.

West Section Review – Tim Eddinger has received nothing to date. He will send a reminder message.

EAHC Website – Roger still working on web site. Someone is hooking him up with software. He requested copies of anything we want to see put up on the website be sent to him as soon as possible.

RIHOA Website Reporting – No changes. Jim will contact Nick.

## **RULE CHANGES**

Was agreed that we would wait for the book to come out before we make changes to ours. Tim Eddinger will do the editing and make changes to the rulebook. He will then email everyone to review and get back to him with any additional changes. Jim Young gave Tim his book with most of the changes.

### Commissioners Reports

A few changes to the list again but this is what we have to date:

Mite B – Henry Moscicki  
Mite A – Dwayne  
Squirt B – Mark Angelo  
Squirt A – Roger Partridge  
PeeWeeB – John Sage  
PeeWeeA – Roger Salmon  
Bantam B – Canandaigua  
Bantam A – Tom Klee  
Midget B – Dave LaPenna  
Midget A – Jeanne Barreca

October 4, 2005 Empire meeting Orientation meeting to start at 6:30 then the EAHC meeting will follow. Pre Scheduling meeting for commissions. Tim Eddinger to send out a reminder to all commissioners about this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Review 2004-05 petitions for team placement: Tim Eddinger still has not gotten these. He will have them for the next meeting.

Petitions are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring 05-06 petitions to next meeting for discussion.

A discussion regarding petitions was as follows:

Keep watch of Bantams to see what happens. PeeWees and up are trying to place more teams in B Divisions. Maybe we need to look at this closer because we want to see more "A" teams ("A" teams seem to be diminishing). We want to keep balanced teams. We need to send some of the B's back to A's to improve them. Empire can't tailor our rules because the organizations are having problems.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

Schedulers should allow 2 extra spots when sending coaches to the scheduling meeting to avoid conflicts. Last year there were too many conflicts after the scheduling meetings with no apparent reason for the conflict. Time limits on ice need to be changed allowing enough time for the games. There were many problems with this last year also.

We kept going back to the petition discussion throughout the entire meeting. Leagues need to justify the reason for the petition. We need to in force the rules. Go back to all organizations to reinforce the rules to be fair when petitioning. Nothing was voted on in this meeting, but discussion is tabled for future meeting/s.

Team counts – Due at next meeting

For agenda next month: Mark Angelo asked if we could consider getting Conference official's jackets, sweatshirts, or golf shirts. Something that would make the official EAHC member stand out in the playoff / championship games. Someone brought up the idea of having name badges or windbreakers. We should also get a banner for the championship games to be taken to the rink by the president of EAHC.

USA Fair Play rules were brought up.

Zero Tolerance – All parents should sign. A lot of the organizations are currently doing this.

Head coaches or organizations should tell parents they need to contact each organization with issues and not the EAHC president.

Motion to end meeting – Dave LaPenna

2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Carley

Meeting adjourned – 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbra Hess-Klee