

Empire Amateur Hockey Conference
Meeting Notes

Empire Meeting November 14, 2006

Members in attendance:

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

Call to order: 6:30 PM

Review of October Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Scott Carley

2nd: Tim Eddinger

All in favor

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary- Barb Klee (Webster)

Nothing to report

Treasurer-LeAnne Johnston(Batavia)

Balance \$11,198.08

6 Organizations have paid. We are still waiting for MCYH and RYH.

Paid out: 393.12 for scoresheets; 350.00 for scheduling meeting room; 1508.00 to Xerox for binders.

Vice-President- Sean Grady (Tri- Cnty)

Please get referee evaluations in if you are not doing them on line. Between what Sean has received and the 60 that were done on line does not add up to the number of games played to date. We need to get these to make sure everything is okay.

If you are doing an online evaluation, don't worry too much about not having the ref's names. All that is needed is the Time of the game, Rink and level of play. With that information we can trace back the game. If you can't read the names of the refs you can try and describe what they look like.

President- Jeff Chamberlain (Geneseo)

Jeanne Barreca asked that Jeff send the letters of explanation so that Bill Maslach can see them.

Jeff has had some questions about if a rule exists from USA hockey about neck guards. There is no USA hockey rule on neck guards but Empire does have one. It can be found under Rules and Regulations, page 8 H-2.

Another question came up about hand shakes at end of game: A hand shake at the end of a game is NOT mandatory nor does it need to be done at the beginning.

Jeff to talk to Nick and other areas that do not use RIHOA about asking the referees to check the scoresheets before they sign them to make sure all penalties are recorded correctly.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

MITE B No problems

MITE A No problems

SQUIRT B Everything running smoothly

SQUIRT A Everything going well. 16 games so far.

PEE WEE B No problems, some late paperwork

PEE WEE A Commissioner not in attendance

BANTAM B No problems

BANTAM A No problems 14 aggressive plays in 13 games; 1 game misconduct

MIDGET B Half of the teams have not played yet. 1 hearing so far

MIDGET A Averaging about 2 aggressive play penalties per game. Penalties seem to be heavier this year. Some refs are enforcing new rules more than others. One team gave no information until they turned in 2 scoresheets.

OLD BUSINESS

Banner Update – Tim Eddinger

At the end of the season last year we decided to get 2 Banners (1 for outside and 1 for inside). Found a new place to do banners. Tim is waiting for the quotes (might be around \$175.00) and will have information at the next meeting.

EAHC Website & Referee Evaluations – Roger Partridge

Website is fine. Standings are now posted with all the information he has received to date. He will be updating on Wed or Thursday's with any info he has received. Out of 60 online evaluations that have been done in 3 weeks only 3 games have completed evaluation forms done by both coaches. Roger asked commissioners what they wanted to see in the reports. They want to know who is sending them in so they can talk to the coaches that are not. Roger to send link that shows all evaluations that come in. He also mentioned an excel spreadsheet but he said that was hard to read. He will send the link and the commissioners can view it.

RIHOA Website Reporting- Jim Young

Jim will ask Nick about this again. Schedulers can get on it now to check to see if referees are scheduled. There are potential problems if everyone has access. For playoffs we want to make sure referees are scheduled because we had a small problem in the past.

Scheduling Meeting Review - Jeff
Everything went well this year.

NEW BUSINESS

GAHA –Request for exception to Travel Substitute Rule – Kevin Pacer/Jeff Bates
Kevin Pacer explained a situation within the Batavia organization involving a “shortage” of experienced goaltenders at their Pee Wee level and explained their request to allow their Empire goalies to substitute on their Travel teams for more than the 10 total games the Conference allows by waiving scrimmages/tournament WNY League games.

Motion by: Kevin Pacer to allow the Batavia organization an exception to the Travel/Select Team substitution rule to allow their rostered Empire Conference goalies to substitute more than 10 games, including scrimmages and tournaments, in the WNYAHL (Travel) League.

2nd to the motion: Dave LaPenna

In favor: 0

Opposed: 7

Abstained: 1

Motion did not pass

Great Lakes Girls Hockey League (Substitutes) – Sean Grady
Sean wanted to get some guidance on substitutes for Girls Hockey.
Empire hockey girls can play as much as they want as long as they are rostered.
If they are not rostered then they don't play.

2007 Scheduling Meeting Site – Jeff Chamberlain/John Sage
John Sage was looking into getting another site for our scheduling meetings. The Greece Community Center will only hold 300 people and is not big enough. It is too late to pursue other options for next year as we have to pay the deposit needed to reserve the Dome now. LeAnne was told to go ahead and send \$350.00 deposit to the Dome.
Jeff will call about the possibility of having a contract made up with the Dome at a discounted price if we book for the next 5 or so years.

Divisional Awards – Jerry Wolcott, Commissioner Bantam B wanted to bring before the Board an idea he had that he wants to initiate with his Bantam B teams. He wanted to make sure no one had a problem with it before he starts it. His idea was to come up with 2 metal cup awards, a Presidents Cup for GA's and a Commissioners Cup for least penalties. This will cost the board no money.
The board has no problem with this. A suggestion was made to maybe look into it for other divisions.

Additions to list of Guidebook changes for 2007

Email Jeff if you have any.

We spoke last meeting about approving a rule to accept email votes. We will table this for next month and talk about it again.

ADDITIONAL Required Guidebook Changes per NYSAHA – Jeff Chamberlain

Jeff to send out re-worded rules at the request of Janice Cavaretta. He will give us a week to look over and approve before sending them back to her.

Jeff will also send out the re-wording of the Aggressive Play policy so we can get the new copy to our coaches, managers and players.

Aggressive Play Policy review & clarification

Jeff asked Janice Cavaretta who monitors the aggressive play penalties for WNY and told her we already have 3-4 hearing. She said she was not surprised. She advised us to stay with the policy as it will work.

We spoke about 3 penalties coming from 1 incident and how should we count that as an aggressive play. It was decided that if it was 1 incident it equaled 1 aggressive play. It was also brought up that when the referee calls a penalty such as Elbow – Contact to head that who ever is keeping score should write down what the referee tells them. While the elbow is not an aggressive play the Contact to head is. This will also be monitored by the referee's when Jeff talks to Nick to make sure they are checking over the penalties to make sure they were written in correctly.

Jeanne Barreca added that she spent one whole afternoon reading the entire USA Hockey Rule Book to look for a Minor for Intent to Injure. There is NO minor for Intent to Injure it is a Major.

Mention was made that the Head Coach can not sign in as an Assistant Coach in any game. If he is on the bench he is the "HEAD COACH"

Disciplinary Committee held one hearing for violation of Aggressive Play Policy (for coach)

Disciplinary Committee also listened to another coach on his efforts to curtail Aggressive Play penalties for his team (not a formal hearing).

ADJOURN 9:00 PM

Motion made by: Tim Eddinger

2nd – Mark Angelo

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Barbra Hess-Klee