

July 14, 2010 Elmira Jackals Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM Rick Janowsky, Vice President calls meeting to order

Present: Rick Janowsky (Vice President), Mark Callahan (Secretary), Katie Lowe (Scheduler), Renee Davis (Registrar), Jere Robinson (Public Relations/Web), Michelle Fabian (Equipment Manager), Kyle Krawcczyk (Travel Rep), Scott Merrick (Snowbelt Rep.), Adam Gee (Legal Counsel), Michelle Sullivan (Fund Raising)

Absent: Todd Brost (President), Dan Sincock (Treasurer), Mike Dimon (Head of Coaches)

I. Introduction and Public Meeting:

- i. Rick Janowsky calls the meeting order and moves to accept the meeting minutes for May. Though previously accepted via an on-line majority the minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.
- ii. Dustin Smith new Recreation Rink Manager at the First Area is present and welcomed. The board introduced themselves. Adam Gee and the rest of the board assures Dustin that the board is available to use their collective experience to help him adjust to his new role and that the members of the board are always available if assistance is needed. After a brief open discussion Dustin exits.

II. BOD Meeting

- i. **New Girls Hockey League** – FLAG (Finger Lakes Area Girls Hockey League) – A group of volunteers in the Central Section are working on setting up Girls Hockey League. They are looking to set up teams by association. Though our association may not have the numbers to field its on program, female players from our area may be able to team up with other nearby associations. Mark Callahan will make a PDF of the letter and send to Mike Dimon for distribution to our coaches and to Jere for posting on-line. Anyone interested in organize a girls team with in the association should contact the board.
- ii. **Skate-athon** – for this year will be held at the First Arena on **Sunday August 22nd from 4:15 – 7:15 pm**. Renee Davis will send the Skate-athon forms via an e-mail this weekend to all past EYH registrants. The date has been reserved and is prior to the early registration date of Sept. 1st. Jere to post date, time and contact information on the website. Renee will insure an e-mail is sent out to returning EJYH families one month and two weeks prior to the Skate-athon .
- iii. The Board of Directors decided that this years Skate-athon will be a Skate-athon only, no equipment swap or orientation will be done on this date.

- iv. **Mite and Squirt Team Tryouts** – will be held **Saturday and Sunday Sept 18 & 19th**. The following designated times have been set for both dates. Jere to post on the website.
 - a. **Mites** with last names starting with **A-L** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
 - b. **Mites** with last names starting with **M-Z** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 - c. **Squirts** with last names starting with **A-L** 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
 - d. **Squirts** with last names starting with **M-Z** 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

- v. As of the July meeting the board does not believe it is necessary to hold tryouts for any other groups than Mites or Squirts. No ice time for tryouts for the upper levels.

- vi. **Monday September 27th - Official Start Date for all Levels** Mite Travel and above. Jere to post on the website.
 - a. Mite House – start date 10/11
 - b. IP Orientation/Open House 10/18
 - c. IP start date 10/25

- vii. **Scheduling** – Katie and Jere have been working on a new on-line scheduling program from youthhockey.com which will allow more interactive scheduling between the scheduler, the rink (Dustin), the team managers and potentially other teams. Katie and Jere stated they believe this is a step in the right direction, yet both agree they need more experience with the system. The downside is if we go with the program, we would lose the current on-line calendar and will have to link to another site. Katie and Jere recommend we go with the new system and get it on line for this season. Rick moves to accept the recommendation and provide authorization for Katie and Jere to move forward with the program. The board approved the motion to allow Katie and Jere to use the new system.

- viii. **Coaching Evaluations** - Jere updated the board on the coaching evaluations. Many have been received though the return rate is not as high as the board would like. Jere will send out another note to the parents reminding them to please fill out their coaching evaluation from the 2009-10 season. Mike Dimon will use the evaluations to support next years coaching decisions as necessary.

- ix. **Coaching 2010-11** Jere will put this years coaching application on line. The board also stated it would like all coaches to attend this years mandatory coaches meeting. Mike Dimon to provide time and date for the mandatory coaches meeting. Katie Lowe asked for Mike Dimon to add Steve Francischelli as a potential mite house coach for this season.

- x. **Equipment & Apparel** - Michelle Fabian has been contacted by Menace Sports with an offer for team warm up suits and bags. With a minimum order of 10 units the price for the warm ups and matching bag would be \$99. Michelle is having samples delivered and they should be here in time for the next BOD meeting and prior to tryouts and the start of the season. Ordering and follow up would be

done by the individual Team Managers for the new season. On a separate note, the board believes the jersey inventory is sufficient for the season.

- xi. **Fundraising - Mite Mania dates set, January 28-30, 2011** – Michelle Sullivan has stated she is looking for a successor to shadow for this year and possibly take over for the following year. Looking for new faces to help out this year. If you are interested please contact Michelle Sullivan. Renee Davis will insure Mite parent lists are updated at registration so Michelle and others can solicit help for this years event. Michelle stated she is open for new creative fundraisers ideas for the year including selling league raffle tickets with baskets at Jackals games. Discussed that Jackal's suite/concession along with cash prizes for 2nd & 3rd place still a good idea for the raffle. Other fundraising ideas were presented. Michelle would like the team to work on getting more corporate sponsors. Adam Gee suggested we contact some of the new Gas Drilling operations in our area as potential sponsors.
- xii. **Travel Rep.** Kyle Krawczyk wants to remind teams interested in traveling to Canada during the season to make sure they understand the documentation necessary to cross the board with the team. Passports and/or enhanced license for adults and birth certificates for kids under a certain age. Kyle will provide links and information to Jere to post on the website. Squirt travel interested in going to Ottawa in January. Adam Gee suggested Kyle speak with Robby Nichols to see if the team could benefit from the Jackals affiliation with the Ottawa Senators.
- xiii. **Registration** – Renee Davis –
 - a. **August 1, 2010 On-Line Registration** will be available through the website.
 - b. **September 1, 2010 Early registration** at last years prices until September 1, 2010.
 - c. 2010-11 registration prices subject to change **after September 1st**.
 - d. Renee will work with Jere to make sure information is on the site, an e-mail is sent out to returning EJYH families reminding them to register early.
- xiv. **NYSAHA Changes – 2012-13** Rick attended the sectional meeting in May. The NYSAHA board agreed to mandate a change which will require all affiliated association to change **Mites 8U to cross-ice practices and games only by the 2012-13 season**. According the new NYSAHA hand book the NYSAHA may penalize organizations who do not comply by excluding associations upper level teams from sectionals and tournaments. The next two seasons are available to phase out the full ice programs. New parents in IP should be aware of the change.
- xv. **NYSAHA Proposal – USA Hockey** – USA Hockey has a proposal to eliminate the 12U national tournaments in the 2012-13 season. If the proposal passes NYSAHA will discontinue the 10U state tournaments.

- xvi. **Growing the Game** – Also at the last sectional meeting Rick brought back some of the ideas presented for growing the game – ways to recruit. Potential ideas included; using public TV slots as a way to recruit and advertise, providing free hockey nights, Halloween cards to hand out with free hockey night, door hangers, or book marks. A couple of nice retention ideas presented were end of season call from the players new coach for the next season and hand written card from coaches during the summer.
- xvii. **Next Meeting – August 11th at 6 p.m.** review which board terms are up for renewal in this year.
- xviii. **Motion to adjourn** – Rick asked if any of the members had other items to bring forward, no replies, a motion to adjourn and accepted. Meeting adjourned.