

May 11, 2011 Elmira Jackals Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

6:05 PM Todd Brost, President calls meeting to order

Present: Todd Brost (President), , Mark Callahan (Secretary), Adam Gee (Legal), Renee Davis (Registrar), , Dan Sincock (Treasurer), , Scott Merrick (Snowbelt Rep.), Katie Lowe (Scheduler), Michelle Sullivan (Fund Raising), Michelle Fabian (Equipment Manager), Eddy Lowe (Head of Coaches)

Absent: Rick Janowsky (Vice President), Jere Robinson (Public Relations/Web), Kyle Krawczyk (Travel Rep.)

I. Introduction and Public Meeting:

- i. Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM by Todd Brost
- ii. Four positions up for re-election during meeting, Equipment Manager, Legal Counsel, Travel Representative and Registrar. Equipment Manager only position with outside candidates applying for the position.
- iii. Equipment Manager – Interest from Lou Viscelli and current Equipment Manager Michelle Fabian. Adam Gee explained the process of how to fill the positions up for re-election. Both candidates for Equipment Manager were given the opportunity to state why they would make a good Equipment Manager then the Board would convene and vote, a majority of votes would appoint the position.
 - a. Michelle Fabian- stated organizational skills, experience and cooperation with team managers during her tenure as the main attributes to stay on as the equipment manager. Also noted, with no player in the league she believes she can remain objective in all matters.
 - b. Lou Viscelli – stated ownership of a local hockey shop for 3 years and dealing with the purchase and sales of equipment and management of inventory as the main attributes which would allow him to be a successful Equipment Manager. Also noted he has developed a lot of contacts with many vendors and has been actively involved with the league for several years.
 - c. The Board convened without Lou or Michelle Fabian in the room and by majority voted Michelle Fabian in as the Equipment Manager.

II. Board Meeting

- i. April Meeting minutes approved by majority via e-mail vote.
- ii. State Meeting June 3-5 at Turning Stone Casino – Todd Brost asked for volunteers represent EJYH and attend the State Meeting. There are many important items up for discussion and vote at the State Meeting.
- iii. Association Jerseys – Members of the Board have been approached by a few teams which would like to purchase their own jerseys. Current Jerseys have been used for four years, they are still in good condition and there is suitable supply for the upcoming year. The concept of individuals purchasing their own game

jerseys brings up several issues which would need to be addressed prior to altering the way jerseys are purchased including:

- a. Standardization and longevity of design (colors style, and how long would the design last prior to changing)
 - b. The allotment of sponsorship, length of sponsorship, standardization of sponsorship size and location on jersey, and how to handle year to year sponsorship changes.
 - c. Numbering; if jerseys last for a few years how are initial and additional numbers handled so players coming up each year do not double up on numbers. An example of how this is handled at another organization was odd birth years have odd numbers and even numbered birth years have even numbers.
 - d. Cost, each player would require a home and away jersey, this would add cost to our families, which needs to be considered, especially if jerseys were purchased in the final year of a design.
 - e. Decision – the Board decided the 2011-2012 season will be the last year for the current jerseys, this will give the board time to do the work to put rules and standardizations prior to going to the player owned jersey system in the 2012-13 season. As a compromise the following will be in effect for the 2011-12 season:
 - i. Players may add their name to their EJYH issued jersey via a standard name plate from an established vendor. The established vendor and standard font/name plate will be determined prior to the season.
 - ii. EJYH allow each player to keep his/her jerseys at the end of the 2011-12 season. The remaining inventory will be either be sold or donated. Eddy Lowe suggested donating some jerseys to the Elsmere program at BOCES for their floor hockey team.
 - iii. The player purchased jersey model will be put in place for the 2012-13 season. The Board of Directors will work out the details related to design, vendor and standardization of designs, fonts, and sponsorship rules.
 - iv. The EJYH Board of Directors reserves the right to alter this decision if the issue becomes a burden to board resources or there are legitimate issues which prevents the ability to execute on the new process.
- iv. Scheduling – Katie Lowe
- a. Katie has started putting together the practice schedule for next year. 12 teams with 19 hours. IP moving to Sat. morning. Pee Wee, Midget, Bantam 2 full ice practices, all other teams will receive 1 full one ½ ice practice. Mite house will utilize shared ice are talking about enhancing the Mite House program to include designation between Mite House Beginner and Mite House Intermediate groups.
 - b. Katie has begun working with an on-line scheduling site called youthhockey.com which is an on-line scheduling tool which would allow

her to update a singular site and simplify scheduling for her, team managers and the rink. Would allow managers to log in and manage away games etc. Could be used on phones and PCs etc. The program is free and Katie will work with Jere Robinson to see how to incorporate in to the current EJYH website. The new program will take some time to get manager and coaches together to train etc. Katie will e-mail links to the site to the board members for review.

- v. Registration – Renee Davis – Stated the banquet went very well; it was a great time for all that attended with minimal costs.
- vi. Remaining Open Board Positions
 - a. Legal Counsel – Adam Gee, uncontested voted in as Legal Counsel.
 - b. Travel Representative – Kyle Krawczyk, uncontested voted in as Travel Representative
 - c. Registrar – Renee Davis, uncontested voted in as Registrar
- vii. No other reports. Motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting Wednesday June 8th 6:00 PM First Arena