

November 9, 2011 Elmira Jackals Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Todd Brost (President), Rick Janowsky (Vice President), Mark Callahan (Secretary), Renee Davis (Registrar), Scott Merrick (Snowbelt Rep.), Eddy Lowe (Head of Coaches), Katie Lowe (Scheduler), Kyle Krawczyk (Travel Rep.), Michelle Sullivan (Fund Raising), Jere Robinson (Public Relations/Web)

Absent: Michelle Fabian (Equipment Manager), Dan Sincock (Treasurer), Adam Gee (Legal)

I. Introduction and Public Meeting:

- i. Meeting minutes for October, approved on-line and will be posted on website.
- ii. Wounded Warrior Program – Midget Team represented by Kyle Tomkalski and Coach Eric Romminger, met with the board to discuss a community service fund raiser the team. The team decided to work with the Wounded Warrior program, a non-profit organization which helps wounded veterans around the community. One of the fundraisers is the purchase of camouflage hockey jerseys with the Wounded Warrior logo. The jerseys cost about \$40 each and the funds go to the Wounded Warrior program, the players would raise the money themselves. The team asked for the Boards approval to wear the jerseys in competition to show their support. The board approved the request. The only question about the request was whether the use of the jersey should be approved through the Snowbelt league. The Board agreed to OK the request and follow up at a later time with the league. The Board reminded the team representatives to make sure the funds went through the organization in the same manner as all fundraising is done.

II. Board Meeting

- i. Volunteering – Haley Lukefahr (former player, high school player) contacted Todd Brost with the request to volunteer to help coach to obtain community service credits. Her request was to help with a team with girls on the team. Katie Lowe agreed to contact Haley to help coach the house program.
- ii. Practice Request - Michelle Fabian placed a request with the Board for her son to practice with the Bantam team during holiday break. There have been other request by players who have left the association to play in other organizations to practice when there clubs are on break. There were several key factors related to the this issue, including the potential need to OK the request through the sectional President Gary LeBrun to insure others we were not actively trying to recruit other players. After a discussion the Board conclude the following would need to occur to agree to such requests; permission from the coach, the player must be registered with USA Hockey (for insurance) and the Board would appreciate a

donation from the family to be donated to the scholarship fund. Each request would be handled on a case by case basis with the Head Coach as the point person.

- iii. Try Hockey for Free – Was a very successful event, 83 registered and about 75 showed. Thank you to all who volunteered to help. Renee Davis to send out a follow up e-mail to those who participated, thanking them for coming, and providing them with information on our organization. Those who had their picture taken with Blade will receive a mailed copy with information on our organization. Great job Renee and all volunteers.
- iv. Scheduling – Katie Lowe – Requested we communicate with the Snowbelt leadership to request better timing on the Snowbelt schedule release. This year she had less than 1 week to schedule the games prior to the start of the season. Katie recommended the Snowbelt organization provide a minimum of 2 weeks from the first game to schedule the season. Scott Merrick to contact the league with our request.
- v. Travel Rep. – Kyle Krawczyk - Jackal pins are now available for special events, tournaments and international competition. Team Managers should place requests for pin stock through Kyle. Parent Education, to be scheduled for 2 or 3 nights in November. The Board requests participation from a minimum of 1 parent from each family attend one of the sessions. Pictures scheduled for early December through Katie Lowe.
- vi. Fundraising – Michelle Sullivan – The organization to receive \$2700 from the Community Grant to Scholarship Fund. Michelle to ask for Board Representatives to attend the ceremony once a date is provided. Mite Mania is coming together, a tentative schedule has been provided from Michelle Sullivan to Katie Lowe. Requests have come from, Binghamton, Skaneateles, Clifton Park, Cheektowaga and others.
- vii. Coaching – Eddy Lowe - Squirt White, coach Sean McCarthy inquired if they could create a provisional roster since they only have 11 players and there will be times when not all can make a game. The rules are a team can only fill up to the number of its original roster with players from a provisional roster. Example if the official roster has 11 players, and there are 4 players on a provisional roster, and there are 2 players missing, the coach could only use 2 players from the provisional roster. The Board decided, 6 to 4 that the Squirt White Coach may request a provisional roster up to 4 players and may look to expand the roster prior to the December 31st deadline.
- viii. Motion to adjourn accepted.
- ix. **Next Meeting Wednesday December 14, 2011 6:00 PM at the First Arena**