



**WNY Physically Challenged Youth Sports Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2025
7:30 pm
Microsoft Teams**

Minutes

Board Members: Jeff Cutler, Josh Heim, Barb Kaderli, Terrie Kothe, Stefan Kothe, Jeremiah Lyon, Dave Miller, Matt Murray, Susan Parzymieso, Nancy Siembida, Carol Walker, and Mary Willis.

Absent: Bill Becker, Judy Newbold, Mason Newbold

Guest: Harold Kothe

1. Approval of Minutes - emailed prior to the meeting. Addition to November minutes: Barb Kaderli worked with Carol Walker on gift cards for meat raffle. David Miller made a motion to approve, Mary Willis 2nd the motion, no nays, approved.
2. Treasurer's Report - emailed prior to the meeting, reviewed, additional monies received in bank account, not yet in report, grant from Nova Wealth \$3518, and Matthews Children's Foundation \$1000. For expenses we are under budget on some items. We are looking strong. Mary Willis made a motion to approve, Nancy Siembida 2nd the motion, no nays, approved.
3. Fundraising
 - Season long squares - Terrie Kothe, half of the squares were sold, collected \$4740 payout \$2400 profit \$2340.
 - Super Bowl Squares - Matt Murray, half of the squares are sold.
 - Meat Raffle - Matt Murray, Saturday, February 1st, if you need physical tickets contact Matt Murray, David Miller will need to know the total number of tickets sold the Monday before the meat raffle. Carol Walker and Barb Kaderli received donations of gift cards, some for \$50 and some \$25 and a couple of people will be donating gift baskets. Harold Kothe received a donation from the Buffalo Sabres of a signed hockey stick, helmet and puck. Two large items to be purchased to be raffled, wine refrigerator and barbecue grille. Terrie Kothe will take care of the liquor basket and lotto tree. Presale for raffle drawings 3 for \$10 / 7 for \$20, Matt Murray will send email to committee to confirm details of presale.
4. Old Business
 - Helmet reimbursements - last one received in November. Jolly Boy's grant paid for these.

- Ice updates - Josh Heim rented ice for March at Paddock Chevrolet Ice Arena in Tonawanda. We had a credit from last year from Cornerstone so he doesn't expect there to be too much more in additional ice charges.
- Registration updates - Matt Murray received some requests for registration fees to be venmo. He asked those players to please send a check to the PO Box.
- Holiday gifts coaches/pushers & holiday parties - holiday parties went well and coaches/pushers appreciated the gifts. The senior team party is this coming weekend.
- New player poster - two posted at The Northtown Center and two will be posted at Cornerstone Arena, picture of the poster shared during the zoom meeting. Additional posters to be printed for distribution and posting in relevant vendor locations.
- Try sled event - if we proceed with this event we need someone to lead it and to promote it well. We will table and look to do it in the fall. Look to do a joint event with Greater Buffalo Adaptive Sports. Nancy Siembida is willing to be the point of contact with GBAS. Barb Kaderli is willing to work with the Epilepsy Foundation but will need to know how our organization organizes an event like that.
- Open Discussion - nothing further

5. New Business

- Storage locker - Harold Kothe is going to contact Bill Becker so the unit can be organized.
- Grants & Donations - Harold Kothe received a \$3,000 grant from Kelly For Kids. The grant was for helmets, look to reimburse players additional funds if needed. Non-contact team would like to obtain red/black jerseys and red/black socks. May shift and allocate funds to proceed. Reimburse the senior team in some manner since they did a fundraiser for red/black jersey and red/black socks. Josh to huddle with coaches and determine if this is possible for this season or next season.
- Sled Hockey Worlds - coming to Buffalo in May at Harbor Center, top 8 sled teams in the world to participate. We could possibly be a sponsor for a game for exposure. During intermission BSSH could take the ice for exhibition game. Look to hang our posters during the event. Look into a 50/50 raffle during the event.
- Website costs and fees - through our website we made a donation link and it goes to our bank account and shows as a sports engine deposit. Nova Wealth used this method to make their donation. We can use this method for registrations, donations, admission tickets, etc. Cost/Fees, flat fee and 3.25% charge (ie \$100 charges an additional \$4.50)
- Open Discussion - Harold and Stefan Kothe, visited Pittsburgh, 2002 paralympic team is in the hockey hall of fame. Harold Kothe is working with the Buffalo Sabres to honor our 2002 paralympic gold medal players during a Buffalo Sabres game, possibly during Sled Hockey Worlds tournament. Possibly have our 8 guys in a suite and the rest of the team in the arena. Harold Kothe will keep us posted on his progress.

6. Adjournment - Nancy Siembida made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Cutler 2nd the motion. No nays. Approved.
Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 13th 7:30pm
Location: Zoom