

Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

07/27/2021

I. Call to order

Sean Cogis called to order the regular meeting of the Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association at 6:34PM on 07/27/2021 at Brighton Township Municipal Building.

II. Roll call

Autumn Giocondi took roll of meeting attendance. The following board members attended:

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| President: Sean Cogis | Y | Midget Rep: Becca Cerilli | Y |
| 1 st VP: Bob Wilson | N | Bantam Rep: Becca Krynicki | Y |
| 2 nd VP: Michel Otto | Y | PeeWee Rep: Autumn Giocondi | Y |
| 3 rd VP: Kim Wohl | Y | Squirt Rep: Mark Narad | Y |
| Treasurer: Tammy Symanowicz | Y | ADM Rep: Jaclyn Smithhammer | Y |
| Secretary: Mike Leiper | N | House Rep: | N/A |
| ACE Coordinator: Dave Woods | Y | Little Pens Rep: Julie Saibena | Y |

Non-voting role attendees:

- TBD (Team Manager Coordinator): **N**
- TBD (SafeSport Coordinator): **N**
- Dave Symanowicz (Web Master): **Y**
- Demetrio Vega (Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator): **N**

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from 2/23/21, 3/23/21, and 7/13/21 were presented by Sean Cogis. Julie motioned to approve, and Dave seconded. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer Report

No treasurer report provided. Previous treasurer is currently unavailable due to vacation. Tammy is working on developing a budget based on current rosters and fees. Sean to coordinate transitioning current board members to bank account. A slight increase will be made to player ice fees this year, approximately \$75.

Sean expressed concern with using SportsEngine for collecting fees, as it makes it difficult to account for fundraising. Will look into a PayPal account.

V. Open issues

- a) Prior to calling meeting to order, Vince Delsignore was present to express concern regarding the state of the U18 team. Per Sean, the roster currently includes 13 skaters and a goalie. Sean to continue to work of fielding additional projects, as well as a coach for the team. He has a couple possibilities for coaching, but nothing concrete as of today.

Vince expressed concern about lack of communication following tryout, and is concerned that if info regarding coaching and players is not released soon, additional players may decline. He also expressed concern about lack of participation at younger levels due to lack of communication. Per Sean, many ADM age players lost to other organizations due to uncertainty of rink opening last summer. We are working to build increased numbers at those levels this year. Vince expressed concern with ADM not following ADM model. Sean/Dave to monitor that this coming season.

Vince questioned financial state of organization. Per Sean, all monies in question are still present in account. Vince brought concern over changes to bylaws. Per Sean, the bylaws on website are the same as those on file with the state. He is working with the bylaw committee to bring a proposal to the membership to update the bylaws this year.

Vince indicated his main concern is making this season right by the seniors. Michel expressed her/the board's commitment to senior players.

- b) U16, U18 teams still without a head coach. Continuing to look for prospects.
- c) Planning still in process for golf outing. Determining an available date at Seven Oaks. Will consider an alternate location if needed.

VI. New business

- a) Julie is getting requests for where to find Little Pens registration info. Webmaster to work on getting this info on the website. Julie stated that Little Pens registration closes on August 16. NHL will not release registration numbers to date. There was a discussion about program availability for children transitioning from Little Pens.
- b) Jaclyn Smithhammer addressed the board with concerns from ADM parents. A skating coach for ADM is strongly desired for upcoming season. Parents are also expressing concern that info for the ADM program is not well advertised and difficult to find. Per Sean/Dave we are working on putting a link for ADM registration on the website, as well as an ADM landing page. Sean/Dave to discuss ice donation with rink for

additional Try Hockey for Free sessions. Discussion took place regarding possibly offering skills to younger level players rather than peewee and older.

- c) Autumn Giocondi brought concern from parents regarding coaching and player development. Per Dave, he was unable to properly evaluate coaches last year due to building restrictions. He will be working more closely with coaches this season regarding following USA hockey guidelines.
- d) PAHL update: PAHL meetings will take place 3rd Tuesday of the month. Badger meetings will be 4th Tuesday of each month at 6pm. August Badgers meeting will be open to membership. Player fees are due to PAHL by Dec 1. PAHL playoffs will be as follows:

Bantam thru Midget: March 12-13

Squirt and Peewee: March 19-20

- e) Standing Committees
 - By Laws (B. Wilson):
 - Ways & Means (T. Symanowicz):
 - Finance ():
 - Long Range Planning (M. Narad):
 - Nomination (M. Otto):
- f) Sub-Committees
 - Registration (K. Wohl): Lundy would like to add additional player to U12-1 roster. Dave/Sean will assist in determining if the placement is appropriate.
 - Development (D. Woods):
 - Public Relations (B. Wilson, M. Narad, D. Symanowicz):
 - Picnic: (J. Smithhammer):
 - Referees (B. Wilson):
 - Pictures (B. Krynicki):
 - Tournaments ():
 - Banquet (B. Cerilli/M. Narad):

VII. Adjournment

Sean Cogis adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Autumn Giocondi