

# BCHSHA Meeting

October 5, 2015

**BOD:** Bill Mizera, Diane Kelly, Tom Kutz, Melanie Wagner, Fritz Hust, Ann Bello

**Reps:** **BHS:** Scott Marean; **CF:** Renea O'Brien, Jim Brewster; **CV:** Jean Botting; **E/HH:** Mary Ellen LaBadie, John Call; **JC:** Jeff Espe; **ME:** Joanne McVannan; **UE:** Chris Cataldo, Thuy Cataldo; **VHS:** Jim Sabitus, Chris Kelly ; Kellie Harrison; SUNY Broome Honors Program **Absent:** Jennifer Stevenson, Mike Cerasaro (**BOD**);

## 1. Call to Order: 7:14

## 2. Review and Acceptance of September Meeting Minutes

- Bill reported that there were two issues with the distributed minutes. The corrections are as follows:
  - H. Preliminary 2015- 2016 game schedule- CF will play ME on November 28, to avoid any potential conflict with football State Championships.
  - N. Screening/ SafeSport deadlines are December 31 2015 for volunteers and October 15 2015 for coaches.
- A motion to accept the minutes without out being read aloud was made by Jeff Espe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Sabitus. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)

## 3. Treasurer's Report:

- Fritz reported that September's budget is a status quo from the August budget.
- A motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report was made by John Call, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne McVannan. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)
- Fritz reported that he received an email from Booster Club card website. They offer cards in different denominations to be used at local businesses as cash. Fritz asked reps to check the website as it may work for teams or the league as a whole. The site solicits for the organization and you can get 75 to 87% back from the investment. Bill stated that the email was sent to ALL youth sports so there may be many out there selling the cards.

## 4. President's Report:

## 5. Committee Reports:

- Executive VP's Report:
- VP Report:
  - Melanie reported that she has begun communication with the folks to organize the banquet.
- Secretary's Report: Nothing to report at this time
- Report from Members at Large:
- Registrar's Report:
  - Tom sent out the roster spread sheet with instructions to all reps. He stated that the roster could be sent piece by piece or in its entirety.
  - Tom picked up some rule books from the Central Section meeting for reps in need.

## 6. Old Business:

### A. Screenings, SafeSport

- Bill stated that the league is doing well on both screenings and SafeSport, well ahead of where we were last year at this time.
- Bill reminded the reps that coaches must be screened and have completed SafeSport by October 15, 2015
- Tom reminded reps that he needs the coaches' levels. New coaches must have completed Level 1 and age appropriate modules, last year's new coaches must complete Level 2; coaches must show progress.

### B. Ranger raffle

Binghamton sold 7%, receives \$329.70

CF sold 16%, receives \$753.60

CV did not participate

E/HH sold 7%, receives \$329.70

JC sold 10%, receives \$471.00

ME sold 10%, receives \$471.00

UE sold 8%, receives \$376.80

Vestal sold 12%, receives \$565.20

Board sold 30%, receives \$1413.00

- Discussed which game to include in the raffle. The Ottawa versus Philadelphia game on April 2 2016 was chosen, to show support of the B Sens that support us.

C. Reps and coaches contact info

## 7. New Business:

A. SUNY-Broome collection project (Kellie Harrison)

- Kellie is interested in working with the league for her service project as part of the SUNY Broome Honors Program. She wants to organize a competition between the teams to collect the most personal care products (travel size), similar to the CHOW challenge.
- Prizes will be awarded (gift cards to local businesses, hopefully ice time)
- Kellie will collect at every game between November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 full weeks of collection
- Sponsors are being sought to supply donations of products and prizes
- An entire school can be involved and use businesses as drop off points for convenience.
- Drop off point will be at the door of league games, Kellie will sort products and keep track of points.
- Money will also be accepted (\$1 = 1 point)
- A motion to participate in this program was made by Mary Ellen LaBadie and seconded by Scott Marean. Vote Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)

B. Central Section meeting (9/20)

- No major changes to report from last year to report.

C. 2015- 2016 Budget Estimates

- Last year costs were \$94,494.83 and the budget was set at \$96,000
- We've received no money from the Hockey Shop
- 2015-2016 budget will remain at \$96,000 with outstanding monies coming from the gate money at playoffs. Costs budgeted at \$99,803.10, increases coming from slight increases across the board.
- Fritz stated that with 121 players, cost will be about \$800. Hoping to get an additional 10 players.
- Ann suggested increasing ticket prices
- Losing a team at this point in the season would be catastrophic. Budget is \$12,000/team, that is a huge cost to be absorbed by the league
- Ideally we need 16/ team which means we need 20 players at the draft
- Melanie asked if we are a presence on the STHA/ Blizzard sites, she volunteered to look into this
- Fritz is confident in budget numbers, hockey is an expensive sport
- Payment dates:
  - November 15- ½ the total fee
  - December 15- ¼ the total fee
  - January 15- ¼ the total fee

D. B-Sens affiliation

- Bill suggested looking into investing \$1200 to 1400 to B Sens for each player to receive a game voucher. We'll need to wait until we have a firm player number to make a final decision if we can/ are interested in incurring this cost
- This was put on hold until the November meeting

E. Draft Information

- Predraft roster due to Bill by October 14
- If a team is not going to the draft, this is their final roster
- Those going to the draft- the predraft number is the number you're committing to paying for with the addition of the draft players.
- Order of the draft:

- CF
    - Binghamton
    - JC
    - CV
  - Decision on merging/dissolving a team will not be made until after the draft. We may need to call an emergency board meeting to make this decision.
  - Draft is October 18, 3:30 to 5
- F. Rep information; locker rooms, including behavior, ice rink rules; social media; game misconduct actions
- Remind coaches and players
    - Clean up locker rooms after use
    - NO shooting tape balls, especially at SUNY Broome Ice Center
- G. Spectator “Zero Tolerance”
- Parent education meetings are coming up
  - Parents should set example for the students.
  - Let the Board be the “bad guy”, reps should take care of their own students/parents
- H. Parent Education
- Meeting will be done after the draft but before the regular season
  - Bill is going to limit the number of sessions offered to 5
  - There will be cross over with STHA and Blizzard; Bill and their reps exchange lists
  - Bill will figure out something for E/HH
  - Players must be aware that Social Media posts are looked at. The board is obligated to act on threats, etc if it is brought to our attention
  - Game Misconduct
    - Player must be monitored by the Rep/ Alternate Rep
    - Player can watch the game from locker room side of ice, but away from the benched
    - This is a problem when the rep is the off ice official
  - Reps reminded to line up off ice officials now, league will run a class on how to operate the clock
  - Bill will distribute game sheets to the reps
  - Parents are not allowed on bench side of the ice, except for injured skater
  - Coaches, reps, board are all screened, which is why we can be on bench side
- I. Game Passes
- Bill distributed 50 parent passes and 2 board passes/ team; additional available upon request
  - Hold them until after the draft, maybe until the first payment is made
  - Mary Ellen inquired about teams receiving pucks, Bill wasn’t sure, but will check
- J. Approximate team numbers
- E/HH- 17 players/ 2 goalies
  - Binghamton- 13 players/ 0 goalies
  - CV- 10 players/ 2 goalies
  - CF- 13 players/ 2 goalies
  - JC- 8 players/ 1 goalie (maybe)
  - ME- 22 players/ 4 goalies
  - UE- 17 players/ 3 goalies
  - Vestal- 21 players/ 3 goalies
  - Discussed that each team needed at least 12 players and up to 20 players. Ideally each team would have 20 but a team can carry fewer. Teams that make cuts can NOT pick up players in the draft. Skaters cut may participate in the draft.
  - If a team cuts a skater and team roster goes below 20 players this player cannot be an ineligible taxi player, if a player is cut you can’t be taxi for the team that cut the player.
  - Hoping to spread goalies around so each team has 2 goalies
    - Teams with 3 goalies should encourage the third goalie to go to the draft
    - Suggestion to change bylaws that a team can only carry 2 goalies and the extras must go to the draft
  - Returning players to a team are not guaranteed a spot on their team, they could be cut.
  - Couple of players from Elmira and locally have expressed an interest; Bill was uncertain of the numbers
  - JC situation
    - Miles brothers going to UE, drama swirling. Numbers are low as JC is not a big hockey hotbed.

- 4 teams are drafting/ 4 are not
  - Overall number of skaters for the draft is down. The league is dedicated to the whole season. Next year, there are NO JC players coming up, we may have to find a new school or merge two teams.
  - We won't know for sure what the numbers are until after the draft
- Joanne offered to reach out to Channel 12 to request that they run clips of last year's play to help increase interest leading up to the draft
- Bill asked anyone with media connections to request that they give the league some attention in the upcoming season.

K. Additional member at large

- Election was held in the spring, former Board member interested in coming back as a member at large; Michele Zurawei.
- This would be helpful for Board coverage for games.
- Bill is interested in a special election for Michele. A motion to allow a special election for Michele Zurawei was made by Scott Marean and seconded by Jim Brewster. Vote Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)

**8. Next Meeting Date and Time:** November 2 2015

**9. Special Topics:**

- Joanne stated that ME has a singer (9<sup>th</sup> grader) that sings for them, any other team interested let Joanne know, singer would be happy to sing for other teams.
- Lanyards will be supplied to identify Board members
- Speech about Zero Tolerance before games is problematic as the sound system at the Ice Center is awful

**10. Motion to Adjourn** A motion to adjourn was made Scott Marean by and seconded by Mary Ellen LaBadie. Vote Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0 (**Motion Passed**)