



High School Hockey League of Nassau County

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – February 16, 2017

ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS:

Organization	Present	Meetings Missed
Bellmore / Merrick	X	0
Bethpage	X	0
Cold Spring Harbor	X	0
Farmingdale	X	2
Friends Academy	X	1
Garden City		6
Levittown / Hicksville	X	0
Locust Valley / North Shore	X	0
Long Beach		3
Lynbrook / East Rockaway	X	2
Manhasset	X	0
Massapequa	X	1
Oceanside	X	1
Plainview / Old Bethpage		1
Plainedge	X	0
Port Washington	X	1
Rockville Centre / Malverne	X	1
Sewanhaka	X	1
Syosset	X	1
Valley Stream		1
Wantagh / Seaford	X ^B	0

Jim O’Gara called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of January 2017 Minutes** – Motioned by Gunnar Esiason and seconded by Tom Mastroianni and was passed unanimously.
- Treasurer’s Report** – Bob Gaudiosi read the furnished the attached Treasurer’s Report.
- Referees**— No referees were in attendance. Several referees and situations were discussed; however, coaches are encouraged to submit reports to monitor referee performance, which are always considered anonymous by the board (this was explained and emphasized in detail). To date very few evaluations have been submitted this season.

Jim O’Gara indicated that he has observed a game where player language from both teams in the game, towards officials, was offensive. Teams and coaches are encouraged to monitor their players.

Bob Gaudiosi discussed the referee ranking system and the shortage of officials. The most senior referees are assigned to Varsity games, then to JV and lastly to Middle School.

4. **Website**— Game scores were posted swiftly from starting from January on. The website was accessed 16,000 times. Please send in any team championship photos. Middle School stats will be posted next month.
5. **Playoffs JV and Varsity Results** – Both Varsity finals were televised by MSG and is available online in HD. Syosset is the Liberty Division Champion, while Long Beach secured the Michelino Championship. Farmingdale won the JV Championship on a penalty shot in overtime. Each of the playoff games utilized a 4-man referee system, which was very successful.
6. **State Tournament – Teams, Dates, Volunteers** – Will be held at Long Beach for the Michelino Division. Iceworks will hold the Liberty (mixed) Division and the JV Division. Volunteers are not needed at Long Beach, but are needed at Iceworks for the weekend of March 3-5. Northwell will not be available.

The schedule will be posted within the next 24-hours.

7. **All-Star Games** – We are awaiting coaches to nominate players based on the instructions that was sent out. There was no way to work out the TOB vs. all other team format, based on the league's configuration. Goalies are being drawn from the playoff teams as there was no other easy way to nominate goalies.

The Town of Oyster Bay has picked up the entire cost of the game, programs, and jerseys. It is imperative to get the nominations handed in immediately as TOB is awaiting those names to complete the planning.

8. **Spring Program** — With dwindling spring ice options, we need to secure interest ASAP to purchase enough ice to hold a program. At this time, only 2 teams are interested for Middle School for 5 – 7th graders.
9. **MVP Voting** – The Board has not secured enough nominations to have a consensus for the MVP's therefore the Board will decide who the MVP's are.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Competition Committee** —Rich Rosa is looking for volunteers to discuss rule and competition changes for By-Laws and Rules. Last season the Membership was interested in adopting changes to JV and Middle School grade eligibility but teams and organizations were unprepared for the change. This committee will address issues such as that. If you are interested, please send an email rich@richrosa.com.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM with a motion by Bill Clarke seconded by Mark Abramson.

The next League Meeting will be held at the Town of Oyster Bay Rink – Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.

Please be on time so the meeting will end as early as possible.