



High School Hockey League of Nassau County

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – September 8, 2016

ATTENDING ORGANIZATIONS:

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

Jim O’Gara called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

OLD BUSINESS

- Approval of August 2016 Minutes** – Motioned by Bob Bush and seconded by Jim O’Gara and was passed unanimously.
- Treasurer’s Report** – Bob Gaudiosi furnished the attached Treasurer’s Report. Bob discussed the \$420 refund that has been received from AAU for the League’s Registration Fee. Rich: Please attach a copy of the treasurer’s report to the minutes.
- Referees**— No referees were in attendance.
- Website**— Sal Crescione added the following to the league’s website:
 - Posted update to the Player Pool registration which opened August 1st.

- Help wanted ad for League Officials and Scorekeepers. If any member organization knows of someone interested in being either a scorekeeper or league official, please have them contact Jim O’Gara (jogara@kelleydrye.com)
 - Posted the entire Coaches Education Package.
 - Posted the AAU registration links. The USA Hockey coaches’ clinics dates in the area.
 - Jim O’Gara reminded everyone of the importance of having coaches registered before taking the ice. Bob reminded everyone about the same issue for players, including tryouts, in the case of injury. This registration covers the Club for insurance. Sal Crescione reminded all that any general manager or other team official that comes in contact with players should also be registered with AAU so that a background check can be run on that individual.
5. **Player Pool Status** — Bob Gaudiosi gave the following status report on the current standing in the Player Pool. Bob asked for information from the membership on who is looking for players, especially goalies. Any MS or JV team looking for Pool players must have a roster submitted to Jim O’Gara by September 22nd. Varsity Team rosters must be submitted to Jim O’Gara by October 1st in order to be considered for Pool Player placement.
- The following have registered for the player pool in each division**
- **JV** – 5 skaters, one goalie
 - **MS** – 11 skaters, 2 goalies
 - **Varsity** – 6 skaters, 1 goalie
6. **Order of Goalie Selection from Pool** — Bob Gaudiosi discussed the “pull out of the hat” process to assign goaltenders to qualified teams when there are not enough goalies to assign to satisfy a need. Bob also talked to Ron Petronella who runs a local goalie school who may be able to provide the names of non-travel goaltenders.
7. **Coaches Meeting** – Two coaches’ meetings will be offered, with attendance for each and every coach for one meeting is mandatory, Monday 9/19 at TOB Bethpage at 7pm, October 19th 7pm at TOB Bethpage. Each meeting will discuss game day procedures concussion and asthma situations. Every coach in the league MUST attend at least one of these meetings in order to continue to coach in the league.
8. **League Officials/Scorekeepers Meeting** – September 22nd at TOB Bethpage at 7pm will be a meeting for all League Officials and Scorekeepers and will provide as training for new and established participants. The League needs more people who want to fulfill in this capacity. Scorekeepers and off-ice officials are paid \$25 per game for multiple game assignments or \$30 for solo assignments.
9. **National Federation of State High School Associations – NFHS Coaching Education Program** — Jim O’Gara handed out the documents discussing the NFHS by-law that was

recently passed along with the document that outlined the requirements that are needed to pass this certification, including those that must be done in-person, and how to find times and availability on the BOCES website, and those modules that can be taken online. General costs to complete the DACA portion of the certification process is estimated at \$180. These documents are attached. Sal Crescione discussed the importance of providing complete documentation of the certification to comply with either the USA Hockey or the NFHS requirements. The completion documentation for each coach should be submitted to Jim O’Gara.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Varsity Division – Michelino and Liberty set up** – Teams in Michelino will be split into two five team divisions (East and West) and will play each of the teams in its division twice and each team in the other division resulting in a 13 game season. Liberty will be 8 teams with each team playing each other twice for a 14 game season. With the calendar time restrictions, the Board felt that this would be the appropriate amount of scheduling for a 12-week season. League fees will be reduced accordingly.

JV will be 7 teams playing each other 3 times for a total of 18 games.

2. **Middle School Division Setup** - At this time we have 23 teams. The divisional segmentation is being reviewed with an eye towards improvements in creating 3 divisions. It is imperative that each team provides it preliminary rosters to complete this. There are several teams yet to submit. All preliminary MS rosters MUST be submitted to Sal Crescione no later than September 19th, if not those teams will be placed in the A division.

By rule, all final rosters for JV and MS must be submitted at least 48 hours before your first game. All MS and JV rosters must be submitted to Sal Crescione in electronic form using the mandatory league roster template which can be found on our website

3. **Coaches Binder** – The 2016-17 Coaches Binder will be provided via PDF in the coming week before the Coaches Meeting.
4. **Sign-In Sheets** – Jim O’Gara reminded everyone that Sign-In sheets MUST have the name and jersey number of each rostered player **TYPE-WRITTEN** on the sheet. The League will enforce the 2-minute penalty at the start of the game for Sign-In Sheets which do not have the name and number of each player TYPE-WRITTEN on the sign-in sheet. Any suspension or injury player should be indicated on the sign in sheet.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with a motion by Bob Bush seconded by Jim O’Gara.

The next League Meeting will be held at the Town of Oyster Bay Rink–Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

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