



High School Hockey League of Nassau County

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting – September 13, 2018

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	X	0
Oceanside	X	0
Plainview / Old Bethpage	X	0
Plainedge	X	0
Port Washington	X	0
Rockville Centre / Malverne	X	0
Roslyn	X	0
Sewanhaka	X	0
Syosset	X	0
Wantagh / Seaford		1

Tony DeMayo called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of August Minutes** – August minutes were motioned by Jeff Schmier and seconded by Tom and unanimously approved.
2. **In Memoriam – Robert Gaudiosi** – Tony asked for a movement of silence to remember our friend and Board Member who passed away suddenly earlier this month.
3. **Treasurer’s Report and Discussion** – In lieu of a proper Treasurers Report, the Board explained that we are getting the information needed to complete a Treasurer’s Report for next month’s meeting. Jim O’Gara was nominated as the interim Treasurer in a non-board position and was elected unanimously.
4. **Referees**— Joe DiCapua reported that the league has access to a great pool of officials for the upcoming season includes many younger, experienced officials. Joe mentioned Bob Gaudiosi as a great communicator to the referee association and hopes that

continues. Joe would like to see more officials evaluation's and a means to help the officials and sharpen the pool that work our games. dicapj@optonline.com is Joe's email addresses for any issues or exhibition scheduling.

5. **Trainers** – Chris Napoli representing the Athletic Trainers that are used at the majority of games was present. He explained their function, process and staff. Chris also reported that last season went very smoothly and expects this season to go well. If any Board Certified Trainers are looking to join his group, please contact him at Cnapoli.atc@gmail.com.
6. **Website**—Sal has posted the following changes to the website:
 - A new Team Rosters Format is available. Please use this going forward.
 - Coaches Binder is posted.
 - All USA Hockey Coaching Seminars are posted for this season.
 - Northwell Safety Clinic was posted.
 - Ads for League Officials and Scorekeepers were posted.
7. **Open Board Positions** – Mike Marino has volunteered to be the State Representative for the league. Two persons have indicated interest to join the board and will be put to a vote next month if they decide to become official.
8. **Player Pool** – Sal indicated that there are very few players in the Pool right now at all divisions and that it would be important for players to send in their deposits as they will not be assigned without a deposit.
9. **Updated Mergers** – Plainedge JV is merging with Massapequa JV-B instead of Wantagh/Seaford. Plainedge MS is merging with LVNS MS.
10. **Coaches Meetings** – We will be holding three coaches meetings:
 - September 20th at 8pm
 - October 11th after the league meeting.
 - 3rd meeting TBD
11. **League Officials Meetings** – This year's meeting will be held at September 20th at TOB-Bethpage.
12. **8th Grade Girls** – Joe O'Hara introduced last month's motion that on an interim basis allow 8th graders to play MS. The motion was defeated by a margin of 15-12 based on eligible schools voting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Schedule** – Richard Rosa discussed the upcoming schedule. He noted the MS format would be a 14-game round robin season for all 15 teams, then we will follow a tournament format for the final six games, with the top 8 teams in the playoff tournament and the bottom 7 games playing a round robin against each other, with a potential playoff if ice availability allows it.

The JV Division would be split into two divisions of 14 or 15 teams with each division playing each opponent in its division twice and outside its division once. The membership was asked if they would allow a late entrant, and this was approved.

The Varsity schedule of 17 games per team in a one-division round robin would be released in mid-October.

2. **Rosters** – Are required 48 hours before any team plays its first game and should be sent to Sal.
3. **Town of Oyster Bay Locker Key** – You will need a locker room key to gain access to the locker rooms at TOB Bethpage due to two separate incidents of theft last season.
4. **Varsity Playoff Format** – A vote was held amongst Varsity Teams to determine if the league should keep the current 2 games + 10-minute mini-game format, move to a single game, or a best of three final. It was decided that the league would schedule a best of three assuming that there will be challenges with travel schedules before a holiday weekend and the issues holding a 3rd game on a Friday night. Including these caveats, the consensus was to move forward on a best of three.
5. **Matching Uniforms** – All teams must have matching uniforms which will be strictly enforced starting Nov 1 for MS and JV and December 1st for all Varsity teams.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM with a motion by Bill Clarke seconded by Jeff Schmier.

The next League Meeting will be held at the Town of Oyster Bay Rink Meeting Room at Bethpage – Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.

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