

**Thunder Bay Queens
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022
7:05 – 8:15 PM
Via Zoom**

Board of Directors Present: Rob Van Dyk, Cory Hrubeniuk, Dave Paddington, Chantal Keating, Liesa Wynn
Regrets: Rich Tatebe

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

1. Approve Agenda - Reviewed and accepted as presented.
2. Review/approve minutes from previous meeting – Minutes approved as presented. A PDF of the approved minutes will be posted on the Queens website.
3. Equipment
 - a. Decals - Biosteel sponsor decals have been received. Rob will be taking a couple to test if they can be ironed on to the jerseys instead of having them sewn on.
 - b. Socks – Rob confirmed they have been distributed to all teams.
 - c. Jerseys – The new jersey order that was expected to arrive mid September is now expected to arrive the end of September.
4. Ice – Rob has distributed ice schedules for September and October to all teams. Rob is working with Fort William First Nation to get one extra hour of ice Tuesdays. The contract received with the City of Thunder Bay has no loss or gain of ice time. With Lakehead University not having a women’s team this year, Rob is hoping to acquire the allotted 2 hours ice time for that team. The U22 team is to confirm with Rob on what times work for the team. At this time, the team is not concerned.
5. Financials – Chantal reviewed the bank reconciliation for August 31, 2022. There is ~\$26k in the bank after factoring in the \$20k Porter Airlines payment of negotiated flights for teams to travel to the provincials. Chantal noted that all teams have paid except U11 and U22 due to tryouts taking place in September.
6. TBWHA Update Items – No update. Rob confirmed the next meeting is set for Wednesday September 21, 2022. A letter was sent out to all parents tonight of the U11 tryout participants from the coach to outline the program, expectations and playing in the house league is optional. **Decision with regards to the U11 tryouts is to post the team the evening Saturday September 17 and hold parents meeting Sunday September 18 to sign player agreements**
7. Social Media / Sponsors – U11 received a sponsor tryout sponsorship. The funds received covered the cost of the pre-skate ice, tryout ice and there is a bit of the surplus. There was discussion on how to handle the surplus, but no decision was made. Dave confirmed the sponsor did receive advertising in return. There were some discussions of Corporate Sponsors. Dave asked for any sponsors to ensure digital copies are forwarded to setup as links on the website.

8. Team issues / Items

- a. U11 – Tryouts are set for Friday September 16 in the evening and two times Saturday September 17, 2022. Board attendance at the tryout is scheduled for Cory and Rob attending Friday night, Liesa for Saturday morning and Chantal for Saturday afternoon.
- b. U13 – Manager has had a family health issues arise. Parents of the players have agreed to assist where needed.
- c. U15A – nothing to report.
- d. U15AA – nothing to report.
- e. U18A – Team had a booth at Ribfest with positive feedback.
- f. U18AA – The team participated in the Stoney Creek Tournament this past weekend. This tourney is highly scouted, and the team did very well.
- g. U22 – The team had 2 goalies come out to the tryout. A request from the coach asking, if possible, to roster 3 goalies and keep another as a backup goalie. Rob will be checking out the rules for goalie rosters per the OWHA. A player for this team has asked if they can play for a senior team as well as the Queens. It was decided player can play on both teams with the Queens team is priority when playing.
- h. ROSTERS – Deadline for final rosters will be met.

It was discussed our coaches are to be encouraged to work together with fellow Queens teams when asked. Also having older teams' mentor younger teams again, the way it was prior to Covid.

9. Fundraising

- a. League fundraiser – Based on the feedback from the managers, a league fundraiser as well as approval for a third fundraiser is the most favourable option. Chantal did meet with managers and reviewed their budgets. Most of the teams did include the league raffle since costs have increased for everything. Rob and Chantal will go ahead and start the application for the lottery license. Email will be sent to all the managers to submit a formal request for their 3rd fundraiser for board review and approval.

10. Other – Discussed issues with clothing orders this year. It was decided to reach out to managers and see how the orders went with the team orders.

Next Meeting Date: October 25, 2022, Location and Time TBD

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM