

**Thunder Bay Queens
Board Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2023
6:00 – 8:20 PM
Via Zoom**

Board of Directors Present: Chantal Keating, Liesa Wynn, Michelle Trevisan, Stacey Hutton, Cory Hrubeniuk

Guests: Kaity Howarth, Jesse Traer (in camera session TBWHA update)

Regrets: Dave Paddington

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

1. Approve Agenda - Reviewed and accepted as presented.
2. Review/approve minutes from previous meeting – Approved as presented to post on the website.
 - i. CEDC Funding Long Form Application and Presentation Dec 13th – Chantal gave a brief update on the next stages that includes new creative strategies to build up the budget. Also a future platform to host the Esso Cup. John Cameron from City Tourism provided support. On December 13, 2023, Chantal will be giving a five-minute presentation to the approving committee.
 - ii. Arena Sponsorship Signage is complete.
 - iii. Queens Raffle all tickets have been distributed to the teams.
 - iv. Extra Jerseys for U11 delivered.
 - v. Mallon’s Apparel – ¼ zip issues, Substitute \$20 replacement cost – Resend to Managers
3. Equipment – Chantal mentioned that three new stick bags for travel have been purchased to replace the old bags.
4. Ice – For the Showcase/Exhibition weekend, ice times are needed for the skills competition that will take place on the Saturday in between games. Also looking to add another team for U15A to be possibly included in a future weekend. Chantal mentioned that U15A working on an exhibition series for December. Discussed concerns regarding 1 hour Monday ice for Queens LMHL Games / Junior board. Cory will be following up with the Junior board.
5. Financials – Michelle gave an update on the financials on October 31, 2023. September did not have to much activity; player fees have been received by all teams except U22. Bank balance as of today is ~\$74k.
6. TBWHA Update Items – U18A Coach Suspension and Appeal (In Camera Session with TBWHA President, Jesse Traer)
7. Social Media / Sponsors
 - a. Pierce Florcraft – Thank you post on socials, just waiting for the video of the U18AA team in the finished dressing room.

- b. Walleye Ad – getting digital sign ad.
- c. Highlight Reels – Sponsor Package.

8. Team issues / Items

- a. U11 – LMHL reached out looking to shift the U11 Queens to play AA teams. Coach will be reaching out to request playing the lower end AA teams and maybe top end A teams once they have played all AA teams once. Discussed player stats posted on the website. Cory will be looking into if the feature can be turned off for public viewing. Kaity mentioned the U15 and U18 divisions should be keeping stats, and it was decided stats will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- b. U13 - Nutrition for all teams is discussed under other below. One player received a 5-minute penalty and game misconduct. The team wants to appeal since they are in Edina today. After reviewing the OWHA policy, suspensions cannot be appealed unless greater than 7 games. Chantal will stress the importance that the player does not play if no word received from OWHA on the appeal.
- c. U15A – traveling to Blaine next week for the Centennial Super Chill Tournament.
- d. U15AA – traveling as well next week for the 2Nations Cup. Also have an exhibition series setup to play the U15AA Fort Frances boys' team in Atikokan.
- e. U18A – Came in 3rd in Montreal last weekend. Discussed drafting a letter to the team and parents to let them know they have the boards support.
- f. U18AA – NV Fundraiser Event, the team is wanting to add extra event. This has a majority parent vote. The event will be like the Quiz Night Fundraisers. Attending tournament in Kitchener/Waterloo first weekend of December.
- g. U22 – There is 15 players rostered and player fees will be collected in 2 installments. Discussed crediting the team the balance left over from the tryouts for this team. Lasagna sales are taking place but will do another round of ads on socials to increase sales.

9. Fundraising

- a. Golf Tournament – Stacey will send available July dates for Chantal review.
- b. Refreshment Booth at Races – Table for next meeting to review if feasible for next year, waiting on report from Margaret. This year the funds raised were ~\$11k and 20% is to come to the Queens and divided among the teams that volunteered.

10. Other

- a. Parent Surveys – Chantal to circulate the surveys used in prior years.
- b. Reserve Banquet Date / Discuss Tryout Dates – Discussed April 16 or 17, 2023 as possible dates for the banquet. Cory and Chantal to discuss ice availability.
- c. High School Hockey Format / Schedule – Chantal gave an update that the potential dates are February 26-28, 2024, with discussion of maybe extending beyond for OFSSA continuance. Chantal will distribute letter to parents and players to outline expectations of Queen players.
- d. Goalie Situation for U15 A/AA next season – Due to no 2010 goalies for the U15 divisions next season Chantal will discuss options with OWHA.

- e. Goalie/Player Development – Kaity updated the sessions are going well. The only team not participating is the U22. Sessions will continue into December. The October ice costs were \$780. Discussed some options to continue and cover the costs of the ice.
- f. Information Sessions / Nutrition / Mental Health / Social Media – Michelle mentioned she reached out to her contacts and the information received was not relevant to what we are looking for. Will reach out to other contacts and see if we can find what we are looking for.
- g. Alumni List / Queens Display Case FWFN – Discussed criteria to follow for the Alumni List. List is in development stage and will continue to be updated.
- h. Sportsengine glitch – issue with calendar populating from app to website and vice versa.

Next Meeting Date: December 18, 2023, TBC

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM