

Geneseo Livingston Blues – Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026

Time: 7pm

Meeting Room, Livingston Lanes, 4260 Lakeville Rd, Geneseo, NY 14454

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. No agenda was provided.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Lee Blum, Missy Blum, Lee Sargent, Brian Hubacher, Robert Daeffler, Dan Craun, Melissa Haynes, Amy Reeder, Karyn Lipome, Jeanne Barreca, Rebecca Stryker, Deb Wilper.

Board Members Absent: Casey Cartwright.

Guests Present: Adrienne Skitch (Webb), Michael Webb, Chris Kendall, Paul Graves, Gillian Coats, Amber Bennett, Rachel Merrick, James Merrick, Matthew Buckholz, James Shoup, Nicholas Mantesano, Marcia Sanford, Cara Lynch.

2. Approval of Prior Minutes

In review of the April 2026 minutes, one amendment was identified regarding the nomination of Deb Wilper as a Member at Large. The minutes will be updated to reflect that the nomination was made by Karyn Lipome and seconded by Dan Craun. This omission was an oversight.

With this amendment, the April 2026 minutes were approved. Motion to approve was made by Dan and seconded by Robert. All were in favor. Revised minutes will be distributed to Board Members for review.

3. New Business

- **Board action of Board Nominations for the 2026-2027 season**

At the May meeting held on May 17, 2026, current Board Secretary Missy Blum cast one vote in favor of the election of the following slate of officers, as nominated at the April 2026 Annual Meeting, as these Board positions were unopposed:

President	Dan Craun
Vice President	James Merrick
Secretary	Gillian Coats
Equipment Manager	Robert Daeffler
Member At Large	Amy Reeder
Member At Large	James Shoup
Member At Large	Amber Bennett
Member At Large	Cara Lynch

- For the position of **ACE Coordinator**, Dan nominated **Bryan Hubacher**. The nomination was seconded by Robert. All were in favor, and the motion passed.
- For the position of **Registrar**, there were two candidates nominated: Jeanne Barreca and Adrienne Webb. Each family present cast one vote for the 2026–2027 Registrar position via paper ballot. Votes were counted privately by Karyn Lipome and Rebecca Stryker. **Adrienne Skitch Webb** was elected to the position of Registrar.

- Karyn has already been in contact with Janice Cavaretta, Executive Director of the Western New York Amateur Hockey League. Janice will provide training to Adrienne, will be in contact in July, and will provide her with access to the league portal.
- The bylaws indicate two Board positions for Members at Large. A motion was proposed to amend the structure for the 2026–2027 season to allow all seven positions to serve as Members at Large. The proposal was presented by Dan. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Robert. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- It was suggested that, as the incoming Board reviews the organization’s bylaws, consideration be given to a permanent amendment establishing a minimum of two Member at Large Board positions, rather than revising the bylaws annually.

- **Board appointed positions for the 2026-2027 season:**

Position	Appointed	Motion	Second
Treasurer	Melissa Haynes	Bryan Hubacher	Deb Wilper
Ombudsman	Lee Blum	Dan Craun	Robert Daeffler
Director of Communication	Rachel Merrick	Dan Craun	Bryan Hubacher
Grow the Game/Beginner Coordinator	Lee Sargent	Robert Daeffler	Deb Wilper
WNY Representative	Robert Daeffler	Dan Craun	Deb Wilper
*Empire Representative	*Deb Wilper	Melissa Haynes	Bryan Hubacher
	*Rebecca Stryker	Dan Craun	Bryan Hubacher
Ice Scheduler/Ref Coordinator	<i>TBD</i>		

- Karyn stated that she would consider serving as Ice Scheduler/Referee Coordinator if the position became a paid Board role. She noted that another ice scheduler within the Empire league coordinates scheduling for multiple teams and receives compensation on a per-team basis. Karyn also expressed that she would no longer wish to attend monthly Livingston Blues Board meetings, though she may be willing to compromise on a reduced meeting attendance requirement.
- Karyn also shared that she does not wish to travel to meeting in the roles of Empire and WNY representative. For the upcoming season, both Deb and Rebecca have been appointed to attend and learn the Empire Representative role, while Robert will learn and serve as the WNY representative.
- Discussion also took place regarding potential compensation for the Ice Scheduler position. It was noted that compensation would require a revision to the organization’s bylaws. James suggested that Karyn provide an outline of the duties associated with the position so the Board can further evaluate the proposal. No specific compensation amount was discussed, as the full scope of responsibilities has not yet been defined. Karyn stated that she will prepare a draft outlining the duties for review at the next Board meeting.
- Gillian and Deb both expressed interest in shadowing and learning the Ice Scheduler role. Karyn explained that the position is difficult to train due to its complexity and that it is often easier to manage the responsibilities directly.

4. Old Business

- **Email sent to the Board**

The Board discussed an email received from a parent following the Empire evaluations. The parent expressed dissatisfaction with the evaluation and team selection process after more players tried out than

available roster spots allowed. Discussion included questions surrounding team selection criteria, travel versus house league considerations, and the suggestion of forming a second team. It was noted that logistical limitations, including roster numbers and goalie availability, would not make a second team feasible for that age group. The Board discussed the challenges associated with the evaluation and roster selection process and the importance of establishing a clearer process for future situations.

Future consideration should be given to incorporating language into the bylaws addressing the Empire team evaluation and selection process, including a review of how teams are determined during evaluations.

- **Need to push registration on 12U Empire**

Deb will send an email reminder to 12U to register. Dan will have Jessica contact Rachel to have made the Facebook liaison.

- **Jersey Committee**

Rebecca is willing to do the ordering again. Karyn shared the updated rule requirements for team jerseys. Chris Kendall and Amy Reeder volunteered to help on the Jersey Committee. Rebecca wants to solicit jersey feedback from teams. Goal is to consistently stick to the color and brand.

- **Grant**

Grant was approved among the applicants. The amount granted to the Livingston Blues is TBD. The original Equipment Grant was requested for shooter tutors. The Board is considering using these funds for replacement bars or plastic skating aids instead.

5. Board Reports

- **Community Events**

Keep upcoming events in mind.

Geneseo Rotary Club is hosting a Summer Festival on Friday July 10 thru Saturday July 11.

- **Registrar**

Portal needs to be set-up giving access to Adrienne.

- **Treasurer**

Treasurer's Report was shared. See report for more information.

- **Empire Rep**

Karyn did not attend the last meeting, but the prior meeting. Empire is looking for tentative team counts. Team declarations will be due May 29th. Dan will need to complete this.

- **WNY Rep**

8/29/2026 is the 11U Scheduling meeting for Coach & Manager (Brian & Rachel)

WNY Team fees will be the same as last year. WNY \$700 compared to Empire \$175. Before creating the next budget, consider adding an increased cost to WNY registration.

Both the Empire & WNY have the 2026-2027 rules posted on their websites.

Reminder that Coached needed CEP current before getting on the ice.

6. Next Meeting

We discussed having the next Board Meeting on: **Friday, June 12th at 7pm**. Same location in Geneseo.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:49pm by Rebecca, seconded by Bryan. All in favor.

*BLUE = comes directly from the Bylaws
RED = action items
PURPLE = future suggestions to consider*

Minutes scribed by: Missy Blum 5/17/2026