

Geneseo Livingston Blues – Board Meeting Minutes

Date: **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Time: 7pm

Location: Vitale Park, 5828 Big Tree Rd, Lakeville, NY

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Agenda was followed as presented.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Rebecca Stryker, Jeanne Barreca, Karyn Lipome, Robert Daeffler, Amy Reeder, Jessica LaVarnway, Jason Molino, Lee Blum, Missy Blum. [9 out of 15]

Board Members Absent: Deb Wilper, Brian Hubacher, Alicia Pritchard, Cassie Cartwright, Melissa Haynes, Dan Craun.

Guest: Jay Shoup (*Livingston Blues parent*)

2) Approval of Prior Minutes

Approval of **July 2025** minutes. Motion to approve made by Jeanne. Seconded by Jessica. Vote passed.

3) New Business

a) Registrar's Report

- Registration closed as of **July 31, 2025**.
- Beginner/Pre-Mite; 22 registered
- 8U-18U; 99 players registered for this season, compared to 101 last season.

Level	# Registered
Beginners	10
Pre-Mite	12
8U	33
10U	12
12U	23
14U	9
18U	22

Promoting Registration

- The Board discussed ways to further promote registration.
- **Jessica will revamp the existing Facebook post**, focusing specifically on **Try Hockey for Free information**, to make it suitable for **electronic distribution to schools**.
- **Deb** has a list of schools that have previously received this information.
- The plan is to **ask schools to distribute the flyer electronically**. If physical copies are needed, the Board will do its best to accommodate.
- Several Board members have connections within local school districts and have offered to **share the information directly with their schools**.

Additional information from Registrar:

We anticipate one remaining 12U registration and four outstanding 14U registrations. In addition, two brothers are expected to register—one at the 10U level and the other at 14U.

All Board members have completed the necessary requirements. A few screening results are still pending. Some Board member renewals do not expire until early fall and will be revisited at that time.

We are still awaiting confirmation of the Beginner/Pre-Mite coaches so they can complete USA Hockey registration, background screening, and SafeSport training.

8U coaches have yet to be named. We are looking to identify 6–9 coaches to support three teams. Coach Miller and Coach Coates are being considered for Head Coach positions; the remaining coaching candidates served as Assistant Coaches last season.

Before dividing the 8U division into three teams, a full-ice Skills Evaluation has been suggested. Players would then be placed on teams by their second practice. Team designations would be White, Upper Blue, and Lower Blue. This process must be completed prior to the 8U Jamboree scheduled for October 4–5.

At this time, 12U will be named as one team. A decision on whether to form a second 12U WNY team will be made later.

Our goal is to post finalized teams on Friday, August 8.

b) Ice Time

i. September ice

• RIT ice

- Rebecca has secured ice time at RIT for **\$150 per hour**, representing a significant savings—thank you, Becky!
- Ice time begins on **August 28th** for two-hour sessions.
- Plan is to hold ice slots on **Thursdays and Sundays**.
- Priority is to ensure the **18U team** receives ice time, as their season typically begins in October.
- The **RIT contract has been signed**, and Melissa will process the payment.
- The **Certificate of Insurance (COI)** is valid through **August 31st**; new insurance coverage will begin in September.

• Scottsville ice

- Priced at \$325 per hour.
- Will only be booked if additional ice is needed.

• Geneseo ice

- Ice may be available as early as **September 17th**, with guaranteed availability by **September 27th**.

• Ice Scheduling Notes

- The **6U Jamboree** will take place at **Geneseo** on **Saturday, January 11th, from 9am-1pm**.
- There are currently **11 players registered** for 6U.
- Karyn will begin organizing a **practice schedule** for this group.

ii. Clinics

- Dan, Brian & Jason plan to connect this month to discuss further.
 - They are aiming to schedule & come up with ice time clinic schedule in August.
- Empire Puck Precision - PEP training (Power Edge Pro)
 - PEP sessions in August at Scottsville
 - Huge advantage to say that we offer this.

iii. Submit Geneseo SUNY application for ice time

- Andrea (Geneseo) needs insurance

c) Jersey Discussion

• Chance Jersey Update

- Rebecca provided an update on jersey designs in collaboration with Justin Contestable.
- The Board reviewed two primary color options with angular transition:
 - Blue & Gold
 - Blue & Gray
 - Of these 2 options, the majority of the Board present at meeting preferred the Blue & Gold design.

• Sizing Notes

- Sizing differs slightly from the samples shared during registration:
 - **Youth sizes** remain consistent.

- **Adult sizes**—particularly **L and XL**—may run small in the chest
 - Players may need to **upsized** to ensure proper fit.
- **Lead Time & Ordering**
 - Production time is estimated at **5–6 weeks**.
 - The goal is to place the Livingston Blues team jersey order **within the next 2 weeks**.
 - **Questions still for Justin** (to be followed up by Rebecca)
 - Can the **original white circle logo** be sublimated on the shoulder?
 - Can an **American flag** be added to the shoulder?
 - Do the **sublimated socks include Velcro**—and if so, is it on **both sides**?
 - **Size Confirmation Process**
 - Jeanne will distribute team-specific registration size lists to each **Team Manager** for confirmation and necessary adjustments.
 - Each **Manager/Coach** should plan to order **at least one extra jersey** for their team.
 - **18U Pant Shells**
 - Lee will coordinate with Justin to design matching pant shells for the 18U team.
 - **Beginner/Pre-Mite Jerseys**
 - The organization would like to provide **jerseys for Beginner/Pre-Mite players to keep**.
 - Due to the lower registration fee, a **more affordable option** (rather than the full sublimated jersey) will be explored.
 - Looking into a **basic blue jersey** with the **team logo and player name** printed.
- d) **Grow the Game & Try Hockey for Free**
- It remains unclear whether Deb intends to continue in this role.
 - Last year’s event was held on Saturday, October 5, 2024.
 - The original plan was to host the 2025 event on Saturday, September 13, but this timing is challenging:
 - It falls right after the first full week of school, a particularly busy period for families.
 - Geneseo ice is not available that early in the season.
 - While we have previously hosted the event at Scottsville Ice Rink, the Board prefers Geneseo.
 - The Board discussed rescheduling the event to October in order to hold it at Geneseo.
 - The **tentative new date** for the **Try Hockey for Free event** is **Saturday, October 11, 2025**.
 - **Beginner sessions would then start on Saturday, October 18, 2025**.
 - This schedule avoids conflict with the 8U Jamboree, which is set for October 4–5.
- e) **Alternate Policy Discussion**
- Jason drafted a proposed Alternate Policy, which was reviewed by the Board.
 - The policy clearly outlines expectations and is consistent with similar policies used by other organizations.
 - **The Board will vote on the policy at next month’s meeting.**
 - If approved, it will be posted on the organization’s website.
 - Jason plans to hold a **Coaches Meeting in late August**.
 - Key information will be shared with both **Coaches** and **Team Managers** during the meeting.
 - A player rostered on a WNY Tournament Bound team is not eligible to serve as an alternate on a lower-level team.

4) Board Reports

Treasurer’s Report (*information in Board packet was provided by Melissa*)

- Savings Account: \$21,040.88 ---- *same balance as prior month*
- Checking Account: \$81,941.25 ---- *net increase from prior month of \$24,231.87*
- Going forward, Jason will ask Melissa to prepare a year-over-year comparison report based on the same time last year.

5) Additional Topics Discussed

a) Empire Game Scheduling (updated provided by Karyn)

- **18U** virtual game scheduling: **September 25–27**
- **14U** virtual game scheduling: **September 28–30**
- **10U & 12U** will schedule games on: **October 5**
- **WNY** will schedule games 1st Saturday after Labor Day: **September 6**

Rosters will be due prior to the start of games.

- 18U & 14U games can begin: **October 10**
- 8U thru 12U games can begin: **October 17**

b) Game Sheets App

- The Game Sheets app will be used for scoring and reporting this season.
- The organization currently owns one iPad; a **second iPad will be needed** to ensure adequate access for teams.
- **Need to confirm if the original iPad is still functional.**
- Since **Melissa** ordered the original iPad, Jason will ask her to **order the second one.**
- **Storage and charging logistics** are still being discussed.
 - One option is to keep both iPads in a safe within the equipment cage for security and accessibility.

c) Puck budget (topic brought up by Coach Lee)

- It was noted that **pucks frequently go missing**, leading to a consistent shortage.
- As a result, many **coaches have been supplying their own pucks** for practices and games.
- The organization needs to **purchase quality pucks specifically for games**, separate from practice pucks.

d) Events to Consider

- **Autumn in the Village**
 - **Saturday, September 13th**
 - Questions that need to be addressed:
 - Are we registered for the event?
 - Do we have volunteers to staff our presence at a booth; including coaches?
 - Do we have give-away items to distribute?
 - **Add to next month's Board agenda:**
 - Further discussion and planning for Autumn in the Village event.
- **Geneseo Scarecrow Stroll & Bash** (Robert shared details)
 - Early October
 - Usually about \$30 to participate with a scarecrow on Main Street
- **Geneseo School District Open House** (Jay shared info on this potential opportunity)
 - This year, instead of a traditional fall open house where parents meet teachers, the school is hosting an **event prior to the start of school.**
 - Various community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, will have **informational tables** at the event.
 - This presents a **great opportunity for Blues Hockey to host a table** and engage with families before the school year begins.
 - Event Date & Time: **Wednesday, August 27th from 3p-5p**

6) Next Meeting

Next Board meeting will be on **September 7th at 7pm.**

7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm by Rebecca, seconded by Karyn. Vote passed.