

# Geneseo Livingston Blues – Board Meeting Minutes

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Date: **Saturday, March 1, 2026**

Time: 7:00 pm

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:** Melissa Haynes, Dan Craun, Jason Molino, Rebecca Stryker, Robert Daefler, Karyn Lipome, Lee Blum, Missy Blum, Jeanne Barreca, Amy Reeder, Lee Sargent, Brian Hubacher.

**Board Member – Joined via phone:** Jessica LaVarnway.

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**Board Members Absent:** Cassie Cartwright, Deb Wilper.

**Guests:** Mike Haynes, Jesse Coats, Rachel Merrick.

## 2) Approval of Prior Minutes

- Still pending --- **January 2026** board minutes were scribed by Karyn in Missy's absence and remain pending. Once finalized, they will be submitted for board approval.
- After review of the **February 2026** minutes (meeting date 1/31/2026); two **edits were required**.
  - 1) Lee Sargent was listed as Guest in error, rather than Board Member.
  - 2) Additional verbiage was needed under:

### 2026/2027 Travel Team Discussion

#### Board Discussion:

- The Board reiterated that the Livingston Blues Hockey Organization cannot predetermine team rosters. Player placement must be determined through a formal evaluation and/or tryout process consistent with organizational policy *and NYS Amateur Hockey policy*.
- With the above-described edits, a motion to approve the **February 2026** minutes was made by Dan. Seconded by Jeanne. Vote passed. Updated version will be provided by Missy to Jeanne for the website.

## 3) Public Comments

- Mike Haynes suggested that the Public Comment Period be offered at both the beginning and end of each meeting.
- Mike also requested further clarification regarding the prior month's approved motion allowing 11U travel tryouts. As the vote was not unanimous, he inquired about the reasoning behind the contrasting vote. It was explained that the opposing vote was based on the fact that the Livingston Blues Hockey Organization operates as a Tier III organization, where the standard structure typically includes 10U and 12U divisions.

## 4) New Business

### A. Budget/2026-2027 Registration Costs

#### Budget details presented by Karyn

- Anticipate that Geneseo ice will be \$210 per hour; cushioned budget for \$215 per hour
- Sheets of ice at other locations is running \$325-\$375 per hour
- Ref prices varies; increase shown around April
- Board is anticipating more beginners in the Fall 2026

**Motion** to approve the budget as presented was made by Dan. Seconded by Robert. Vote passed.

## B. Tryouts

### Travel Commitment

- Board confirmed travel commitment & **deposit amount of \$150** (standard amount)
  - Jeanne will create a private link to complete registration and pay deposit
    - sign Code of Conduct
    - make payment plan
      - make payments April thru October
      - Pay-in-full by August
- Requirement for Travel Teams
  - 10 days to pay deposit
  - Head Coach needs to sign commitment for each player
  - Since **USA Hockey registration numbers** don't start until April for next season, team managers will need to follow-up and collect USA Hockey numbers later from players.
  - **Jersey size and numbers** will be collected later
    - Update from Rebecca that the **Jersey Committee** is anticipated beginning later this month.

### Empire Teams

- Early registration
  - Register between May – November
- Registration must be open by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- Need Empire evaluations for 10U, 12U, 14U, 18U; can start after 3/31/2026

## C. Ice Time Scheduling Update

- **WNY Travel Tryouts**
  - Monday 3/9 @ 6:15pm                      11U Travel
  - Tuesday 3/10 @ 6:15pm                      10U Travel
  - *Wednesday 3/12 ----- cancelled 12U Travel tryouts since no registrations*
- **Empire Tryouts**
  - Preference is week of 3/16 at Geneseo --- it is possible that ice may not still be up at Geneseo
  - Alternative option is week of 3/23 at Tim Horton's Iceplex

## D. Treasure Report

- See Treasurer's Report for full details.
- Outstanding amounts still to-be-paid are described in report.

## E. Additional Items Discussed

- **Try Hockey For Free (THFF)** – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 12:50pm
  - Coach Sargent organizing this event
  - Still waiting for trailer
  - 18U players unable to help since they are at a tournament that weekend, however, 14U players still available to help.

## 5) Next Board Meeting

- **Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** (later due to Easter Sunday)
- Board nominations are anticipated for the April meeting.

## 6) Adjourned

- Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. Motion by Dan, second by Melissa.