

GENESEO LIVINGSTON BLUES – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, June 12, 2026

Time: 7pm

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. No agenda was provided.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Dan Craun, James Merrick, Adrienne Skitch(Webb), Robert Daeffler, Karyn Lipome, Lee Blum, Lee Sargent, Rachel Merrick; Members at Large – Cara Lynch, James Shoup, Deb Wilper, Amy Reeder, and Amber Bennett.

Board Members Absent: Brian Hubacher, Melissa Haynes, Gillian Coats, and Rebecca Stryker.

Guests Present: Matthew Buckholz and Meghan Kendall

2. Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion was made by Lee Blum to accept the meeting minutes from last month, seconded by James Shoup; All in favor. Motion Carried.

3. Old Business

- Jerseys

Becky has a design all done and will be calling Janice to make sure the design is within the guidelines. There will be 2 jerseys and 1 pair of socks; no reversible jersey this year. Ryan is the one the jerseys are being ordered through. Brian Hubacher's team was looking for shells and gloves. They are responsible for the purchase or sponsorship of those.

- Grant for Equipment

The grant to purchase updated equipment is in the sum of \$3,224.27. Updated equipment that is being looked into is helmets, pads, skates and plastic skating trainers for beginners. Ryan is also going to be helping out with all of these to get the best deal.

- Ice Scheduler

Meghan Kendall would like to learn how to be an Ice Scheduler. Karyn is willing to work with Meghan and train her as much as she can with it being a complex position. Lots of face-to-face training is required which they would have to work out independently.

4. New Business

- Tournaments

Dan would like for another committee to be made for tournaments. He would like to see tournaments where the whole organization goes to the tournament. That works well for families with multiple kids who are in the same organization. There was a tournament in Cleveland where you could buy 1 tournament and get 1 free. Not saying that each team

cannot go to tournaments of their own choosing, but it would be nice to see the organization set up a tournament where they are all involved at the same time. This can help the families get to know each other along with all of the players being able to spend time off the ice together and where we can help one another out by making sure kids get to games on time and support other teams playing when your child is not.

- Tournaments- Sponsorships are done by your own team; not organization-wide.

- Registrar Access

Adrienne was able to get the access she needed after taking over as the Registrar. Janice was a big help and said if there are any other issues she will be more than willing to help more. Adrienne states everything has been submitted successfully to WNY, just need to finalize team rosters.

- Communication/Facebook Posts

Rachel is working on emails and Facebook posts to send out to remind parents to register their kids, especially the ones who were at try-outs. The numbers are down significantly. Trying to give a deadline to help encourage earlier registration before the season starts. Anyone who has come to Try Hockey for free and in IP's will also receive emails. There was talk on if a boost post should be made on Facebook to get the word out there beyond the followers of the Blue's page. It has had success before with getting kids signed up.

- Deb Wilper also sent out emails to the 12U kids, where the biggest lack of registering is.
- Flyers will be going out to schools in September.

5. Board Reports

- Community Events

James Merrick brought up the National Night Out for Livingston County Sheriff's Office on August 4th, 2026. It will be at Bellamy Park in Mt. Morris. He will have a spot available to the Livingston Blues to set up and promote the Organization.

Festival set up- Rob has been using his own equipment to do them. Need to just purchase items for the organization; such as Pop-Up tent, folding tables, banners, table coverings, spinner wheel. Will work on a price list and stay within a budget of \$500.00 and present at the next meeting. Will reach out to businesses and see if they would like to help with donations to support the purchase of the SWAG to give away at the festivals.

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- Treasury Report- for the time between 5-16-26 to 6-11-26;

Beginning Balance is \$68,433.63

Withdrawals: \$49.00(Crossbar for website)

Total Deposits: \$2,864.00

Ending Balance: \$71,268.91

Savings: \$21,040.88

Interest earned: \$2.07

Outstanding Bills: \$680.00 (3 checks for Coach reimbursements)

Lee Sargent was able to get into contact with the Tax Accountant to get the taxes finalized hopefully soon. The estimated cost to pay in is \$1,000.00.

- Empire Rep

Deb Wilper went to the meeting. Empire is looking to transition into a 501c7 which will have new requirements. Want to make the board more stable; instead of a 1yr term, making it a 2yr term. Also talk about changing the bylaws. Mostly about member duties as most of them are redundant.

8U is looking into possibly adding 3 divisions because of an increase in interest for full ice; 1 division full ice all season, 1 division (White and Blue)half ice all season, and 1 division(White) that has ½ ice for the first part of the season and then transitions to full ice the other half of the season. Would be difficult for us to join that type of division because all kids on the team have to be 8 in order to join.

Lee Sargent sat in on a meeting about full ice for 8U through AAU. It's pretty much for Red teams and high White teams. This is not approved by USA Hockey and does not really benefit small organizations.

Scheduling for 10U and up now is all virtual(email or phone). There will be a pre-scheduling meeting for all age groups on Sept 20th 10a-12p at Tim Hortons. All 10U and 12U teams are required to have 1 representative per team at the meeting. 14U and 18U is optional.

- WNY Rep

Rob Daeffler has reached out to several people and has heard nothing back.* Near the end of the meeting Rob did get a text stating the 11U scheduling will be Aug 29 at 6pm.

- Grow the Game

SWAG: A new design has been made. In the past the logo was a circle around the blues note and around the circle was the league's name. The new design incorporates the name in the 3 feathers of the note. It looks clean and visible. Becky will be checking with Janice on the logo to make sure it will be approved.

- Pictures

Hoping to get them done by the end of October this year. Possibly use a different Photographer this year. Rachel will look into the Photographer that does baseball photos for Geneseo school. Hoping to also have photos done when it will not interfere with ice time.

- Calendar Dates

Calendar was approved and added to the website and is under the about section on the website.

- Important Dates:

- Sept 1st- 8U team counts(with prelim White/Blue levels) are due- email to 8U Commissioner Jeanne Epping
- Sept 7th Preliminary Team Counts are due- Email to EAHC Board Distribution
- Sept 20th- In person prescheduling meeting from 10a-12p
- Sept 23-25: 18U scheduling
- Sept 27-29: 14U scheduling
- Oct 1-3: 12U scheduling
- Oct 2-4: 8U Jamboree
- Oct 4th: 8U Blackout Dates Due
- Oct 5-7: 10U scheduling
- Oct 9th: 14U & 18U games may begin
- Oct 9-11: 10U white scheduling
- Oct 16th: 10U & 12U games may begin
- Oct 24th: 8U games may begin
- Feb 14th 2027: EAHC 10U-18U season ends
- Feb 25-28 2027: Play Offs
- Feb 28th 2027: 8U season ends

- Website

Rachel has updated the website with most of the numbers and emails. She is struggling with getting the registration page that she has not been able to edit(Registration for IP and Beginners). Rachel will be reaching out to Crossbar for their help.

6. Next Meeting

July 10th, 2026 at 7pm at Livingston Lanes 4260 Lakeville Rd, Geneseo NY 14454

7. Adjournment

Lee Blum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Adrienne seconded. All in Favor; Motion Carried.