

Geneseo Livingston Blues – Board Meeting Minutes

Date: **Saturday, January 31, 2026** --- month of February meeting

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: Karyn Lipome, Jeanne Barreca, Jessica LaVarnway, Robert Daefler, Melissa Haynes, Amy Reeder, Dan Craun, Jason Molino, Lee Blum, Missy Blum, Brian Hubacher, Deb Wilper, Lee Sargent [13 out of 15]

Board Members Absent: Cassie Cartwright, Rebecca Stryker.

Guests: Mike Haynes, Susan Daeffler, Jesse Coats, Joel Stevens, Rachel Merrick, Lurn Martin, Kristen Hubacher, Victor VanVliet, Adam Pritchard, Anthony Harding.

2) Approval of Prior Minutes

- **January 2026** board minutes were scribed by Karyn in Missy's absence and remain pending. Once finalized, they will be submitted for board approval.

3) Public Comments

Public Comment Period:

- Significant public attendance was noted.
- A letter was shared on behalf of a Blues parent of concerns related to earlier season team placement.
- Multiple parents expressed support for keeping specific players together on a future travel team.
- Several parents expressed concern that players' development may stagnate without access to higher-level competition through a travel team.
- Board clarified that the organization is not opposed to travel programs but emphasized the importance of evaluation structure, sustainability, and organizational alignment.

4) New Business

A. 2026/2027 Travel Team Discussion

Board Discussion:

- The Board acknowledged parent interest in travel opportunities.
- Coach Hubacher stated that he has received interest from other organizations and indicated that some families may consider alternative programs if a travel option is not available for the upcoming season for 11U.
- Discussion focused on long-term development model, roster structure based on birth year, and organizational impact.
- 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.
- The Board expressed its desire to retain players within the Livingston Blues organization whenever possible. At the same time, decisions must reflect what is in the best interest of the organization as a whole. The Board stated it is open to supporting travel teams where sufficient numbers exist.
- The Board reviewed 12U roster considerations, including goaltending depth. Maintaining adequate goalie coverage was identified as a key factor in determining team structure for the upcoming season.

Motion:

A motion was made to authorize the Livingston Blues Hockey Organization to hold travel team tryouts for the 2026–2027 season at the following levels:

- 10U (Birth Year 2016)
- 11U (Birth Year 2015)
- 12U (Birth Year 2014)

Motion made by Dan. Seconded by Melissa.

Board members Brian, Jason, Jessica, and Robert recused themselves from the vote due to a direct player conflict.

Motion passed with 8 votes in favor and 1 opposed.

B. Ice Time Scheduling Updates

Tryouts – With approval to hold 11U travel tryouts, these will be scheduled during the same week as the other tryouts:

- Monday 3/9 @ 6:15pm 11U
- Tuesday 3/10 @ 6:15pm 10U & 12U
- Wednesday 3/11 @ 6:15pm 10U
- Wednesday 3/11 @ 7:15pm 12U

Try Hockey For Free (THFF) – Saturday, March 7th from 12pm – 12:50pm

- Coach Sargent will coordinate
- 14U & 18U players may be available to help

C. NYSAHA Updates

- Commitment fees may not be accepted prior to tryouts; however, a monetary commitment structure is required.
- Registration procedures will be discussed at the next meeting.

D. Treasure's Report

- See Treasurer's Report for full details.
- Outstanding payments include December referee fees, team jerseys and socks, and an invoice to SUNY Geneseo.

E. Budget & Registration

- Development of the 2026–2027 budget and registration costs will be prepared for discussion at the March meeting.
- Karyn will prepare.

5) Additional Items Discussed

- Board minutes should be posted to the organization website. Missy will forward finalized minutes to Jeanne for website posting.
- Board nominations are anticipated for the April meeting.

6) Next Board Meeting

- **Sunday, March 1st at 7pm** in Lakeville

7) Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm (motion by Jason, second by Jessica).