

Volume 21 Number 4 The official newsletter of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club November, 2019

President's Thoughts

By Vicki Silva

It's Autumn and finally hockey season is in full swing. It's wonderful to be watching our guys play again. It's amazing to see how well our player development in the AHL as the guys that have gone up are playing their best game and making us very proud. I know it is always disappointing when we lose our best players to the NHL but technically that is the role we have to make them good enough to play in the NHL and they are doing us proud.

We will be starting our trips and we have some good ones

planned. Hopefully, we can have a great turnout for our trips. It's always fun to go to an away arena with a big crowd and sometimes cheer louder than the home team does. The players do appreciate our support at the away games.

We held our meet the players banquet and all our guys were given welcome bags, blankets, pillows etc. We were also able to get pictures and autographs with all the players without any long lines or waits. We also had a very nice dinner and got to hear from the coaches.

Let's Go Pens!!!

Vicki



Trip Report:

By Stew Thomas

Our first overnight trip is now on sale. We will be traveling to Charlotte NC on Friday, Jan. 24th to see two games against the Charlotte Checkers. We will board the bus at 11:45 PM on Thursday, Jan. 23rd and depart at midnight from the Park & Ride in Pittston. We will stop on the way for breakfast and possibly lunch depending on when our rooms will be ready. We are hoping for an early arrival but there is no guarantee. We will be staying at the

Fairfield Inn & Suites in Charlotte, Uptown. We will board the bus at 6:00 PM and travel to the arena. Game time is 7:00PM. We will depart immediately after the game and return to the hotel. Saturday is a free day in Charlotte. We will board the bus at 5:00 PM and travel to the arena. Game time is 6:00 PM. We will depart immediately after the game and return to the hotel. On Sunday morning we will board the bus at 8:45 AM and leave promptly at 9:00 AM. We will stop for both a lunch and dinner break on the way home. We should arrive home no later than 11:00PM, weather permitting. Cost per person: \$535-

single; \$388- double; \$340-triple; \$315-quad. (\$5 discount if paid for in cash or by check). Price includes bus, bus driver tip, hotel, two full breakfasts and game tickets for both games. **DECEMBER 7th is the last day to sign-up for this trip.** \$50 deposit due at sign-up, balance due by Dec.20th home game.

Our second and final overnight trip to New England will go on sale at the Nov. 11th meeting. We will be traveling on Saturday, Feb. 22nd to Hartford, CT to see a game against the Hartford Wolfpack. On Sunday, Feb, 23rd we will travel to Providence, RI for a game against the Bruins. (Cont to pg. 8)

Next Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled guest:

TBA

Hilton Garden Inn—242 Highland Park Blvd., WB Twp.

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Meeting Minutes:

By Michelle Alters

The WBSBPC General Meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Laurie Nealon at 7:34 pm on Monday, October 14, 2019 at the WB Twp. Fire Co. There were 41 members in attendance including all members of the board except, Vicki Silva and RoseAnn Foy.

There was a motion made by Sharon Sallitt to waive the reading of the Secretary's minutes which was seconded by Audrey Kurz. A copy of the general meeting minutes was available for review on the back table. All members present were in favor and the motion was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Laurie Nealon. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Anne Flasser and seconded by Rose Guasto. A copy of the Treasurer's report was available for review. All members present were in favor and the motion was passed.

VP, RoseAnn Foy was absent from the meeting, but Laurie Nealon reported that we had Nick Hart as our speaker for the evening.

Kathy Thomas, Corresponding Sect., reported that incoming mail was renewals and outgoing mail was a Sympathy Card to Brian Coe on death of his father-in-law.

Dan Mensch, Membership Director, reported that there are 105 Adult Members and 24 Youth members for a total of 129 members.

Ray Yakobitis, Newsletter Dir., reported that the newsletter was mailed out to 54 paid members, emailed to 6 paid members with 10 extra copies for the games and meeting table. One copy was uploaded to our Facebook page and one was uploaded to the Web. Deadline for the November articles is Oct. 20th.

Stew Thomas, Trip Director, reported that as of now there are 12 people signed up for Springfield and 12 for Hershey. The trip to Newark to see the Pittsburgh Penguins play the NJ Devils has 31 people signed up so that trip will definitely be happening. The Charlotte trip is now on sale.

There have been no changes in the bus, hotel or ticket prices from last year. The cost of the trip is : Single: \$535, Double: \$388, Triple: \$340, and Quad: \$315 with a \$5 discount if paid by cash or check. We will leave at midnight, Thursday, January 23, and arrive in Charlotte around 12 noon, Friday, January 24th. An early arrival has been requested at the hotel, but there are no guarantees. There is a \$50 deposit due at sign-up and final payment is due by December 20th. All invoices for future trips have been received from Tiger Tours.

Vicki Silva, President, was absent from the meeting.

Tom Thackara reported that the Audit Committee has concluded their audit, but do not have their final report completed at this time.

Anne Flasser chair of the Christmas Cookies committee stated that there is a sign-up sheet on the back table for anyone who would like to volunteer to bake cookies or donate. We are still waiting on a date from Brian Coe.

Kathy Thomas, Media Relations, has uploaded the October newsletter to Facebook and sent a copy to Paul Truman to get it uploaded to our web page.

Geri Melovitz is still looking for some volunteers to work the doors at all home games.

RoseAnn Foy, Luncheon Chair, was absent and Laurie Nealon reported on her behalf that during a meeting with Brian Coe there will not be any luncheons as the team has a personal chef. We are currently brainstorming for ideas of other activities we can do with the players such as making ornaments for the tree at Grotto's.

Lisa Mensch, Scrapbook Chairman, had a tentative roster and names were drawn from a hat of what members are doing what players books. The list is as follows: (See List of Scrapbooks on pg. 7).

Michelle Alters, Chair of the Welcome Committee stated that the bags and blankets have been ordered and the roster has been sent to the embroiderer. The charging ports, portable chargers, and pillows have been ordered. Unfortunately, Michelle is not around this weekend

to help put the bags together, so Dan Mensch, Ray Yakobitis, Stew Thomas and Kathy Thomas have volunteered to help put them together again this year. Michelle also announced that she will be stepping down as the Welcome Committee Chairperson after doing it for 10 years. She said that with the travel she has been doing with work she doesn't have time anymore. Also, with the team not cooperating until the last minute with a date and roster, it gets more and more of a headache each year. She will help whoever takes it over to get them started and will still help give out the bags at the dinner.

Laurie Nealon reported for Vicki Silva (not present) on the Meet the Players Mixer to be held on Monday, October 21 at Genetti's Best Western from 6pm to ???. Tickets are still on sale and you can get those from Kathy Thomas. Adults are \$35 and Kids are \$20.

Kathy Thomas reported that the Wideman jersey is now on sale. It is a 20th anniversary jersey. Dan Fick is next month's jersey.

The new 2019-2020 Booster Club pins are in and on sale. Cost is \$5.

We still have some chocolate pucks, but will need to order 50 dark chocolate and about 150 milk chocolate pucks for the upcoming season.

Rose Guasto reported that we have changed vendors for this season that has no minimum. There are a bunch of new items to order from and Rose has an order form if anyone is interested.

Kathy Thomas reported that we have 90 lottery tickets to sign out. If anyone is interested, please see Kathy at the table or at a home game.

Lisa Mensch and Karen Holly are doing a great job with the refreshments and we would like to thank them for their hard work. There is a donation jar at the table for anyone who would like to donate since Lisa and Karen are purchasing all the products themselves.

Player of the Month

The presenter for the October Player of the month is **Deb Cooney**.
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Meeting Notes Contd.

Meeting Jersey Raffle:

The winner of the AHL All Star jersey that was chanced off at the meeting was **Doreen Keeler**.



50/50 Raffle: The winner of the 50/50 jackpot of \$51 was **Judy Lucchino**.

Door Prizes:

- Gentzel Bobblehead:** Mike Jennings
LeBlond Bobblehead: Heather Kopko
Monarch Hockey Stick: Hope Ostrander
WBS Penguins Fanny Pack: Dan Mensch
Penguins Door Hanger: Mary Kay Yurkavage
Penguins License Plate Holders : Tom Thackara
and Michelle Alters
Penguins Nutcracker: Laurie Nealon
Coors Cooler Bag: Judy Lucchino
Monarchs Coffee Mug: Nick Bonk

A motion was made by Deb Charnichko and seconded by Mary Kay Yurkavage to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on **Monday, Nov. 11, 2019** at the Wilkes-Barre Twp. Fire Co. All members present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

SPEAKER: Nick Hart



Our speaker for tonight was Nick Hart. Nick stated that we have plenty of reasons to be excited about what is to come this season. This isn't the team we thought we were going to have right now, but there are a few key pieces that are up in Pittsburgh. Nick was asked if there was a rule stating that when there are 3 games in a row that they need to have a day off. Nick clarified and stated that it is not necessarily 3 games in 3 days rule it's more of a PHPA mandate that 1 day in a 7-day week needs to be a day off. This ruling became an issue with Teddy Blueger last season because he kept coming in on days off to work out. They had to explain to him how the team could get in trouble if he doesn't take an actual day off. Nick was asked about goalie statistics regarding Casey DeSmith and Nick responded with it's very hard to go off goaltender percentages this early in the year because of very few starts so far in the season. Nick said that the referees like to hand out the instigator penalties like candy and he isn't sure if it's something new this year and the guys will need to adjust. A member brought up if he thinks that if the coach fines the players for getting the stupid penalties it would encourage them from getting so many penalties. Nick said he isn't sure if that would help by putting a catch all fine across the board because of different situations, but coaches would need to come up with a fine such as, ice time. For example, if a player gets a stupid fine, the coach would need to take ice time away for that player as a punishment. Nick was asked about learning the stats of players for our team and the

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Speaker Cont'd

opposing team and he said he forgot how difficult it was to learn those stats, especially if it's against a team we don't play that often. He said that he can do a Hershey or Lehigh Valley game in his sleep since we play them so much during the season, but some opposing teams can be very hard. Nick also said that getting to know our own players is not so hard because over the summer they have an idea of what our team is going to look like, so he has some time to learn everything, but it's when you have the last-minute surprise player that throws him for a loop. For instance, last year Matt Abt was that surprise player. So he only really needed to learn the stats of one player instead of a bunch of players at one time. This year it was Stefan Noesen who was signed just days before the season started. Nick went through his routine for game day on how he prepares himself for that evenings game. Once he gets the information, he needs from the rink he will spend most of the afternoon memorizing the stats of the players who are playing in that nights game. Nick was asked why sometimes people will turn on the radio to listen to the game and it will end up being the Penn State game. He explained that sometimes when Penn State had the prime spot, their game will be on, but the Pens game will not. What Nick does is while in the arena there is a transmitter that Nick turns on to broadcast the game while inside the arena but once you go outside the arena you will hear the Penn State game. He did say that it will happen several times in the beginning of the season as long as Penn State is doing well. Nick was asked what his thoughts were on the team. He said that we have really good depth in the center and goaltending positions, especially if Dustin Tokarski is the odd man out at least for as long as it takes for Pittsburgh to decide what they are doing with Tristan Jarry and Casey DeSmith. There is a good mix of veteran guys and youthful

exuberance. He feels that the younger guys were sort of thrown into the fire early on. Nick spoke about Stefan Noesen and how he is a great asset to this team even though he did sit a lot in the penalty box at the Hershey game on Sunday. Nosen has decided that this is his team and he will give it 100%. Nick was asked what happened to Steve Olesky and why he was released from his PTO contract. What it came down to is there is a lot of depth on the blue line and with having the veteran restrictions staying with the team would not be the best fit for him at the time. Olesky met with Coach Vellucci and told him it was not a good fit for him at the moment and asked to be released. Nick went on to explain the veteran restrictions explaining that each team is allowed to have 5 and 1/2 veterans, the 1/2 being a veteran that is an exempt-veteran. This is to prevent teams from stacking up with all veteran players with lucrative contracts.

We would like to thank Nick for coming to our meeting tonight and sharing his thoughts on this years team.





Once again the time has come to fill the Christmas Cookie Tins for the team.

We are asking you to bake a minimum of 5 dozen cookies. You may bake more, but no less than 5 dozen. Please do not bake anything that needs refrigeration as there is no place to store them. If you don't bake, but would like to contribute to the tins, you may bring wrapped treats, for example: popcorn balls, cocoa packets, candy canes or wrapped individual candies. You may also give a monetary donation as there are items we need to purchase.

This year we are asking that you do not purchase cookies. If you want to contribute to the cookies, but do not bake, please consider a monetary donation. We will purchase the cookies for you, as this will enable us to buy different kinds of cookies. Last year many of you bought the same cookies and we didn't have a variety, Thank you for your understanding on this.

Please bring your cookies or wrapped treats to the Dec. 9th Meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can drop off your cookies at the Toyota Sportsplex Rink on Dec. 9, 10 or 11. Please DO NOT take them to the Pens Office. When you take them to the rink, tell them they are for the Penguins Christmas Cookie Tins and they will know what to do with them.

Thank you in advance.
Anne Flasser
Christmas Cookie Tin,



Scrapbooks for 2019/20

Player	Member
Coaches	John Cooney
Casey DeSmith	
David Warsofsky	Kathy Thomas
Kevin Czuczman	
Jake Lucchini	Sue Matuella
Oula Palve	Alex Gorgol
Ben Sexton	
Justin Almeida	Ray Yakobitis
Jordy Bellerive	Hope Ostrander
Thomas DiPauli	Nancy Snee
Anthony Angello	Peggy Johnson
Stefan Noesen	Donna Ostrander
Kasper Bjorkqvist	Katie Sorokes
Joseph Cramarossa	Niki Havrilla
Jamie Devane	
Niclas Almari	
Andrew Agozzino	Cathy Sadowski
Chase Berger	Kathy Thomas
Sam Miletic	Dan Mensch
Ryan Haggerty	Sue Matuella
Dustin Tokarski	Mike Jennings
Matt Abt	Kathy Hoffman
Michael Kim	Stew Thomas
Joseph Pierre-Olivier	Carl Young
Emil Larmi	Michelle Alters
Tux	Debbie Cooney



Please Note the new location for the next Booster Club Meeting. Hilton Garden Inn, 242 Highland Park Blvd., WB Twp, PA

Mailbox



INCOMING MAIL INCLUDED:

Newsletters
Renewals
New Memberships
Thank You letter from the Taylor Library.

OUTGOING INCLUDED :

Sympathy Card to Brian Troiano on the loss of death of his mother.

Get Well Cards to RoseAnn Foy and Ann Marie Jurewicz.

As you know, due to the size of the Booster Club, greetings are not sent for members' Birthdays, but are noted in the newsletter each month.

All members are asked to contact me or any member of the board with any special or sad occasions within our membership, such as:

- * Weddings
- * Births
- * Illness or injury

Death of a member or their immediate family member (mother, father, grandparent, son, daughter, spouse or siblings, etc.). I can be reached by phone at 570-406-3509 or at Email:

penguinsfan219@yahoo.com

Corresponding Secretary,
Kathy Thomas

Trip Report cont.

The bus will depart from the Park & Ride on RT 315 in Pittston. We will board the bus at 10:45 AM and depart by 11:00AM. This should get us in to Hartford, CT by 2:30 PM. We will check into the Hartford Hilton Hotel in downtown Hartford. This will give us plenty of time to check in to our rooms, get dinner, and get to the game. Game time is 7:05 PM. On Sunday morning we will board the bus at 10:15 AM and depart by 10:30 AM for Providence, RI. We should arrive in Providence approximately 12 noon. This will provide plenty of time to get a meal before the 3:05 PM game. We will depart for home immediately following the game. We should be back in Pittston around 10:30 PM weather permitting.

Also on sale is our trip to Newark, NJ to see the Pittsburgh Penguins take on the NJ Devils. We will board the bus at 1:15 PM and depart by 1:30 PM from the Park and Ride on Route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive in Newark around 3:45 PM. This will provide plenty of time to get dinner before the game. (Food in the arena is very expensive). We are currently looking for a restaurant that will accommodate all our travelers. Game time is 7:00 PM. Immediately following the game we will be taken down on the ice for a group picture. The picture will be taken by a professional photographer and will be e-mailed to me. I can make it available to all our travelers who would like a copy FREE OF CHARGE. Following the photo we will depart for home. We should arrive in Pittston no later than 12:30 AM. Cost of the trip: \$113 credit, \$108 if paid by cash or check. A \$75 non-refundable deposit is due at sign up (no later than Jan. 8, 2020). Final balance is due by Feb. 7. **SEATS ARE GOING FAST!! DON'T DELAY IN SIGNING UP!!!**

LET'S GO PENS
Stew



November Birthdays

- 01 Karlie Boyle
- 02 Keira Mazonis, Ron Foy III,
Heather Johnson
- 03 Nicholas Carrera, Fred
Kurz
- 07 Patti Sinex
- 13 Brenda Gist
- 16 Deb Cooney
- 20 Keilly Johnson
- 21 Sally Gorgas
- 22 Jania Neyhard
- 23 Carl Young
- 24 Bea Lutz
- 27 Sheri Trutt
- 28 Lou Ann Alters, Donna
Sullivan



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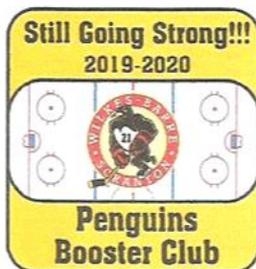
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1. Name: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yy): _____

2. Name: _____ Birthday (mm/dd/yy): _____

Please mail completed application and make checks payable to WBSBPC.
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Next Meeting*****

**Hilton Garden Inn
242 Highland Park Blvd.
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Monday

November 11, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled Guest (s):

TBA

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Dates of interest:

- Dec 8, 2019** --- Hershey, PA
- Jan. 24-26, 2020** --- Charlotte, NC
- Feb. 22-23, 2020** --- Weekend in New England
- March 10, 2020** --- Newark, NJ (Pitt. Pens vs NJ Devils)
- March 14, 2020** --- Hershey, PA (kids trip)
- April 4, 2020** --- Hartford, CT

