

Volume 21 Number 8 The official newsletter of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club March, 2020

## President's Thoughts

By Vicki Silva

It is hard to believe that the season is more than halfway over. I know that all of the hype is about the playoff push. I also know that we are not there right now, but we still have a good chance. I think Coach Vellucci is doing an amazing job, considering we have mostly a rookie team.

The trade deadline (Feb. 24th at 3PM) has passed and we say goodbye to some players and welcome to others. Now, if we trade for a player, he cannot play in the offseason unless he is a roster replacement for an injured

player.

We do have our annual banquet to look forward to on March 30th, 2020, it is always a fun time. We have the players sit among the members at our table. Most of the time we have two players at each table. The players are drawn at random, and we have heard some amazing stories. The guys are really good about this and have always been really good about being with us.

We still have a few bus trips left which are always enjoyable. We have a good time with all of our hockey friends, while cheering on the boys. They very much hear us at the away arena, which is very supportive for them. We also get to visit a lot of different cities and eat at

different restaurants and enjoy great food. Please consider joining us.

### Let's Go Pens!!!

Vicki



## Trip Report:

By Stew Thomas

Our annual kids trip is now on sale. On Saturday, March 14th we will be traveling to Hershey PA to see our Penguins play against the Hershey Bears. Our youth members travel for the cost of the game ticket only. We will board the bus at 3:45 PM and depart by 4:00 PM from the Park and Ride on Route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive at the Giant Center approximately 6:00PM. Game time is 7:00 PM. We will depart for home immediately

following the game and should arrive back at the Park & Ride no later than midnight. Cost per adult is \$73. (\$3 discount if paid in cash or by check). Cost per youth member is \$26 (cost of game ticket). **Many of our youth members look forward to our youth trip. It would be very disappointing if we didn't get enough travelers to make this trip happen! PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TRIP TO HERSHEY!! LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR HERSHEY IS THE HOME GAME ON MARCH 8TH.**

Our final regular season trip will be held on Saturday, April 4th. We will be traveling to Hartford CT to

see our Penguins play the Hartford Wolfpack. We will board the bus at 12:15 PM and depart by 12:30 PM from the Park and Ride on Route 315 in Pittston. We should arrive in Hartford approximately by 4:00 PM providing plenty of time for a meal before the game. Cost for the game is \$80 credit and \$77 if paid by cash or check. We will make reservations at the City Steam Brewery. This is one of the booster club favorite restaurants. Cost of the meal is not included in the price. Game time is 7:00 PM. We will depart for home following the game. We should arrive back at the Park

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## Next Meeting

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

7:30 p.m.

Scheduled guest:

**TBA**

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

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# Meeting Minutes:

By Kathy Thomas

The WBSBPC General Meeting was called to order by Vice President, RoseAnn Foy at 7:30 pm on Monday, February 10th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wilkes-Barre. There were 29 members in attendance including all members of the board except Vicki Silva and Michelle Alters.

There was a motion made by Rose Guasto 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. 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 Tom Thackara and was seconded by Stephanie Frey. 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 reported that Dave Bienias, head statistician, was our speaker for tonight.

Kathy Thomas, Corresponding Sect., reported that there was not any incoming mail and outgoing mail was a Birthday Card to Andrew Agozzino and a Sympathy Card to Judy Lucchino on the death of her mom.

Dan Mensch, Membership Director, reported that there are 171 Adult Members and 29 Youth members for a total of 200 members.

Ray Yakobitis, Newsletter Dir., reported that the newsletter was mailed out to 70 paid members, emailed to 11 paid members with 10 extra copies for the meeting table and games. One copy was uploaded to Facebook. Deadline for the March articles is February 20th.

Stew Thomas, Trip Director, reported that we currently have 2 trips running now. We have our annual kids trip to Hershey this year on Saturday, March 14th. Our youth members go for the price of the game ticket only. We will load the bus at 3:45 pm and depart at 4 pm.

We should arrive a Giant Center by 6 pm with game time at 7pm. We will depart immediately after the game and arrive back home no later than midnight. Cost is adult \$73 (\$3 discount if paid by cash or check), cost of youth member is \$26. Last day to sign up is the home game on March 8th. Our final trip is a day trip to Hartford, CT on Saturday, April 4th. We will board the at 12:15 pm and depart by 12:30 pm. We should arrive in Hartford around 4 pm leaving plenty of time for dinner before the game. We will make reservations at City Steam Brewery for those who would like to eat there. Game time is 7 pm and we will depart for home immediately after the game, getting back to Pittston no later than 1:30 am. Cost per person is \$80 (\$3 discount if paid by check or cash), includes bus, drivers tip and game ticket. Last day to sign up is no later than March 21st with a \$40 deposit due at the time. The 56th AAHLBC convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Liverpool/Syracuse Hotel in Liverpool, NY on Sept. 11-13, 2020. The prices for convention are QUAD—\$200 per person, TRIPLE—\$220; DOUBLE—\$255; and SINGLE—\$385. Registration forms are available at the BC table. Forms & non-refundable \$50 deposit due by Saturday, March 21st.

Geri Melovitz, Chair of the Volunteer Committee is still looking for volunteers at the doors at all home games.

Kathy Thomas, Media Relations reported that the February newsletter was uploaded to Facebook. The Make-A-Wish presentation will be next to go into the paper.

Lisa Mensch, Scrapbook Committee, stated that all players are accounted for except Jan Drozg and Myles Powell and that if anyone needs articles or binders to let her know.

Vicki Silva was absent but Kathy Thomas stated that for the Parade of Trees at Grotto Pizza it is believed the we took in over \$1,500 and still waiting for a date to present the check to Make-A-Wish on ice.

Kathy Thomas reported that the Johnny Austin 20th Anniversary

Jersey is currently on sale. It is a St. Patrick's Day jersey. The Dane Birks jersey brought in \$95 which brings our running total to \$604.00.

There are still a few 2019-20 booster club pins few left for sale.

We still have some chocolate pucks for sale. We will be ordering more milk and dark chocolate pucks.

Rose Guasto, reported that if anyone is interested in ordering any merchandise to please let her know. We have a variety of different items this year to choose from.

Kathy Thomas reported that the April Daily Lottery tickets are now on sale. If anyone is interested in selling some, please see Kathy at the BC table or at the meeting.

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

AAHLBC convention this year will be held in Syracuse, NY the weekend after Labor Day. Registration forms are at the BC table interested in going please make sure to get a form.

Art n Vino will be done sometime in the Spring as soon as a picture can be found.

## Door Prizes:

**Pens License Plate Holder:** Ann Marie Jurewicz

**Pens License Plate Holer :** Audrey Kurz

**Penguins Duffle Bag:** Nick Bonk

**Steve Olesky Bobblehead:** Peggy Johnson

**Penguins Bank:** Marie Williamson

**Penguins Car Flag:** Laurie Nealon

**Winter Classic Cushion:** Lisa Mensch

**Pens Deck of Cards:** Tom Thackara

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## Meeting Notes Contd.

### Door Prizes:

**Travel Mugs:** Melissa Hossage

**St. Patrick's Day Puck:** Kathy Thomas

**New Years Eve Puck:** Karen Burke

**Thanksgiving Puck:** Dan Mensch

**Autographed Puck:** Karen Harrison

**50/50 Raffle:** The winner of the 50/50 jackpot of \$44 was **Stew Thomas**.

### PLAYER OF THE MONTH:

The presenter for the February player of the month will be **Stephanie Frey**.

A motion was made by Stephanie Frey and seconded by Doreen Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wilkes-Barre. All members present were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

### Speaker: **Dave Bienias**



Our speaker for tonight was Dave Bienias. He is in charge of all off ice officials. He has been around hockey quite a few years since the 60's. Most of the guys started in hockey years before the Penguins arrived at the Ice-a-rama. He played for the local teams. He blew out his right knee and couldn't play anymore so when the Penguins arrived he became an off ice official. There are 22 off ice officials and 13 work during a night. Time keeper, penalty time keeper, penalty box attendants and goal judges. Upstairs at the table they are responsible for plus/minus ratings and shots on goal. They need to record shots, time of shots, location of shot and player number all while watching the games. They are responsible to record the players on the ice when a goal is scored. They do not work

for the Penguins, they work for the AHL so they really don't interact with the players. Dave's first 3 years was a penalty time keeper. The on ice officials are very young guys as the veterans are now retiring. Also it is more beneficial for them to officiate at the college level. If a ref is wearing #36-49 on his shirt, he has a contract with the AHL. Otherwise, they work pre diem for the AHL, ECHL and college level hoping to get an AHL contract. Official scorer is responsible for tacking on assists and all the stats you see on your phone or computer. They literally record every player that touches the puck during the game. Dave calls the shots on goal. Goal judges let you know when a goal is scored but really most decisions are made by replay. Penalty box attendants sit with the players serving the penalties. Penalty time keeper records all penalties. Dave had plenty of entertaining stories to tell us.

## **WBS Penguins Booster Club**

### **Awards Banquet**

Monday March 30, 2020

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (?) Genetti's Best Western

CASH BAR

\$35.00 PER PERSON

(must be 16 yrs. Old)

Buffet Style ( bread & butter, salad, 3 meats, potato, pasta, vegetable, dessert)

Deadline for cash & credit cards:

**MARCH 27, 2020**

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE DUE TO TIME RESTRAINTS CHECKS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SATURDAY 3/21/19. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.\*\*\*



## TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020 SEASON

**March 10, 2020**

Day trip to Newark, NJ to see  
Pittsburgh Penguins vs. NJ Devils



**March 14, 2020**

Day trip to Hershey (Annual kid's trip)



**April 4, 2020**

Day trip to Hartford, CT



### WBS PENGUINS BOOSTER CLUB JERSEY RAFFLE For March , 2020 Linus Olund 20th Anniversary Jersey

**1 for \$1.00**

**3 for \$2.00**

**9 for \$5.00**

**Do Not Have to be Present to Win**

**Winner will be drawn at the game  
on March 28, 2020**





## 2019-2020 Player Awards Ballot

Each Booster Club Member is allowed to cast one ballot. Youth members can vote too!! Place the word **YOUTH** in the member number portion of the ballot. Deadline for voting is (March 18, 2020) game Ballots can be mailed to the club address or dropped off in the Ballot Box at the Booster Club table in the arena or at the general meetings. Please pick a name for each category enter them in the boxes in the form. Pick a name for Player of the Year and enter that. Awards are presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

**WINGER:** Adam Johnson, Anthony Angello, Sam Miletic, Jake Lucchini, Jan Drozg, Kasper Bjorkqvist, Jamie Devane, Andreas Martinsen, Kevin Roy, Andrew Agozzini

**Center:** Thomas DiPauli, Joseph Blandisi, Ben Sexton, Jordy Bellerive, Cole Cassels, Christopher Brown, Chase Berger

**Defense:** Zach Trotman, Kevin Czuczman, Macoy Erkamps, Matt Abt, John Nyberg, David Warsofsky, Niclas Almari, Michael Kim, John Lizotte, Pierre-Olivier Joseph

**Goalie:** Casey DeSmith, Dustin Tokarski, Emil Larmi

**The Darcy Robinson Memorial Award** is for the player who helped the team no matter how little he played.

**Player of the Year:** (write in your choice)

<u>Award</u>	<u>Player</u>
<b>WINGER</b>	
<b>CENTER</b>	
<b>DEFENSE</b>	
<b>GOALIE</b>	
<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</b>	
<b>ROBINSON AWARD</b>	

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

**Member #** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK BOX** to replace my previous ballot with this one

# Mailbox



## INCOMING MAIL INCLUDED:

Newsletters  
Renewals  
New Memberships

## OUTGOING INCLUDED :

Birthday Cards to Jamie DeVane and McCoy Erkamps .

Get Wells Cards to Diane Alters, Jeff Fritzen and Rita Mizenko.

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](mailto:penguinsfan219@yahoo.com)**

Corresponding Secretary,  
Kathy Thomas

## Trip Report cont

& ride no later than 1:30 AM.

The 56th Annual Association of American Hockey League Booster Club Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Liverpool/Syracuse Hotel in Liverpool, NY on September 11th – 13th, 2020 hosted by the Syracuse Crunch Booster Club. The prices for this convention are: QUAD.... \$200 per person; TRIPLE... \$220 per person; DOUBLE ....\$255 per person; SINGLE ... \$385 per person.

Prices are per person for the complete weekend including the evening meals on Friday and Saturday and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The hotel has a large ground lot for parking. Parking is free. Registration forms are available at the booster club table. Registration forms along with a non-refundable \$50 deposit per person are due **NO LATER THAN OUR HOME GAME ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST .**

## Let's Go Pens!!!! Stew



## March Birthdays

04 Michael Lally  
05 Gabriel Thomas  
06 Debbie Cholko  
10 Gale Flaherty  
11 June Housenick  
14 Joan Keller  
16 Melissa Sciortino  
19 PJ Charnick  
20 Louisa Sinex  
21 Joyce Larson, Mary Ann Wassel  
22 Kathy Carrera  
23 Brenda Weller  
27 Pat Evans  
30 Heather Kopko  
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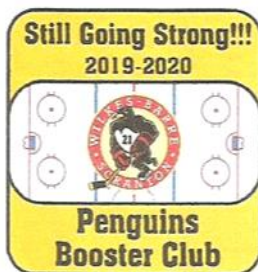
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**Membership Fee: \$15 per adult member**

**Youth Membership free with parent/guardian adult membership**

**( ) New ( ) Renewal**

**Adult Membership: Please Print**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your newsletter? (circle one): E-mail, Facebook, or Mail

Are you a Season Ticket Holder? (circle one): Y N

Would you like to become a Booster Club volunteer? (circle one): Y N

2. (if second adult resides at same address, print SAME on line)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_ Home or Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your newsletter? (circle one): E-Mail, Facebook or Mail

Are you a Season Ticket Holder? (circle one): Y N

Would you like to become a Booster Club volunteer? (circle one): Y N

**Youth Membership (family members under 18 years old):** if more than 2 use the back page

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**  
**March 9, 2020**

**7:30 p.m.**

Scheduled Guest (s):

**TBA**

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**Dates of interest:**

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- March 14, 2020** --- Hershey, PA (kids trip)
- April 4, 2020** --- Hartford, CT

