

Casco Bay Hockey Association Monthly Meeting
August 6, 2018
Directors' Updates and Meeting Minutes

President

- New England Development tryouts/camps adding 12 and 13 year olds, tryouts January 6, 2019 in Auburn - do not schedule games for CB U12 and U14 travel teams that day
- Ask Jeff Thompson /MEAHA check on New England Development deadline.
- Squirt T2 and Bantam T3 Regionals will be held in Maine
- Website access for MEAHA doesn't carry over year to year. Rachel needs the TA names to grant access

House Director - Peewee and Bantam Divisions

- Online Division Summaries have been updated and submitted to Rachel for posting
- Team names have been assigned and jerseys ordered.
- Will begin making the schedule matrix in the coming weeks
 - Need MEAHA Tournament Dates to work backward from

Question: how are we going to let membership know our numbers are capped

Travel Director

Girls Director

- U14, u16 A&B, U 19 will be starting first week of September.
- U12 and U10 will be starting mid-october. U12 and U14 tier 4 will be starting closer to November.
- I still owe Rachael a write-up for the u12 and U14 tier 4 teams to Post online those will be coming shortly.
- Encouraging coaches to get registered as soon as possible.

Webmaster/Scheduling

Scheduler's report:

- Midget travel schedule for home games is complete and will be uploaded today or tomorrow. I was waiting on confirmation on a single game from Alex K. at NYA and he just got back to me.
- Evaluation ice has been scheduled with Scott R. for Tier IV.
- Still waiting on NEGHL schedule to be published for U14 and U16 girls. U19 just came out but I believe it is still a draft. Waiting on final schedules to possibly give back some September ice.
- Waiting on FIC to decide whether to close week of Labor Day for ice repair
- Draft schedules will go out to NYA and TIA early this week for September. I emailed FIC's last week.
- EJEPHL game schedule is done and has been communicated to the EJ scheduler for them to post on their website. Still waiting on possible ice rental 11/18 at Cross Arena for an EJ game currently scheduled at CBA.
- Bruins Academy program is already full for October, with a wait list. Equipment fittings are 8/17 at Hadlock Field during their annual Fun Fest tour stop.
- Rachel will email the evaluation ice dates/times to the coaching directors
- No word from Alex from NYA on the contract. Eric and Rachel proposed some changes.

Webmaster report:

- Fall registration has been up and running since early July. All U16A girls registered before Beantown Tournament last month. Most travel midgets are registered, but a few still need to register. Eric has emailed them that they won't be able to skate until they register.
- Travel midget rosters are uploaded. Work ongoing to get the rest of the teams uploaded. Waiting for admin access for some of the teams from Jeff Thompson.
- Email blasts have been going out regularly with registration reminders. An email blast about the Bruins Fan Fest at Hadlock Field on 8/17 will be going out today or tomorrow.
- Schedules are being uploaded to the MeAHA website and mirrored to the Casco Bay one as they are ready to be published.
- Still waiting on website updates from Travel Boys and Girls. Scott R. has emailed me drafts of the Tier IV pages, which will be updated as soon as they are finalized.
- Issues about late payment going on at the wrong time based. Rachel's worried about the transaction fees. She has processed the refunds for the few families.
- Tom offered to start/continue running the Midgets House program.
- Little Bruins had access from 2-3pm for the Bruins Fan Fest on 8/17. Communications for this run through the Little Bruins. Rachel will send a reminder out to those registered.
- Nicole would like to get the 5K registration setup soon

Coaching Director

Midget coaches (U18, U16 Tier 2 & U16 Tier 3) are in place. Shaun Stairs returns to coach the U18 team, while we have two new coaches for U16 Tier 2 (Mike Warde, head coach at NYA) and U16 Tier 3 (Chris Roop, assistant coach at Gorham HS). Shaun has been a great asset to our organization and Mike & Chris are all-in on their commitment to the development of our U16's.

- MEAHA hasn't opened the background check portal as of yet
- Coaches must wear helmets during practices. New rule went out that any coach on the ice without helmet will get a 30 day suspension.
- Reminder that SafeSport is a 2-year cert. MEAHA is paying for it.
- CEP level IV would get reimbursed by Casco Bay then MEAHA for cost of the class. Confirmation needs to be submitted by end of September
- USA Hockey Goalie Coaching Seminar - If you are level I and take the seminar it will bump you to the next level after completion of the seminar

Treasurer

- June is slow, July started to pickup
- Registrations are coming in fast
- Wanted to reach out to the Mariners for fundraising efforts. Scott R. suggested a skate on the ice and then the kids could work the 50/50 at the game
- Mariners offering to sell the ice hour before a Mariners game to schedule an actual game for Mites/Squirts, then kids/families attend the Mariners game. Eric/Nikki working with Mariners.
- Key Bank asked about our transaction fees for registrations.

Scheduling Assistant/SafeSport Director

- Working on an official CBHA locker room policy consistent with USA Hockey recommendations.
- Also possible update to code of conduct to include vape/juuling.

Registrar

The USA hockey portal is open for the 2018-2019 season. The state registrar's meeting is on August 14th in Augusta. I will communicate any important policy changes to the board (if any).

All travel coaches PLEASE send me your rosters asap so I can get the teams submitted to the state registrar for approval. Rosters should be:

- In alphabetical order (this saves me tons of time)
- Include jersey numbers
- Identify goalies

I have the roster for the U16 girls Tier II team. The U16 girls played in one tournament before the portal was open for the upcoming season. The state registrar created a temporary roster using last season's portal to allow the team to compete.

When available, all roster links and game sheet labels will be stored on the following google drive for the season. Meg will share this with all TAs.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1QLx4A3bvSWQv89lnaGJVEzZHA8K5z6>

ACE

We quietly opened the coaches registration portal in July, and it remains open. We have not sent out an email blast to coaches notifying them to register because MeAHA has not yet opened the screening portal on their website. I do not want Melissa and I to have to chase coaches around at the beginning of the season for background checks if I can avoid it. Some coaches have already registered, but not many. I am keeping tabs on those who have registered so I can notify them when the portal is open.

A new regulation was approved this year at the USAH annual meeting. All USAH registered coaches must wear helmets during practices. Coaches found to not be wearing helmets may face an automatic 30 day suspension. Division Directors, please be sure to pass this on to your coaches at the beginning of the season. No other changes were made to the coaches training requirements or due dates.

Tournament Director

- Mites (internal) tournament will be determined after state tournaments are determined.
Shooting for the 2nd weekend in March
- Rachel asked about the MEAHA hosted state tournaments for Spring 2019
Eric will find out at next week's MEAHA meeting

Marketing/Social Media Director

- 5K - Nikki has a dunk tank
- September 29th, Saturday for the 5K

- Volunteers needed for the 5k, Mike, Heather and Ronnie offered to help.
- Blast email to last year's TA for assistance
- Mariners will be there. Could be named "Mini-Mariners" . Suggested to bring player cards for signing session.
- Ronnie texted the DJ Corey Smith to see if he was in
- USM team will be sending their entire team to run
- Reach out to the Falmouth Police to come back with the Radar gun
- Rachel sent Nikki the contact information USM Ice Arena contacts to get assistance with the 5K
- Spectrum and Morning Star (Bob Farro) are 2 big sponsors so far
- Rivalries will now be a sponsor
- Hockey themed Plinko - Eric will ask a friend
- Eric will ask UMO for hockey tickets to raffle
- No Clynk for the 5K this time around

Squirt House Division Manager

TA Director/Secretary

Starting to think about pictures for this season. I have inquiries out to 3 new vendors, all of whom have either been in touch with us in the past or are a direct connection from a Board Member. The organizations are: New England Sports Photo, Inc.; Sarah Landry Photography; Rhonda Farnham (has done Portland Little League and all PHS and DHS teams). Roy Crowley has also been in touch with me but I think there were some Board concerns about his work after last season. Questions that I'd love Board guidance from are:

- When will we have House jerseys - what is the earliest date we can do pictures? In the past we've done last weekend in Oct (BTI and LTP) and first weekend in Nov (all other teams) to have these in time for holiday gifts, but my sense from initial contact with each is they can do later and still be ready for the holidays.
- What is the best venue for pictures? BTI and LTP has been done at FIC with other teams using the Rowe Elementary School gym in Yarmouth (but they charge and price has gone up - has been split with Roy last few years, I believe \$800 total last year). Could we use CBA? If so, I assume must happen before ice available. Does anyone have connections at other places to reduce cost?

Casco Bay Academy Director

- Find someone to contract
- Reach out to Eric Wirsing and Jason Tremblay about running Break the Ice
- Scott R needs to know what LTP needs for jerseys
- Rachel suggested recruiting a Team Admin to inventory what they have for jerseys

Mite Division Manager

- We have ordered jerseys and socks for all 12 teams.
- I have confirmed with 11 coaches for next season, all of which were head or assistant coaches last year in mites. I am still hunting for the 12th coach.
- We have submitted a grant request for small nets, boards, and goalie gear to MEAHA but have not heard back yet.
- All 8 goalie gear bags are good to keep in use for this season. We still need to coordinate to order four more sets of goalie gear and four puck bags.
- I need to start to think about tournaments for February. Previous seasons we sent 4 teams to Rockland and 4 teams to Bangor (all on team's expense). Four additional teams might have us looking for another tournament for that same weekend.
- Need Evaluation dates from Rachel
- Eric asked how are numbers were
- MEAHA told Eric they were trying to go directly through the vendor Becker to get the cross-ice boards

Casco Bay Arena

- First ice times will start on November 2nd. 2-3 games will be scheduled
- Lacrosse tournaments, camps, street hockey. Floor is in, they were a bit behind schedule
- In the midst of a refinance application with Key to refinance and consolidate our original loans with Bangor Savings, GPCOP, and CEI with a 10 year term and a 20 year amortization. This will greatly reduce yearly debt service obligations and assist with cash flow. Awaiting appraisal and FAME review.