

NCYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 2/3/14

Meeting held at Scot West's office (Ronstan) in Portsmouth



Attendees:

Board Members: Kevin Sullivan, John Stahl, Marilyn Stookey, Dan O'Connor, Frank Toner, Jim Maguire, Jen Lopes, Paul Grimes

Advisory Group Members: Colin Jackson, Scot West, Kristin Browne, Andy Bellagamba

Old Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1/6/14 – Kevin

- **Approved.**

LTS Update? – Dan

- 114 kids in first half, 111 in second half.
- Coaching has been great.
- A Christmas break would be good – tough to get coaches during that time.
- Encouraging those parents and kids who ask to try MDP next year.
- Some older kids in the group are asking about house league or travel.

MDP Update? – Scot

- 2 things – 2/16 – PBruins jamboree – 45 mites are going to play. 10 mites are planning to come to a regular practice. Maybe some LTS kids can be invited. All kids on the ice have to be registered and have full equipment.
- Mite night at the Salve game.

House League Update? - Randy

- Randy couldn't make it.
- Coaches looking sharp in matching gear.

Board of Directors Elections – Kevin, John

- Motion to appoint Frank Toner to serve the remainder of Kevin's term as President starting at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in May. Seconded, **Approved.**
- John to run for VP
- Jen to serve remainder of Frank's position as treasurer. (Not voted on, need to vote at next meeting.)
- Scheduler – Andy will run.
- Travel Registrar – Marilyn will run.
- Travel Program Director – Kevin Sullivan may run, would like the position to get more involved with evaluating how coaches are running practices, etc.
- Member at Large – Todd Clark hopefully will run again. More volunteers available. It's key to build a committee. Frank to speak with Todd.
- House League Registrar – needed to fill remainder of Jen's term. (Do we need a house league registrar? Should MDP director be a board position instead?) Chris Chagnon, Sean Nightengale? Paul to talk to Randy.
- Secretary – John will ask MJ Bregenhoj to run.
- When having elections? Need a notice on the website. Paul to post a notice.

Advisory Board Positions – Kevin, John, Frank

- MDP Director – Scot
- Squirt Level Director – John
- Peewee Level Director – Colin
- Bantam Level Director – Brad
- Midget Level Director – Marilyn to speak with Patrick Cavanaugh
- Equipment Manager – Scot to speak with Mike Brennan. The job may get much easier with kids owning their own jerseys.
- Xmas Tournament Assistant Coordinator– Barbara (handled volunteers, baskets)
- (Xmas Tournament Committee - Frank, Greg O'Shea?, Mike Brennan?)
- Webmaster – Kristin (also Apparel Rep. at this point)
- Sponsorship director – Andy Leys – Frank to talk to Andy. Ask Hal Newman as well?
- Special Events – (Equipment Sale, Travel Tournament, Annual Meeting/Party) – John to speak with Angelo Grilli, Scot to speak with Gina Disantis, Kevin to speak with Keith Marshall.
- (Girls' Program Director – see below.)

Girls' Program Update – Brad, Paul

- Beth Jackson suggests starting small with Mites/Squirts, 10 sheets of ice, and tournament play.
- 1. Kevin points out that a ton of time has gone into girl's hockey at the state level. Brad has said that there is nothing happening at the state level – no teams to play.
- 2. Kevin's personal feeling that we should not be treating girls any differently than boys, and the best thing for girls is to play against boys. Why create a culture that makes girls feel like they have to play with girls? They develop better skills the longer they play with boys.
- Beth has modified her original idea from having a team with games scheduled, to a group that practices together and could field a team for tournaments.
- There could be conflicts between tournaments and travel team games for some girls.
- Let's invite Beth to the March meeting to pitch her idea. Paul to contact Beth.

Coaching Evaluations – Kevin, Brad

- Kevin talking to Brad about this.
- Colin - Coaches tend to create their own numbering systems when rating players. We need to encourage them to use the standard scale on the form.

Jerseys for Next Season, NCYHA Apparel, - Jen, Kevin

- Jen expects to assign jersey numbers for next year rather than having kids choose. There could be some overlaps in numbers if kids play up a division.
- Kristin talked to John Crowley about apparel – he seems overloaded.
- The Brennan's have a local shop. Team One is here.
- We're committed for this year. His system is not easy.
- What if we assigned an advisory group person to work on this?
- Kristin has met with him, will be our representative for now.
- Kevin to call Tim McHugh, Kristin will follow up to see if things can get straightened out.

Spring Tryout Update? – Jim, Andy

- Dates have changed slightly.
- Brad will be Bantam Level Director if we can move Bantam tryouts a bit.
- Mite A's - 5 current Mite A's will be eligible, a couple might move to Squirts.
- Good to do tryouts in the spring to gauge interest. Mite A will have an hour on Sat. 4/5.
- There was a full recruiting effort last year – need to get the word out for this year.
- (- Need to gear the registration page to allow kids to choose higher levels if playing up.)

New Business

RI Hockey Update, State Meetings - Kevin

- Sport Ngin put a proposal together to convert the whole state league. There are some advantages, and a subsidy.
- A few teams from the Cape League have asked to join our league – Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket. B-C level teams. They are willing to play on our side of the sound.
- Travel playoff formats this year – 1 and done at higher seed's home ice. Then a championship venue for the finals.
- Hitmen owner, who also runs and operates the West Warwick rink, came to RI meeting and wants to be part of RI hockey – as new member association in that area. There were questions about his intentions: Any affiliation with the Hitmen? – no. The next day he sent out an email saying he was accepted in RI hockey for his teams to play in the state league. Ugliness followed.
- Mite A - "official exception request" submitted to USA Hockey from the New England District requesting a format similar to this past year – half ice until Jan 1st, then full ice, with the exception of one full ice tournament that can be played as early as Dec. 25th.
- In northern RI – someone trying to start yet another select team drawing from kids in that area. (If everyone is a select team, is anyone a select team?)

St. George's Rink Next Year - Kevin

- Fewer outside events at SG.
- Mostly SG and NCYHA at SG.

Travel Team Injury Survey – Paul, Kevin

- Paul to put it together. Marilyn to send it out.

Procedure/event schedule – Kevin, John

- Develop a schedule of things that need to happen every year at certain times.
- Kevin to start it. Frank to build on it.

Logo Manual – Kevin

- Kevin to create the logo manual.

Parking Issues at SG

- Extra parking is at the pool – can't park on the lawn.
- League wide email to go out – Marilyn on it.

Trophy Case – Kristin

- Kristin talked to George Staples. There is a possibility of making one case and sharing it between SG and NCYHA.

Tryouts, Tryout fees – John

- On agenda for March meeting. Very important.

Next Board Meeting Date/Time/Place – Paul

- Monday, March 2nd?