

# NCYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 1/6/14

6:30 at Scot West's office (Ronstan) in Portsmouth



## Attendees:

**Board Members:** Kevin Sullivan, Jim Maguire, Brad Read, Dan O'Connor, Todd Clark, Paul Grimes, Marilyn Stookey

**Advisory Group Members:** Andy Leys, Scot West, Barbara Klassner, Kristin Browne

## Old Business

### Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/2/13 – Kevin

- Approved

### Christmas Tournament Wrap-Up – Todd, Barbara, Frank

- Tournament went well. All teams have paid. Games competitive – not many blowouts.
- Squirt C – Providence A2 team entered in the C division. Did not play in the finals. Other teams in that division were fully in support of that decision.
- Bantam A Finals – Lawrence and Avon parents out of control. Todd called the police – situation calmed down.
- Mites – pretty intense – Six teams on ice at once was too much – do 4 teams next year. Parents and coaches pretty intense. Needed a tie breaker. Refs needed a briefing before the games. Most teams were level – the hockey was great.
- Barbara's online sign-up sheet worked well for rink/desk volunteers.
- Brad Read's Bantam B team is going to Hyannis – they were not in the Christmas tournament.
- For next year:
  - Make sure all teams know that the pucks belong to the rink and are non marking.
  - Can we have shorter breaks between games at SG?
  - (- Any advantage to starting the tournament with some games on the 26<sup>th</sup>?)
  - (- Is it necessary to take keys at the desk for locker rooms?)
  - Should we consider the hotel deal? Are we leaving some money on the table? Todd did get \$5 per night from the hotels. The Viking, Marriot, Whaler hotels all had kids.
  - Scorers/Timers – it worked well to use students – a bit tougher with sign-up. Using the online sign-up genius next year would help. Scorers/Timers should fill out something saying what games they worked – for payment or volunteer hours.

### MDP Update? – Scot

- Have integrated the learn-to-skate kids.
- A recent USA hockey email had a link to our website.
- 84 kids enrolled – going well.

### House League Update? - Randy

- Randy sent an update – things going well, needs goalies in Bantam/Midget

### Scheduler Position for Next Year – Kevin

- Good response to Kevin's email
- Andy Bellagamba – will run for scheduler, could not be here tonight.
- Jim and Andy getting together to do a week of scheduling.
- State league rep next year needs to communicate with Andy and keep him updated.

**President & Other Board Positions Changing Next Year – Kevin**

- Kevin feels that Frank would be a good candidate to take over as President. Kevin has spoken to Frank about it.
  - We would also need to nominate a treasurer in that case.
  - The board will vote on appointing Frank next meeting, then possibly appoint a treasurer. (- Vice President, Travel Registrar, Travel Program Director, Secretary, Scheduler, Member at Large all up for election.)
  - Scheduler, Travel Program Director, Secretary not running for re-election.
- Advisory Board -
- Bantam Midget Level Director – Might be good to separate Bantam and Midget Level directors – tryouts are at different times. Could be more difficult to find two directors. Brad Read would do Bantam level director for a year if the position were split. However, Brad will be away in early April and busy next spring.

**Girl's Program - Paul, Kevin**

- Beth Jackson is interested in leading and rejuvenating an NCYHA girls' program.
- Brad - Girls do well playing coed hockey through Peewees, but there could be girls' clinics, etc. Currently, there are no travel hockey opportunities for a Newport team in RI.
- This could turn into a Sting recruiting mission.
- Kevin - Lots of effort has gone into girl's hockey at the state meetings.
- OK for Beth to look into it further.
- Ask Beth to get together with Brad, Paul, and Paul Leys, and then come back with an update for the next meeting.

**Goalie Clinics – Kevin**

- Frank was at the last clinic – much better attendance.
- No more clinics scheduled at this point. Communication was the problem at the first one.

**NCYHA Apparel - Kevin**

- Kevin emailed John Crowley – they had about 40 orders for Christmas. He hand-delivered two orders. Helmet stickers coming online soon.
- They will embroider things that are sent to them.
- Sizes are tough to estimate – need some sort of reference.
- Site could use some improvement.
- Maybe Chris Winnes could put up some inventory.
- Kevin talked with Team One.

***New Business*****Spring Tryouts for the 2014-2015 Season – Jim**

- Yes, doing spring tryouts.
- When do playoffs end?
- Bantam A's will be done 3/16 (SG closes 3/16). Most others end 3/23.
- Kevin and Jim to discuss further.
- Format?, 1 combined, then 2 sessions. Good to have 3 in case kids have conflicts.
- Vacations: Middletown April 14-18, Private schools March 6<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Tryouts will likely be during the first week of April.
- Mites in the spring as well? No, better in the fall.

**NCYHA Trophy Case at SG – Andy L.**

- Andy had a conversation with George Staples. George said it was doable – not in the main lobby. Andy will follow up with George.

**RI Hockey Update - Kevin**

- Playoff system: Mites, Squirts, Peewees will follow the same format as Bantams.
- The highest seed will host the playoff game. Then, after prelim rounds there will be a championship event day at one venue with championships for different levels all at one rink. Kevin thinks that anything new is worth trying.
- Newport teams may not be able to host playoff games - our rinks close March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Jim thinks the scheduling could be tough if the season finishes just before the playoffs.

**Friendship Cup Games – Kevin**

- More games on the weekend of Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Other MA's should help out . . .

**Player Evaluations and Coaching Evaluations - Kevin**

- Need to get those out before the end of the season – they were a bit late last year.

**Next Board Meeting Date/Time/Place – Paul**

- Monday, Feb. 3rd?