

NCYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 4/14/14

Attendees:

Board Members: Kevin Sullivan, Frank Toner, Marilyn Stookey, Dan O'Connor, Todd Clark, Brad Read, Jen Lopes, John Stahl, Paul Grimes

Incoming Board Members: Andy Bellagamba, Scot West, MJ Bregenhøj,

Level Directors: Colin Jackson, (John Stahl), (Brad Read), (Scot West), Patrick Cavanaugh

This meeting is held specifically to address travel team coaching, and number of players/teams in each division.

Squirts – John Stahl

- Number of skaters, goalies: 46 registered skaters and 4 goalies (one skater coming) to make 47 skaters.
- Number of teams: 4 small teams. If one more player – 4 teams of 12. If we lose a few kids, could go down to 3 teams. Suggest 1 A team, 2 A2 teams, 1 B team.
- Proposed Coaches: A coach – Frank Toner, 3 potential A2 coaches – all in mix that could end up on the A team after call-ups, B coach would be Bill Coogan.
- If only 3 teams – do 1 A team and 2 A2 teams
- For now - name 9 on A, 22 for A2, rest on B team – four to be called up.
- John to select the 16 in the B team group.
- Pools of kids are not a good thing. – But if you draft now and a coach gets called up with his kid – what then?
- Motion that we accept John's proposal to name the coaches of the A team and the B team now and John will name the A2 coaches after call-ups. Seconded.
- **Approved.**

Peewees – Colin Jackson

- Number of skaters, goalies: 51-52 skaters, 5 goalies
- Number of teams: Go with 4 small teams now and readjust if necessary
- Some kids have come back from the Saints into the A group
- We had a big middle-level group last year.
- This year, we have a very strong A team, 2 A2 teams and a B team.
- Goalies – Lance Hebert evaluated just goalies – a big help. 2 goalies at the top, a 3rd, and 2 less experienced ones. The 2 top goalies are very close.
- Coaches: Ryan Mulhern – A team coach, good assistant coaches there. A2 coaches – one clear head/assistant combo – Sean McGannon & Tom Rocco. Jack Walsh – an assistant. Andy Leys – possible as a second A2 head. Mark Stamoulis, Kevin McDonald good assistants. B coach – lots possible, none have volunteered at this point.
- Could do the draft right away.
- Motion – 12, 13, 13, 13 on 4 rosters, Ryan, Sean/Tom, Andy, as coaches, then choose the B coaches. Do the draft right now.
- Post the A team, the A2 Pool with coaches, then B pool. Draft in the fall due to call-ups.
- **Approved.**

Changes since the meeting – from Colin, approved by board email vote:

As we discussed, Andy Leys has asked to step back from the PW A2 head coach position. I have spoken with Mark Stamoulis and he is willing to step up in his place.

The PW A2 head coaches (of two even teams) would then be Tom Rocco and Mark Stamoulis.

Bantams – Brad Read

- 40 skaters, 5 goalies
- 2 teams at 13 and 1 at 14
- Recommend an A, B, and C teams.
- Coaches: Craig Borden at A, Dave Mailbox at B, Dave Moffat at C.
- Other B team options – Ted Farmhand, Ted Hanley, Andy Leys.
- Kids jumping from Peewees to Bantam A – likely to be three kids. A good idea?
- What about (2) A2 teams rather than A, B, C
 - Both of the coaches want to do A2 teams. Is there depth for that?
 - Least experienced kids would be hard to fit into an A2 team.
 - What is the league going to do – will there be C teams? Yes.
 - Having 2 A2 teams second season worked out.
 - Is it better for the top C kids to play up into A2?
 - Could we do a C team with all first year kids?
 - At the top of the C level – 2-3 at the top of that team, rest are first year bantams.
 - Right now – would be 4 second year players on the C team.
 - Any possibility of lowest-ranked players not playing – no.
 - We need to insulate our kids from having other organizations play down. Can't let them enter just B & C teams...
 - Have to be careful at the Bantam level – kids can get hurt.
 - We can do two A2 teams in the second season.
- Motion – A, B, C teams, 13, 13, 14 for skaters. Craig, Dave M., Dave M.
- Goalies – probably 2, 2, 1 for the teams. Seconded.
- **Approved.**

Changes since meeting: From Brad

Dave Moffet has asked to be an assistant so I asked Andy Leys to be the head coach of the B team.
(listed as C team above)

Picking/Posting Teams

- When a coach picks players – how far down the tryout ranking list can he go?
- How much is too much? Say 5 spots is maximum. Coach's evaluations are important. Outside 4-5 down the list is too deep.
- All post at the same time. Post teams on the 21st.

Mite A's/MDP – Scot West

- 9 kids at Mite A tryouts. One solid Mite A player, others more at the Mite B/C level.
- Do not have a coach who is determined to get a Mite A team going.
- With the kids playing up leaving Mites, there is not the nucleus of a Mite A team.
- Last year's group at tryouts looked like it might struggle, but they did OK.
- If there is not a Mite A team, would there be disappointed parents?? Maybe one.
- Maybe do a modified Mite B situation – some extra ice time, some games with other organizations, maybe go to some jamborees, etc. – independently organized.
- There is an itch among those who play MDP for two years to do something different.
- What if others suddenly want to do the Mite B team too? Is this a slippery slope that could pull kids away from MDP? Maybe just do MDP and then offer something more?
- Pete Godbout will coach. He would coach in MDP and coach the hybrid team. He is not interested in Mite A.
- Could we delay the decision? - No, need to set this up before September, not much to gain by waiting.
- Ice time needed – less ice than the Mite A's last year.
- Contact the parents and see what their thoughts are – if they are behind it, OK.
- For next meeting's agenda – an application process for kids playing up into squirts?