

## NCYHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 5/12/14

Meeting held at the Newport Beach Hotel & Suites at 5:30  
(just before the Annual Meeting)



### Attendees:

**Board Members:** Kevin Sullivan, Frank Toner, Brad Read, Jen Lopes, John Stahl, Jim Maguire, Marilyn Stookey, Paul Grimes, (MJ Bregenhoj), (Andy Bellagamba), (Scot West)  
**Advisory Group Members:** Ian Clemmey, Patrick Cavanagh, Angelo Grilli, Gina DeSantis, Kristin Browne, Barbara Klassner, Dan O'Connor

### Old Business

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/31/14, 4/14/14 – Kevin

(Corrections were made to a few coaches' names in the 4/14 minutes.)

- **Approved.**

#### Mite Format Update/Vote – Scot

- The question is how to handle the numbers/talent in the Mite group for next year.
- Challenges for MDP are mostly at the top end – with the more experienced kids.
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Focus on MDP – play some games with other organizations, more jamborees.
- Then - proposing an extended play program to attach onto MDP.
  - Starting at the Christmas tournament, mostly just playing games, continue into March.
  - Mostly cross ice games, then some full ice toward the end.
  - Only for 8 year old Mites (in their last year).
  - Extra cost for this: - About 10 games, some have already paid \$200 for tryouts.
- Motion that we go forward with MDP and the extended play program. Seconded.
- **Approved.**
- Scot headed to a USA Hockey national conference in Columbus, Ohio.

#### Policy for kids who would like to “Play Up” – Scot, etc.

- Ian found policies online from other organizations.
- Other organizations – require a consensus between parents, coaches, board.
- One policy stipulated that the player needed to make the “A” team at the upper level.
- Needs to be an application process – a mechanism so that there is a discussion.
- People might ask to play up for family reasons, cross-ice reasons, etc.
- Mite extended play program may take away some of the initiative to play up.
- Scot will work on a policy. Motion to have Scot work on this. Seconded.
- **Approved.**

#### House League – Players playing “down” a division – John

- As a follow-up to previous discussions of kids playing “down” in house league, and USA Hockey rules against that:
- Rather than have players play down, can call Squirt/Pewee house league just Pewee house league and have younger kids sign a waiver to play up.

#### Scheduling? – Jim, Andy

- Still on “same as last year” plan for pre-season ice time?
- No specific discussion - see Midget and SNEHC discussions below.

**Equipment Update? – Jen, Gina**

- Waiting for sample socks,
- Hold a jersey swap at some point – for kids aging-out of the program to sell jerseys?
- Could sell at used equipment sale? Donate to NCYHA?
- Can't sell to a younger kid who might buy the same number as another player in his/her birth year.
- Sell to younger kid with the same number?
- Storage unit – Frank has a contact.
- Still waiting for some checks for jerseys.

**Concepts/Ideas for Next Year's Annual Meeting/Fundraiser - Angelo**

- Only source of additional revenue has been the Christmas tournament.
- We could put together a gala.
- We have about 350 families as members. If we get even 20% of those families, we'll have a good event.
- Angelo will spearhead it with some help. Combine it with the annual meeting?
- Could happen in the winter during the season on a Friday night, after dinner.
- We're not a tax-exempt charity – need be careful of the fundraising aspect of this.
- Maybe we get 200 people, \$40 per head, silent auction, sponsors, have a speaker, etc.
- Two concepts:
  - Winter in-season party
  - Or in May or June – family oriented, more casual, could do awards.
- Both have merit.
- Angelo to develop the idea.

***New Business*****Midget Tryouts – Patrick**

- When to hold them? Have ice at URI.
- Season starts about 9/1
- Go with 8/22, 8/27, 8/28. 5:00 ice time is tough.
- Driscoll not open until September.
- About 50 skaters and 5 goalies possible. Possibly 3 teams next year.

**RI/SNEHC Hockey Update – Kevin**

- League privatization proposal.
- Lots of discussion. Unanimous vote to accept proposal.
- Summary article is on the SNEHC website.
- Fee structure: Current fees per team are based on other leagues.
- Lots of MA's are very cost-sensitive.
- Fees \$550 per team for Squirt/Peewee. We already added \$40 to our travel fees per player to cover this.
- Current fee is based on 4 teams making the playoffs. Fees could go up if more teams are included in playoffs.
- Matt Hammett – past NCYHA president is one of the two involved.
- Charter members have votes – mostly on expansion/contraction.
- Might do regional divisions if they expand.
- There will be more stringent rules concerning rescheduling games.
- Allowing some blackout weekends.
- Schedule – everything starting earlier. We may get some special consideration on that.
- One of the Cape teams is trying to get ice at Hetland, Driscoll.

**Bantam Teams – Brad**

- Current coaches are Craig Borden for “A”, and Andy Leys for “B”
- We don’t have a head coach for the “A2” team at this point.
- Need to name the “A2” team without a head coach. Brad will name the team.
- We will probably have one “A” and two “A2” teams second season.
- One player was injured and did not attend tryouts, will be placed one level below where he will likely end up.
- We may need some help finding a head coach for the first season “A2” team.

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

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Scot West’s office.