



A quorum being present, a Massachusetts Hockey regular monthly meeting as listed in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2012-2013 Calendar of Events, was called to order at 7:45 pm on Monday, November 5, 2012, by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts with attendance recorded by the Secretary including 49 voting members.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: In response to the U8 Boston Stars Grievance, a motion was passed to accept the waiver for seven U8 players to play up on the U10 Boston Stars team for the 2012-2013 season. The process for the Tier I and Tier II National Bound Tournament process is under study with the goal of having the revised process for the 2013-2014 season in place by April 1, 2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Work on the communications platform is continuing and the target date for implementation January 1, 2013.

SPECIAL GUESTS /REPORTS: Mike Dargin, Boston Bruins Youth Hockey Manager reported that the Holiday Tournament of December 21-30 is set.

Mike Lukken, USA Hockey Program Services Coordinator, reported that over 800 kids attended the November 3, Try Hockey Day. Massachusetts Hockey has already registered 10,300 U8 kids. It is planned for over 200 associations and rinks to participate in Hockey Weekend Across America to be held February 15-17.

The USA Hockey Youth Council meeting was held in Chicago. A new board is in place. A coaching education Android app is available. The National Championship 2014 sites were awarded. The Tier I National Championship is moving from a 12 team to a 16 team format for 2014. This is a rule change year. Rule changes will be considered every four years.

REGISTRAR: Of the 219 programs, 189 are actively registering. 39,948 players have been registered. There were 9,400 unclaimed players as of October 1.

REFEREE-IN CHIEF: No report.

COACH-IN-CHIEF: 1712 coaches have signed up for the clinics and attendance is running ahead of last year. Information about the Level 4 clinic to be held May 17-19 is up on the web. Thank you to all the great staff and speakers this year.

INSURANCE/RISK MANAGER: No report.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

District #1: The last District meeting was October 3. The Fall Playdowns are complete. The next District meeting will be November 7.

District #2: All quiet. The last District meeting was October 8. The next district meeting will be November 12.

District #3: All quiet. The fall Playdowns are complete. The next District meeting will be November 15.

District #4: All quiet. The Midget Playdowns have one game left. Kevin Cote will succeed the retiring Jim Pierotti as District Director. The next District meeting will be November 12.

District #5: No report.

District #6: All quiet.

District #7: All quiet. Christine Mayer spoke about Safe Sport and Rick Fask spoke about disabled hockey at the October 2 Presidents Dinner. Playdowns are scheduled for the Thanksgiving weekend.

District #8: All quiet. The last District meeting was October 8. The Playdowns are progressing.

District #9: All quiet. The Midget Playdowns are finished. The last District meeting was October 8.

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District #10: All quiet. The next District meeting will be October 9. The Playdowns will be completed November 5.

Club: All quiet.

Girls/Women's: All quiet. The second meeting was held in October. The Fall State Championship Tournament will be November 23-25 at the New England Sports Center. The Try Hockey for Free Day held October 13 was a great event. Massachusetts has been awarded the 2014 National Tournaments to be held at the New England Sports Center.

High School/Seniors: All quiet.

National Bound: All quiet.

Referees: All quiet.

Seniors: All quiet.

SECRETARY

Remember to sign in and give notification of any personnel changes IN WRITING to Carol Champagne, and Al Wright or they did not happen! New elected members eligible to vote need to verify submission of paperwork for CORI screening with Al Wright and submission of the Conflict of Interest form to Mindy O'Neil prior to their first meeting. This includes Alternate Directors.

A motion made by Mark Lisner and seconded by John Tobin passed by a vote of 91%-2%-6% to accept the minutes of the October Regular Monthly Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey.

GENERAL COUNSEL

CORI Screening: 3490 screening requests have been processed for 115 programs. There will be a meeting of the committee scheduled after the holidays.

Conflict of Interest: No report.

FINANCE

Audit: All quiet.

Finance: The filings have been done. Care needs to be taken about reporting donations in the name of Massachusetts Hockey. These need to be properly recorded and acknowledged. Contact Greg Sophis about details for compliance.

Webmaster: No report.

Website: The communications platform is undergoing revision.

ADMINISTRATION

Association Registration: All quiet.

Discipline: All quiet.

Medical Waiver: All quiet.

Nomination: All quiet.

Rules: All quiet.

OPERATIONS

ADHOC: All quiet.

Disabled Hockey: The 3rd Annual NHL/USA Sled Hockey Classic will be held November 9-11 in Buffalo New York.

Player Development: No report.

Tournaments: The Fall Tournament Meeting was November 4. The last committee meeting was October 9. The next committee meeting will be November 6. The policies and for the Tier I and Tier II National Bound Tournaments will be discussed.

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PLANNING

American Development Model: The Red, White, and Blue Cup, Mite C Jamboree will be held at the New England Sports Center, Marlborough, MA, February 10, 2013. High School: All quiet.

Long Range Planning: All quiet.

Mike Cheever Grow Hockey: The committee met November 5. The Intent to Submit will be due 12-31-12. Applications will be due 1-31-13. Notifications will be made February 25. The awards ceremony is projected to be in March.

Sportsmanship Awards: All quiet.

EVENTS

Awards: No report.

Hall of Fame: The Hall of Fame Dinner will be November 14, 2012, at Lombardo's in Randolph. A motion made by Rick Fask and seconded by Tom Troiano passed by a vote of 86%-12%-2% to invite Dave Crandall to the Hall of Fame Dinner.

Special Events: The Annual Christmas Party will be held at Lombardo's in Randolph December 3.

EDUCATION

Coaching Education: The level 1, 2, and 3 clinics are up and moving along. There is continued concern about no shows especially since clinic size is limited. At the U8 level coaches do not need to attend a clinic once they complete their level 1 and stay at the Mite level. Once a coach advances out of the Mites they must take the next level clinic and follow the rules.

Safe Sport: The official approved hand book is online. Online training can be accessed through safesport.org. Committee work is well underway on the off ice issues with a target of completion by the end of December. Work on how to develop the on ice portion of the program which includes Heads Up Don't Duck, concussion, CPR, AED, and first aid will follow. Consideration of how to involve everyone at the program level is also a focus.

Safety: All quiet. A meeting will be set up in December.

OLD BUSINESS: All quiet.

NEW BUSINESS: Concern about the pricing of the Playdowns was raised. Mike Bonish was charged with the task of developing a plan to address the concerns and review the pricing procedures.

The next regular monthly meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be January 7, 2013, at 7:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts, as noted in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2012-2013 Calendar of Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Champagne".

Carol Champagne, Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keri-Anne Alan".

Keri-Anne Alan, President and Presiding Officer