



The Massachusetts Hockey 2013 Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:32 am on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, Massachusetts, by President, Keri-Anne Allan.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: The survey results are being reviewed as a basis for changes going forward. Massachusetts Hockey is dealing with many of the same issues as USA Hockey including the AAU and implementation of ADM at the Under 8 level. The number of Junior teams being formed may have long range implications especially for Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Kevin Kavanaugh reported that new website is in place. The newsletter received a far better than expected response for the open and click through rates. The use of social media needs to be evolved for a greater presence.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUESTS: Ron DeGregorio - USA Hockey President, emphasized the importance of the ADM and Safe Sport initiatives. A task Force with Dave Ogren and Jimmy Smith will coordinate our assets and review why we are doing what and evaluate what is a benefit and not a burden. Going forward there will be an increased emphasis on communication through social media.

Roger Grillo – ADM Regional Manager, thanked the leadership especially the Eboard and Kevin Kavanaugh for their support in implementing ADM across Massachusetts. A Coaching Symposium is being planned for the fall in the Garden.

Mike Lukken – Coordinator of Program Services, reported 152 registered in the 8 and under category. The ARC focus will be on Acquisition with Try Hockey for Free, Retention with Welcome Back Week, and Conversion with a low cost transition program. The 2 and 2 Challenge has proven itself and will be back for the 2013-14 season. Katie Holmgren – Coordinator of Adult Womens Hockey, will focus on growth on the adult side.

Eugene Binda – Supervisor of Officials, emphasized the importance and necessity of interesting individuals in the officiating program especially in the light of the current officials moving up to fill the spots created by the move to the 4-man system. The Massachusetts Officiating Development Program will be in place for the 2013-2014 season which will address the assigning of officials and mentoring of new officials by establishing a feeder system especially at the Mite and Squirt levels.

Mike Dargin – Boston Bruins, will continue to be the point of contact for joint activities with the Bruins.

Steve Palmacci reported that there will no longer be roster signatures required in the upcoming season and coaches will not have to sign.

Steve Fitzgerald reported claims are down. Rinks are putting more responsibility on the USA Hockey Insurance so it is imperative that contracts be reviewed, preferable before signing if at all possible.

USA HOCKEY MEETING REPORTS: USA Hockey Official Playing Roles Points of Emphasis 2013-14 through 2016-17 Playing Seasons and Rule Change summary for Youth, Girls'/Women's and Adult Classifications for the 2013-14 through 2016-17 are available.

John Tobin reported the Legal Council guidelines for sanctioned play will be revised over the summer. Details are being worked out about how and when league sanctioning will be implemented. The situation of the AAU attracting players for full ice is under study. Screening is a legal requirement and needs to be met.

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Mike Bonish reported Massachusetts is not participating in the USA Hockey's American High School Showcase due to MIAA rules and Spring sports. ADM is ramping up for implementation at the 10 and Under and the 12 and Under levels with an emphasis on what is done in practices. It was decided that reinstating PeeWee Nationals is not in line with ADM. Information about the Model Club program is on the website.

Don Derosia reported that the issues surrounding noncompliance situations with cross ice implementation was discussed.

Pat McCarthy reported that the personnel at the meeting were great and that there was a great discussion of Cyber Sport.

Corey MacPhearson thanked Massachusetts Hockey for the opportunity to attend and reported that he attended five meetings with great people and heard a vast amount of information and noted the high level of coordination.

Mark Lissner reported that Hingham Girls Hockey received the Female Honors Award and that Massachusetts teams did well at the National Championships.

Tom McGrath reported that it was a great team at USA Hockey.

Nick DeMarco reported that 957 coaches recertified at Level 3. Temporary cards were a problem during the 2012-13 season. The Temporary cards are only good for clinics, not modules. The modules will be up September 1. Plans for a level V Clinic in Las Vegas are being explored.

Rick Fask reported that Massachusetts Hockey will host the Tenth Annual Disabled Festival April 11-13, 2014, in the New England Sports Center which is planned to host 65 teams. The first Festival hosted 38 teams.

Chris Mayer reported that SafeSport has been updated and is a work in progress which focuses on safety both on and off the ice. Adult to Adult abuse has been added. There is a locker room policy in place and the affiliate and programs can make their own rules if they are more stringent. Training needs to be completed by December 2013 by all coaches and is available through both the USA Hockey and the Massachusetts Hockey websites as well as the USOC stopabuse@usoc.org website. Screening needs to be done for anyone who has regular, routine, or frequent access to players. For the 2013-2014 season the referees will be screened as part of the registration process. Screening for coaches and other personnel during the registration process is under study.

SECRETARY: A motion by Gloria Heerman and seconded by Al Wright to accept the minutes of the 2013 April Monthly Meeting passed with the following change: page 2 from "The Finance Committee voted to recommend...." to "The Audit Committee voted to recommend...."

TREASURER: A motion by John Tobin and seconded by Gloria Heerman to accept the Treasurer's Report including the FY 2014 Budget passed. Massachusetts received a clear audit for the year.

RULES COMMITTEE: Thank you to the members of the Rules Committee for all their hard work. The following actions were taken on the Legislative Proposals:

PASSED: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, and 27.

PASSED AS AMENDED: 1, 6, 19, 22, 24, and 26.

DEFEATED: 2.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: All quiet.

SEATING OF 2013-2014 OFFICERS: The returning members of the Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board were seated with Mindy O'Neil being seated as Secretary.

AWARDING OF TOURNAMENTS: The tournaments for the 2013-2014 season were awarded by the usual bid process.

NEW BUSINESS: The Eboard voted to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to host the USA Hockey 2014 Disabled Hockey Festival April 11-13, 2014 in the New England Sports Center, Marlborough, Massachusetts which included the following stipulations: a monthly report will be sent to the Executive Board; a process will be in place to review any of the variable expenses prior to committing the funds to insure maintenance of budget integrity; and any additional non-budgeted, or over-budgeted expenses over \$500 must be approved by the Treasurer prior to commitment. Al Wright has been appointed to Chair the Festival Committee.

The next regular monthly meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be September 9, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts.

The 2014 Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be June 14-15, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

A motion by John Tobin and seconded by Al Wright to adjourn the 2013 Massachusetts Hockey Annual Meeting at 9:01 am passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed and approved,

Carol Champagne
Secretary

Keri-Anne Alan
President and Presiding Officer