



*A quorum being present, a Massachusetts Hockey regular monthly meeting as listed in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2016-2017 Calendar of Events, was called to order at 7:38 pm on Monday, November 7, 2016, by John Tobin, President, at the Newton Marriott – Newton, Massachusetts. Of 67 eligible members, an attendance recorded by the Secretary included 39 voting members having signed in.*

**John Tobin:** moment of silence for the passing of Steve Palmacci's brother.

**Town Hall Presentation:** Overview of Board member and office staff insurance policy coverage by Maura Sheehan, Steve Fitzgerald and Chris Mayer

Maura: (Board of Directors): we have insurance through USA and Cleary. How could BOD could be sued: break of contract case or catastrophic injury or claim of personal injury or slander or molestation case. BOD could be sued for a breach of duty as outlined in the bylaws or for failing to enforce the rules and bylaws. Working with youths holds us to a higher standard. How we are protected: We are protected by the volunteer protection act. We have charitable immunity as a non-profit. We have USA Hockey waiver of liability. Separately, you can obtain homestead. We have several insurance policies through USA Hockey and Cleary.

Steve Fitzgerald: (Player, Coach, Officials, Volunteers): our insurance is for sanctioned events. Games, practices etc. Basic coverage is \$50,000 through USA hockey. Excess (catastrophe) medical coverage up to 2 million. We also have dental coverage up to \$5000. There is a \$1000 copay per claim. Rinks are trying to put burden of insurance onto USA hockey.

Chris: Duties of charitable organization board of directors: discussed the mission of MA hockey. It is our obligation to uphold the mission. The entire board holds a responsibility for IRS filings. Board members are expected to actively participate in the organization. Avoid all conflicts of interest. We are required to disclose all conflicts that may influence a person's judgement. The board should decide if there is a conflict and whether that person can vote.

John: We all should be registered with USA Hockey. He reiterated that we should all have homesteads.

**Kevin Kavanagh:** Hopefully everyone has seen the new website. Please send any suggestions.

**Mike Bonish:** (Kevin) NB committee met last night 56 teams in 7 categories this weekend. 14U T1, T2 in Walpole all other at NESC.

Steve: State tournaments: 4 tournaments after NB tournaments. 688 teams. Playdown application online is working pretty well.

**Chris Mayer:** rules 12/7 at 7pm at The Edge. All others quiet.

**Don Derosia:** from Ed Bourget (girls) '04 birth year – first skate 10/16 at Brooks. 62 players nominated by coaches. Additional 15 players have registered. Steve Rizzo – boy's first event is 11/13 at BC. 87 registered. Target is 100 for '03 birth year.

**Phil Zona:** Hall of Fame met last week. Next month sending application to submit names. Same format as last year. \$6000 in savings having the HOF dinner at the annual meeting.

**Jay O'Neil:** Steve: Long Range meeting last month decided to look at the way Mass Hockey is run. Will be a multi-year project. Tom Smith: safety meeting last week. Looking at how coaches/officials can identify a head injury and get kid off ice and to their parents. Governor Baker has endorsed the Look Up Line. Need to build educational format for the line. Nutrition program will be put on our website.

**Mindy O'Neil:** Motion to approve minutes from September meeting by Jay O'Neil, second by Chris Mayer. Meeting minutes approved by verbal vote with all in favor and no abstentions.

**District reports:** none

**USA Hockey reports:** boys camps 17U: 6/24-30 16U: 7/7-13 15U: 7/15-7/19 Sled: 7/9-7/14

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:48pm