



*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 7:37 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016, by John Tobin, President, at the Newton Marriott – Newton, Massachusetts. Of 67 eligible members, an attendance recorded by the Secretary included 48 voting members having signed in.*

**John Tobin:** called to order at 7:37. Welcomes new directors:  
District 3 - Dan Sheehan, Dave Young

District 4 - Bill Cooney  
District 6 - Kelly Huard  
District 8 - Keri-Anne Allan  
District 9 - Joshua Reed  
District 10 - Jim Donovan  
Girls/Women's - Robert Joyce, Don McNeil

**Guest:** Mike Dargin: lot of exciting things this summer. Julia Wardwell added to staff to work with Mike. Mini one on one will be happening again this year. Coaching symposium will be sometime in November. Little Bruins program is a great opportunity.

**Guest:** Kevin Erlenbach from USA Hockey: Andy Gibson added to help grow the 8u game. He will be focusing on Massachusetts hockey. 8u decreased by 5.5%. Slides were shown showing growth at different levels. Discussion regarding 2 and 2 challenge. Registration deadline for 2 and 2 challenge is 9/16/16. Kevin Erlenbach would like to see more associations participate in the 2 and 2 challenge. Club excellence provides volunteers the ability to know what tools are available to them.

**Dave Moses & Tim McMahon:** discussed program they will present on best practices. They would like to have a one day interactive workshop to share initiatives, resources, and tools that local associations can use. They discussed some of the topics they are considering for the program. Will be held last weekend in April in the Newton area from 8am-3pm and will provide lunch.

Don Derosia: New Player Development Co chairs Steve Rizzo and Jim Maimone. Committee members: Mike Bonish, Jerry Buckley, Greg Carter, Don DeRosia, Gary Gates, Kevin Kavanagh, Don McNeil, Dave Pelletier, Greg Sophis. Teamed up with Roger Grillo from USA hockey. Running an elite session with O3's three times this winter. 100 top players chosen by invitation. Going to BC, BU and Merrimack on ice and classroom. Girls coordinator is Ed Bourget. Tryouts all year long with one open tryout at end of March. Paul Pearl associate coach from Harvard will take over boys program as far as festival. There will be three tryouts first weekend of May. Top 40 will attend all-star weekend. This is our step forward. John: committee has been working very hard. The college piece is an excellent addition. Only three sessions this year but should

grow. Budgets have to be approved. Brian Daccord is working with 10 other goaltending coaches to discuss the goaltending initiative in Massachusetts. Clinics will be held for association goalies and coaches. Massachusetts has the opportunity to be a leader in this initiative.

**Kevin Kavanagh:** Annual guide and tournament guides have been distributed. It is also available on line. Thank you to all that helped to put the programs together. Email newsletters will continue this year. Send in any ideas or stories to be included in the newsletter. CCM is back as is Pure Hockey. Greg Carter is sponsoring part of the website. Working to bring on an official photographer for our state championships. Working with Chipotle and Papa Gino's for partnerships. Considering an online store with Massachusetts Hockey items for purchase. Little Bruins from 6 sites to 24 sites this year. Coaching symposium will be in November with the Bruins at the Garden. Please set dates for playdowns for mini one on one. Hopefully we can get 100% participation. From Greg: please turn in any expenses asap! Take a look at the new website. It looks fantastic and has been modernized. Trying to make the site easier to navigate with one or two clicks. This has been Liz's main priority since the annual meeting. Liz went over the features of the site and where to find things.

**Mike Bonish:** I am not running for President against John Tobin. Something sent out as a joke. Was in Buffalo for USA Hockey Camps. Steve Rizzo and Jim Maimone also involved in camps. Asked to be co- tournament director of Five Nations Tournament. Two players from Massachusetts represented us well. Team captured a gold medal. T1/T2 national bound committee has met a couple of times during the summer. This week I am going to Plymouth Michigan, Don will represent PD and Mark will represent girls/women's. Tom Smith has Governor Baker's support to add the lookup line to all rinks governed by the state of Massachusetts. **Dennis Doherty:** 900 officials through 4 seminars. Evaluation program by end of month. Having problems with unregistered players. Need support of leagues to sponsor mentor programs. Two new official seminars held this year. Have more state tournament games in Springfield than available officials. Officials will have to be brought in from other areas. **Steve Palmacci:** Play down application will be going online. Link will be sent out tomorrow. We will create an excel spreadsheet that will be shared with registrars. Looking for host for Bantam T2 tournament. **Paul Moore:** 41 clinics posted. Two women's high performance clinics. Steph Wood will conduct that at Merrimack. Three clinics this weekend.

**Chris Mayer:** All committees quiet with the exception of Rules. Jay will contact rules committee shortly. SafeSport locker room monitoring is mandatory.



**Don Derosia: Rick Fask:** Adult team has been formed playing in the Northeast Sled Hockey league. New youth team out of the Boston Shamrocks. 12 players on team coached by Nick McCummings. Special Hockey Jamboree will be held November 13 at the CT Sports Center in Sheldon CT.

**Phil Zona:** Thanked everyone for volunteering on behalf of the kids. We had the most scholarships this year than in the past.

**Jay O'Neil:** all quiet

**Mindy O'Neil:** Motion to approve minutes from Annual Meeting by Buddy LeFluer; second by Chris Mayer. Meeting minutes approved by verbal vote with all in favor and no abstentions.

**Greg Sophis:** (not in attendance). John Tobin: Three payments have been made to the USA Foundation. Any issues from the audit have been addressed. John has asked that the license plate money be audited so that we are able to know where the money is spent.

**District reports:** District 8: CPR cards available for those that took the course in June

**USA Hockey reports:** USA Hockey registry has been reopened with improvements. 650 teams registered so far. Last year over 2000. Coaches will be red lined mostly due to no SafeSport and age appropriate modules. Steve Fitzgerald needs copy of insurance contracts to make sure language is correct.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** John Tobin: USA Hockey has new rules which we will look at for our book. USA Hockey has new rule regarding fee disputes. Jay/rules committee will look at the rule regarding Massachusetts hockey. Meeting dates will be Nov 7, Jan 9, March 6, Annual meeting 6/16-6/18 with location to be determined. Mike Bonish acknowledged Tom McGrath's birthday with a cake and singing and an embarrassing photo-shopped picture.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 8:58pm