

**CBHA December Meeting  
3/5/2018 6pm, 6 Fundy Rd**

President (EC)	Eric Turgeon
House Director, V.P. (EC) / Peewee-Bantam House Division Manager	Scott Rousseau
Travel Director, V.P. (EC)	Matt Goodrich - ABSENT
Girls Director, V.P. (EC)	Scott Matusovich
Coaching Director (EC)	Glenn Jonsson
Treasurer (A) (EC)	Sarah Kramlich - ABSENT
Webmaster / Scheduling Director, V.P. (EC)	Rachel Pargeter
Scheduling Assistant	Ronnie Lamontagne
Registrar (A)	Melissa Riley
ACE	Jason Cyr - ABSENT
Equipment (A) / Midget House Manager	Tom Clifford
Marketing / Social Media Director	Nikki Doyle - ABSENT
Tournament Director Squirts Director	Caitlin Jordan - ABSENT
TA Director, Secretary	Meg Swift -
Casco Bay Academy	Heather Geoghan
Mite Division Manager	Bryan Cheever - ABSENT

Approval of February Minutes

Discussion of Annual Board Meeting. Pending Pond House availability, the CBHA Annual Meeting will occur on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm. Message will go out to all membership at least two weeks prior. **All Directors are asked to submit annual report summary to Meg by March 21<sup>st</sup> so that it can be compiled and then posted to the website for membership to review if interested.** The Annual Meeting will discuss any plans for next year and new information rather than each Director summarizing the past year since that information will be public on website.

## **Division Updates:**

### **House Director:**

Mites Season complete !! Held their big finish Jamboree this past weekend.

This is final weekend for Tier IV play. Teams not playing in State Tournaments have scheduled events.

We have one team at Squirts advance (Predators) and the Bantam Oilers won the internal double round robin to advance as MEAHA's established solution to not having a Southern Conference Playoff (WMYH, Huskies, Gladiators, and CB all got to send 1 team to the State Tournament).

At the PW level, Casco Bay is sending 5 teams to the State Tournament (which we host this weekend). In fact, all Six PW teams finished atop their respective Southern Conference Divisions with the Flames defeating the Whalers in a 7 round, sudden death shoot out for the right to advance. The Kings defeated the Canadiens, 3-2, in the Southern Conference Championship game – also hosted by CB. The Kings and Canadiens advance, along with the Penguins, Bruins, and Flames.

In looking ahead to next year Scott reported that the house numbers and the teams in each age group shouldn't change much. He would like to get practice schedule and jerseys done early (spring/summer) immediately following the ice summit. Neither he nor Rachel can afford to spend the amount of time in Oct/Nov scheduling practices and games. Games won't be scheduled at CBA for first week or two so that if weather postpones opening of the rink practices get canceled versus games having to be rescheduled.

### **Mites Division:**

Mites wrap up this weekend with our season-ending tourney. Big thx to Caitlin & Mike for doing all the leg work on this. Thx also to Tom for finding refs for all of our games.

Last full-ice session for our 2009's is Monday eve. Thx again to Rouss & Rachel for finding us ice for this - parents have been very appreciative.

Sarah and I will continue to hound the mini-net vendor. These should be purchased and at NYA before the 2018-2019 season begins. NYA is all set to house cross-ice boards (and mini nets when we can get them here) through the off-season

## **Squirts Division**

We have one team advancing to States, Predators, we had one team learn a tough lesson about tournament play, its hard but you always score score score. The rest of the teams will have practice and a little round robin on Sunday and be finished. We have bracelets for them for end of the season gifts.

## **Casco Bay Academy:**

LTP has wrapped up. Did small "ceremony" last Weds night where Swanny's bracelets were handed out to all players, and handed out some more on Sunday morning to folks who weren't there on Weds.

BTI had a ceremony this past weekend and will have our final skate of the season on Saturday.

Huge success all around -- really big numbers, and (as always) excellent coaches on the ice helping out.

\*\*Getting lots of emails/ questions about camps and clinics to recommend -- has anything been posted on our website that I can direct folks to? I'll send a wrap up email this week, would be great to include that. Board discussion – we'll add a place on our website to which we'll post spring/summer camp and clinic opportunities.

## **Travel Director:**

Overall a pretty good year for Casco Bay Travel. All divisions qualified for the State Tournament and we had 2 teams finish first place overall in regular season.

Teams still practicing in order to stay prepared for Tryouts.

Squirt Tryouts start next week. Working with Eric on logistics, evaluators, registration list, etc. Like past years we will have 2-3 external evaluators combined with 2-3 internal. We will move to 2 goalie Evaluator's this year. Each skater will have 3 hours of ice with the first night focused on skills and the next 2 game situations. One major thing we are working on is deciding what to do with Sq T2 and PW T2 next year. Looking like there might only be 2 PW T2 teams for MEAHA and Squirts doesn't look much better. My suggestion is that we join the EJEPHL. This is the same league our squirt team joined this year and overall it was a good experience. Gladiators will have all three of their T2 divisions joining the same league. Our goal is to let players know before they accept the travel spot what our intentions are. If this is something we want to discuss as a group tonight I'm glad to conference in.

Shaun Stairs will be helping out with the planning of U16/U18 Tryouts. MEAHA (Ben Gray) is looking to have a U18 Tier III division. Casco will consider depending on numbers at tryouts. Adding U18 Tier III may diminish Tier IV midget numbers.

### **Girls Director:**

1-U12, U14, U16 and U19 are heading to regionals in two weeks.

U14 and U16 won the state title on Sunday. U12 got upset 1-0 but Maine sends two teams to regionals. They were all great games. Thanks to all for helping CB host this.

2- Icicle Invitational was huge success for year two. We raised about \$4,800 through our parents' incredible hard work with concessions raffles and sponsors. Putting in my request now for year 3 with ice and looking to grow it with a U10 division. U12s won it this year and U14s lost to the eventual winner in the semis.

Should we keep this as a separate account or do you want to keep it with CB? Do not want this money to go into the general fund. We use for girls' cost overages, training aids and warmups etc. Again huge thanks to everyone for the help acquiring ice and officials.

3- Tryouts are set with ice times and evaluators.

4- USA beat Canada for the gold in Woman's Olympic hockey. Absolutely HUGE for all our young girls who are falling in love with the game of hockey.

Scott asked Board about an ongoing conversation he has been having with Sarah regarding whether CBHA would cover the cost of a final tournament for the U12 T4. It was agreed by Board members that because there is no State Tournament for this team, it was only fair for CBHA to pay for an equivalent tournament (since all of the co-ed House teams get a season-ending tournament covered as part of tuition fee)

Ronnie shared that she is strongly considering running for the Girls rep position on MEAHA board. Board conversation followed about the challenges with hosting the tournaments and the general lack of support from MEAHA regarding girls hockey. Board members strongly in support of Ronnie stepping in to help MEAHA with this critical piece of programming. She wanted to make sure it wasn't a conflict of interest.

### **Treasurer:**

- Spectrum check received for the 5k.
- Based on money received so far for the DD mugs, we will be returning 15k to CBA. More money coming in? **At this point between \$1,000-\$1,500 more money likely to come in for this year's DD sales.**

- All teams billed for tournaments
- Need to process all of the coach reimbursements, please send me a report for coaches and the amount they are looking for.
- One girl travel player's family did not pay their second installment – will be writing off (\$500) The family will not be allowed to come back to CBHA until the balance is paid. A release should not be provided to the family to go to another organization.
- The outstanding balance for the CBA receivable is \$54,133.10. We may want to consider writing off the outstanding amount over and above the \$30,000 that BSB owes us for the funds in escrow as a donation (\$24,133.10 now and approximately \$24,500.00 at year-end.) A discussion for another meeting.

### **Coaching Director:**

The Coaching Feedback survey needs to go out in the next few weeks. Glenn trying to track down the information from NGIN and Survey Monkey from the last time survey was sent out (skipped last year, so last sent for the 2015-2016 year).

Glenn raised the question of how to honor Andre Casavant, a long-time CBHA coach and parent, who died of cancer a few years ago. His youngest son is aging out of CBHA and wonder if there is a way to remember Andrew. Board discussed options such as retiring a jersey or naming a coaching award after Andre. There was some concern about precedent in this type of situation. No definitive conclusion reached.

### **ACE Director:**

All is quiet. I've sent out emails to coaches who will require a level 4 to coach this fall. I'll send more reminders as the available local clinic dates draw near.

### **Webmaster:**

- Minutes from Board Meetings for the whole season have been posted online
- Photos/articles about states and regionals continue to be posted on the website, FB and Twitter
- Looking into how to get current board access to our twitter account
- Need to post details of Annual meeting online

Ronnie is working on the twitter account and determining the last owner of the handle so that CBHA can begin using twitter for game updates, etc.

### **Scheduler:**

- Schedule for this season almost done. A handful of games may still be scheduled 3/17 and 3/18
- Planning for next season and ice needs, especially for Icicle Invitational and tournaments is ongoing

### **Refs/Equipment:**

Tom announced that he is leaving the Board in capacity of Equipment and Midgets Director (his role as Refs Scheduler is a MEAHA position and he will retain that position). Ronnie suggested that we look for a college student majoring in sports management who might want to take on the equipment role on Board.

A CMYH coach was ejected at the CBHA hosted Bantam T3 state tournament this past weekend.

Tom recommended that in future years MEAHA schedules the Bantam Travel State tournament on the weekend there are no HS games. He also recommends that the Squirts House tournament be held the first weekend of February.

Next year should work to get some weekend games moved to weeknights to spread out ref needs over the course of the week. Stay away from Wed & Thurs due to HS games. Much easier to schedule stand-alone games on weeknights as opposed to weekends.

### **Registrar:**

All books credentialed for each team going to States. For all co-ed travel teams, books went to Sue in January and TAs followed up with her for games played between Jan and tournament. All Girls binders were sent by coaches/TAs to Sue. Credential information shared with PW House teams for upcoming State tournament.

### **Marketing / Social Media:**

Fundraising report:

DD Card sales:

- Unsuccessful outing at the Bruins/Flyers Alumni game mostly based on location. The table we were given was outside in the will call area, and with no readmittance most people just were trying to get in the venue.
- We aren't able to sell at Wal-Mart based on their policy of who is able to have a table. (I.e. Girl Scouts, veterans, etc.) These are all approved by WalMarts corporate offices. The lady I spoke with said it's offered to a very select few groups.
- I can continue to try other venues such as Hannaford, Shaw's etc.
- Board Discussion that the DD sales weren't as we hoped, but we didn't lose money and actually raised as much as we would have with selling all DD cards at \$20. Need to communicate with DD now of our continued interest for next year. It was discussed that the limit per family didn't work and we need to rethink how to allocate the cards paying attention to the data from the previous two years regarding who sold mugs and how many. Suggestion made to use the TAs to sell DD cards again as had been done in the past.

I'm shortly going to begin focusing on the 5K in the fall order to get a good head start now. It should be a great turnout this year with a year under our belt and increased awareness of the event. We will also have the Maine Mariners involved this year. With advanced notice, I am also going to try to get some publicity ahead of time. Looking forward to it growing even more. Any and all ideas are welcomed.

### **Tournament Director:**

Tournaments - We successful hosted the 14U Tier III tournament this weekend. Next weekend we will be hosting the 12u Tier IV which is full of Casco Teams so should be great turn outs.

### **TA Director:**

Most of the binder certification has happened. All Co-Ed teams' binders collected in January, TAs had to provide Sue with updated information prior to the Feb/March state tournaments. All Girls teams had to mail binders directly to Sue Hamlin who approved them prior to the Girls States - thanks to Scott, Leigh and the Girls TAs who handled all of this. Working with Melissa to make sure that all T4 teams going to States have their binders approved and complete for the tournament.

Board discussion about timing of pictures for next year and the vendor to use.

- It would be ideal if pictures could be done at CBA before ice goes in in October. Travel teams will be ready by then and if jerseys and rosters are available for House, we could do it all then.
- Questions of whether to look to someone other than Roy Crowley and referrals to the following people/companies have been made in the last few months:
  - PortCity (Melissa suggested, has handled Portland Little League in years past)
  - New England Sport Photo (email to Eric last summer from Rebecca Berberian, [rberberian@nesportsphoto.com](mailto:rberberian@nesportsphoto.com))
  - Rhonda Farnham (suggested by Rachel, Rhonda has done Portland High School sports teams [rhonda@rhondafarnham.com](mailto:rhonda@rhondafarnham.com))
  - Sarah Landry Photography (Lisbon – did LA Nordiques this year, impressive looking photos). [www.sarahlandryphotography.com/sportsphotography](http://www.sarahlandryphotography.com/sportsphotography)

### **Casco Bay Arena:**

Final ice times at CBA will be on Sunday, 3/18/18. Chiller will be turned off Monday, 3/19 and gasket repairs will commence. Ice out and floor dry on or around 3/25. The arena will then be available for end of season team parties/street hockey/etc. \$100 for team parties gets 1.5 hours at the rink with use of lobby and street hockey.

The big news is that CBA obtained financing for the purchase and installation of a sports floor. The floor was ordered today, with arrival and install sometime in early to mid-April. It will be lined for roller hockey, box lacrosse, and Futsal (soccer), but will be available for pretty much any other sports (field hockey, volley ball, etc.). Due to uncertainty about exact install date, spring street hockey offerings will be delayed a bit if there is interest. The sports floor is vital to entice off-season use of CBA to create revenue to help offset significant costs related to the hockey season. We are still running on a budgeting deficit, and need this source of revenue and use. Hope to have a futsal league here and already have interest from the Yarmouth and Cape varsity coaches. Please spread the word. We will be planning an open house once it is installed and ready for use.

Need to connect with Rachel/Eric about next season's plan for start and end dates for ice. Board discussion focused on delaying opening weekend until at least first or second weekend of November.

### **President:**

- MEAHA T2 division is shrinking for both Peewees and Squirts. Calling around to find other teams in MEAHA likely to have T2, but currently look to have only 2 for Peewees. At this point it looks likely that the EJEHL might be the option for CBHA Tier II PW and Squirts. Board discussion of other leagues included the Eastern Hockey Federation, the New England Premier Hockey League and the US Premier Hockey League
- Evaluations will be in next few weeks. Evaluators and volunteers have been secured. Board discussion in response to question of moving to a closed try-out. Benefits are that it puts less pressure on the kids without parents watching, and no other organizations would be able to come in and poach CBHA kids. Downside is it goes against the transparency concept that CBHA practices and the reality that some kids do better with their parents watching. Board discussion leaned towards keeping it open this year but ensuring that someone is watching the locker rooms to make sure that it's only the players and a parent only when needed.
- MEAHA requesting feedback of the T2 format for State Tournaments. Teams played the opposition up to three times needing to win two to advance. Board discussion focused on the challenge that for series that ended with two games you pay for ice and ref time that was never used, although MEAHA pays those fees so maybe a non-issue. It also makes scheduling challenging over two weekends. The intensity between the teams can be high when you meet each other in that many games. An idea for future years was to do an aggregate where each team plays two games against an opponent and scores are combined between two games.
- MEAHA is suggesting that each organization have a Board Member with Safe Sport knowledge who understands the intricate details of Safe Sport. This person is responsible for reviewing our policies and procedures and making sure we are in compliance. Brief conversation of the existing position to fold this role into. Suggested that it be Coaching Director.
- MEAHA encouraging U18T3 teams for next year because so many successful U16 T2 and T3 teams. There was some concern that at some point this could diminish the Midget House program.

- CBHA recently received a \$500 check from Shaws. They support youth sports leagues and CBHA was suggested to them.