



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY MONTHLY MEETING  
November 5, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES

The monthly of Massachusetts Hockey was held on Monday November 5, 2018 at the Needham Sheraton, Needham, Massachusetts

John Tobin called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. John Tobin welcomed all board members presented his opening remarks.

Kevin Kavanagh reported on his participation in the Aspen Institute's "Project Play" symposium in Washington, DC. The symposium was designed to gather leaders in the youth sports marketplace and discuss opportunities to encourage more activity among the youth in the United States. One specific area of opportunity was the idea of street hockey being used to introduce kids to the sport. Kevin will be discussing this with the long range planning committee, Boston Bruins and USA Hockey to see if there are any opportunities to be a part of a pilot program that could potentially create a new membership category.

The Board discussed the finance report circulated by Greg Sophis. John Tobin inquired on the status of the annual audit and Greg advised that the audit should start in early December. John advised the Board the anticipated that USA Hockey would be imposing a dues increase next year and traditionally Massachusetts would piggyback on USA and increase their dues as well. John advised that given financial status of Mass Hockey that he would not be looking for a dues increase.

Bob Joyce presented minutes from the September Board meeting and a motion was made, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Bob Joyce informed the Board on the status of the upcoming Youth Tier I and Tier II tournaments scheduled to start the next weekend.

John Tobin asked for section and district reports.

Tom McGrath informed the board about Youth Council looking into non-checking at 14U. He requested that district directors to reach out and survey and start discussions with the local programs on how they would feel about no check hockey at the bantam level. He informed the board that he would report back to Board with Youth Council Conference calls that would be held in November and December.

On the matter of old business – Charlie Bradbury brought up the issue of CORI checks and compliance and a discussion ensued.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm, seconded and approved.