

Casco Bay Hockey Association Board Meeting
Directors' Updates
February 3, 2020

President - Eric Turgeon

Treasurer - Mike Geoghan

Travel Director (VP)- Matt Goodrich

Girls Hockey Director (VP) - Scott Matusovich

Tier IV House Director (VP), U14 (Bantam) T4 Manager - Scott Rousseau

- Season has progressed with only 1 or 2 minor disciplinary matters. Nothing noteworthy to report.
- Otherwise, business as usual. Scheduling has been mostly issue free as well.
- Teams are generally all successful, save one or two teams that struggled early but seem to be gaining their footing since the New Year.
- Bantams particularly are very strong with a chance to place 4 or 5 teams to the state tourney. Issues with Gladiators Bantams (less so) and Nordiques Bantams, which is not surprising since the Nordiques current coach was the coach of the Western ME team that all conference opponents stopped playing 2 years ago. Also ironic is that I've been told Gladiators will not play Nordiques any more. Art imitating life??
- We are hosting the U12 and U14 Conference tourneys Feb 23-26. Rachel and I are working on this schedule, but are waiting on confirmation from MEAHA / Mike Keaney that the South is again sending 5 teams to the states.

Casco Bay Academy Director - Joe Guerriero

Casco Bay Hockey Academy – 161 total skaters

- Break the Ice Session 2 – 55 registered skaters
 - Head Coach – Eben Adams
 - Assistant Coaches – 23 registered
- Learn to Play – 106 registered skaters
 - Head Coaches – Rob King, Mike Formas, Toby Bell
 - Assistant Coaches – 25 registered
 - LTP A and B are now split and are running well. We have implemented the mite practice plan structure where power skating takes half of the ice with three stations running on the other half. It seems to be working well and gives each skater more time to learn the fundamentals of skating.
- Picture Feedback was positive, and we have another one scheduled for BTI this Saturday, for those who were unavailable to get their pictures done in 2019. We may be setting up another for LTP as well.
- All CBHA programs are running smoothly with positive feedback from all parents so far. No issues to discuss with the board at this time.

U8 (Mite) Division Director and U12 (Peewee) Division Director - Caitlin Jordan

Everything seems to be going well. The Auburn tournament went very well, all teams enjoyed themselves. Teams are looking forward to the Leprechaun Cup

U8 Mite Assistant and Tournament Director (VP) - Matt Lambert

- MEAHA changed the eligibility requirement for travel programs. I will provide the update at the meeting.
- Mite Lep Cup is on track. We have 35 teams registered and we will close out registrations next week.
- Ongoing items: travel tryouts, number of teams at the travel level, ice needed for next season.

U10 (Squirt) T4 Division Director - Dennis Hunt

- The MEAHA Tier IV South Conference Tournament does not have a location listed and I am constantly being asked where the tourney will be held. I know this has been bounced around – is there a final decision?

- Is there any chance of having goaltender coaches for our upcoming Wednesday night practices?
- Looking for schedule info for the last part of the year. Should teams expect the same Wednesday night / Saturday am practice schedule through March 8?
- Stars and Predators will play in between periods at upcoming Feb. 7th Mariners game

U12 (Peewee) T4 Division Director - Caitlin Jordan

We continue to have close back and forth games within our program. Some programs are compatible and some are weaker than our House teams but we should have a fairly good showing headed into hosting the conference tournament. A couple of disciplinary issues but nothing major and all have been dealt with. Having Goalie World at practices has been good for the goalies. I believe we need more of that at this level. Marc's clinics have also been great.

U18 (Midget) T4 Division Director - Tom Clifford

U16/U18 (Midget) Travel Director - Lance Becker

Goalie Director - Mark Halsted

- Our final CB Goaltending clinic will be (was) held Saturday, February 1st, 10:40am at NYA
- We are looking forward to September clinics for 2020 and would like to explore the idea of two age groups, and two hours of ice
- We continue to try and get goalie coaches to practices for each level, but would like to hear what (if anything) should be done for 2020-21 to improve the goalie coaching situation

Registrar - Melissa Riley

- 52 teams rostered with USA hockey for the season. All rosters are final. USA hockey has a hard deadline of 12/31 for any roster changes. This includes moving any players from LTP or BTI to teams.
- 14U Tier II and up team books are being collected to be credentialed by the state registrar.

Coaching Director - Bryan Cheever

ACE - Jayson Morrison

- 180 registered coaches for 2019-2020.
- New England district has announced Level 4 clinics. Will send out a message towards the end of season to coaches who registered this year with a level 3. Any midget travel (or bantam tier 1) coaches we know for next season need level 4 or be on a four-year track to obtain level 4.
 - June 20-21, Concord, NH
 - August 1-2, Windsor, CT

TA Director/Secretary - Meg Swift

- All Travel books being collected to get to Registrar Sue at the Feb 11th meeting
- TA meeting held for all Mites TAs to go over roster and labels and their roles in tournaments. Rebecca Spear and Mary Louie co-led meeting and got TAs updated on the Leprechaun tournament and roles teams will be asked to play
- Rhonda Farnham held another photo session at FIC on 2/1 to get any new BTI skaters and other skaters who had missed their team's photos
- Raffle tickets collected on 2/1. Online sales turned off on Sat morning with approximately \$6,200 in sales. Quick count of cash/check sales total \$9,610 for total gross of \$15,800, slightly less than last year. Will do drawing at Monday Board meeting

Operations Manager (Scheduler) - Rachel Pargeter

- Games through the Icicle have been uploaded for T4 , Travel is done through the end of February and work on the rest of February for girls and T4 continues. Game with the schedule for 2/29-3/1 is in progress for T4. Some ice may be sold to MHD for their tournament.
- Data entry for the rest of the season is ongoing as schedules are finalized.
- Game data through the Icicle has been sent to Tom, Icicle and schedule for 2/21-2/23 play-ins will be sent as soon as complete.
- January ice use will be emailed to Mike this week.
- Working on schedule for 2/21-2/23 (approximately) play-ins for T4 and also tryouts for Spartans and MEAHA tournament ice for U12 T2 games. Mariners tryout ice scheduling is next for both coed and girls.

- Icycle ice schedule is in the final draft stage, almost complete and the game schedule for U10 T2 MEAHA tournament has been finalized.

Webmaster - Rachel Pargeter

- Casco Bay Hockey Instagram Account set up and posts have been started. Facebook and Instagram follow/like buttons have been added to the CB home page. Rebecca Spear has been given access to Instagram, FB and Twitter accounts.
- Icycle tournament is at final draft stage for schedule and data entry and posting of schedule will be done soon on EventConnect.
- Leprechaun Cup registrations are still coming in and data entry work is being done and monitored as Mary Louie (or someone else) needs to enter all our CBHA teams in EventConnect
- Play-in tournaments will also be put in EventConnect so teams can see the schedule on their phones on the app.

Casco Bay Arena- John Veilleux

CBHA Board Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

In attendance: Matt G, Matt L, Joe, Scott R, Bryan, Dennis, Meg, Rachel, Caitlin, Scott M, John, Jayson, Mike, Eric, Marc

Absent: Melissa, Lance

1. Vote was taken to approve January meeting minutes

2. MEAHA Report (Matt L.)

- Tier 1 Teams: if you are an Association member of MEAHA (this doesn't apply to Affiliate members such as the Wild) starting at Bantam level can have T1. MEAHA can determine that a team is not T1.
- MEAHA travel teams' numbers rules: First year 50/50 in House, next year 66 2/3 of players in House. Central ME brought forward that they want to get rid of this rule. New plan – need to have LTP/BTI, Mites House and T4 program – if you meet all 3 of them you can have a Travel team at each of the 3 levels, but they have the chance to parity you down to T3, T4. As long as an organization has 70% playing House, it can have more than 1 team at each age group.
- Process for proposing/voting on MEAHA rule changes (CBHA proposal): CBHA will propose a rule that there is a formal process for proposing rule changes so that there could be discussion among club membership/directors ahead of time. Currently a rule change that is proposed at a meeting means that only those there can vote and they haven't had a chance to talk with their own Board about it.
- Annual Meeting is 5/3/2020

3. 18U Tier 3 midgets Proposal (Eric)

Mike Ward, NYA Coach, wants to coach a CBHA U18T2 team and bring 8-10 NYA players to the team. Discussion centered around reality that he would not be in the room to evaluate players and CBHA would make it clear up front that selection would not include him and that NYA students were not guaranteed a spot on team as no other players are guaranteed a spot. Issue of conflict of interest for him to coach; only way an MPA high school coach can coach a team is if none of the HS players are on that Club team.

4. Leprechaun Tournament: (Matt L)

- 35 teams registered. Want to get 3 Huskies teams. \$600/team but 14 of teams are CBHA
- Sponsors recruited by Rebecca Spear including bags for every player

- Working on shirts with Scott...will use graphic artist from PIAS. Can show options for 1 color, 3 color and Matt can pick design
- Request for Rachel to give Tom heads-up on dates and ref needs and let Alex know times
- Caitlin coordinating with food trucks and getting approval from town
- Medals have been picked out and Mike will order
- Hope to purchase a banner that will print winners that lives at CBA
- CBA will get accessory entrance that they use for tree lighting ceremony since lobby will be busy and full
- Score boards will be used at one end and flip charts at the other
- Player of the game each game
- No out of state teams this year. Hope that success this year will build interest going forward
- New nets will come by end of Feb and will need to be strung

5. CBA Issues (John)

- Taking ice out 3/22...can schedule mid-week ice leading up to Leprechaun
- Signed contract with Summit Gas to serve as lead sponsor
- New glass delivered...will be replaced before the Mite tournament
- Cash flow is in good shape
- New board ads are being added. Have 10 more that can be sold - \$1k/yr/ad, pure revenue at this point
- Zamboni – need to get the new conditioner installed. The back-up Zamboni of FIC is also broken. Rinks get together and manage how the Zambonis work.
- Locker room doors need hinge guard to prevent injuries. They have been ordered and will be funded as a donation by family whose daughter was hurt
- Current worker shortage and Josh is having a hard time finding enough workers for the two rinks

6. TIA manager complaint (Eric)

Recent problem at TIA when rink manager asked for games to go running time. Parent in score booth filed a complaint after words were shared. Apparently the rink manager swore at parents and players. A CBHA Parent sent a complaint to TIA copying Eric. We should put a call in to Alex – 3rd week in a row this has happened. Leave extra 10 min before the public skating; rink manager ensures that there is plenty of time before the public ice but if we have the ice immediately before this we are losing time in this last hour.

7. Calendar Raffle (Meg)

Online sales were closed on February 1st at the same time that paper tickets were collected at the Pond House. Early calculations indicate brought in \$15,800 and we will have some expenses. This compares to approximately \$17K raised last year. Though we had a longer sales time and better organization of the process, competing calendar raffles in S Portland, Cape and Yarmouth may have hurt our sales

Drawing for the full month of prizes was done at Board Meeting. Meg will contact winner daily and Rebecca will post to social media.

Date	Item	Name
2/1	Monkey C Monkey Do Family 4 Pack	Stephanie Haskins
2/2	Sea Dogs Betts Sky Box (22 tix) Sat 7/11/20	Cathy Sampson
2/3	Hockey Sauce Toss	Kristin Boulay
2/4	Planet Hockey half camp tuition and swag	Rob Prouty
2/5	Twinsie's Bakery \$50 GC	John Formas
2/6	Rousseau's Hockey Clinic	Murdoch Walker
2/7	\$50 Cash	Ella Metivier
2/8	4 tickets to Bruins game	Michelle Trepaney
2/9	Carly Murray Photography family 30 minute mini session with 10 digital images at outdoor location of your choice	Edward Parker
2/10	4 tickets to Mariners game	Jacquie Adams
2/11	\$50 Gift Certificate Play It Again	Brian Keddy
2/12	One Hour of Ice at FIC	Lucia Igani
2/13	One week all-day sports camp at CBA	Mandy Rogers
2/14	\$50 Cash	Gerald Holt
2/15	Evolution Hockey - stick signed by entire Mariners team	Mary Arborio
2/16	Vinal Haven Rental for 2 nights	Linda Strunk
2/17	Puck signed by David Pastrnak	Cory Friedman
2/18	Black Bear Hockey Camp tuition	Robert Brann
2/19	Family Portrait Sitting with Rhonda Farnham, includes retouched 8x10	Juli Millett
2/20	Charlie's Friends Doggie Daycare gift certificate	Charlotte Geoghan
2/21	\$50 Cash	Rhonda Ainsworth
2/22	An hour of ice time at CBA with a pizza party	Carlye Homan

2/23	\$50 Gift Certificate Play It Again	Troy Henninger
2/24	Family 4 pack skating pass at FIC	Lisa Boyce
2/25	2 horseback riding lessons at Society Hill Farm in Falmouth	Jennifer Call
2/26	Red Sox signed memorabilia	Amy McNaughton
2/27	10 Normatec recovery sessions at the Wellness Solution (\$200 value)	William Grabarz
2/28	\$100 Cash	Jed Bucci
2/29	Garmin Forerunner 645 Music	Tamara Jones
	Player Winner - \$100 Cash and \$200 discount on 2020-2021 registration	David McDonough

8. Social Media and Website Support (Eric/Rachel)

- Rebecca Spear will be posting social media
- Question of how we get families' permission for their kids to be on website. If we have teams that win regionals, states at end, we ask the team if each player can be tagged. Going forward will include something in registration
- For Leprechaun, will put a media release

9. Other general topics:

- Goal Tending: last session held Sat 2/1 with 37 goaltenders. Great turnout and terrific programming over the course of the season. Looking forward to doing more next year.
- Financial: Mike to create a form for anyone to submit expenses and also to manage payment of tournaments in cases where registration fee also includes hotel cost and families owe CBHA so that entire payment can be made in one lump sum (example of the Quebec City Tournament this winter)

OPTION FOR NON-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO LEAVE

Executive Committee focused discussion on time sensitive issues:

1. Mike presented analysis of the number of players and teams predicted for 2020-2021 season. Adjustments made during the course of the conversation, still being updated.

- This past year had policy that any new House players to CBHA got an email after registration saying they were on the WL, might not be able to find room for them

- Issue of who stays in the system. If a player is cut from T2, they tend to leave CBHA. If kid is cut from T3, tend to go to T4

2. Plans for Co-ed Travel Teams:

a. Spartans - created in order to get our T2 teams into a league since there are no options currently in MEAHA. We don't want to recruit from all over the state. We can do this with current CBHA skaters and they will get a full schedule whether it's E9 or BHL.

- Teams will be by birth year starting with 2nd year Squirt ('10), '09, '08, '07 and '06 Split Season.

b. Mariners - Will keep 1 MEAHA team at each level - these will include 2 birth years per age group. PW will have 3 teams - 1 MEAHA and Spartans '08 and Spartans '09

Biggest challenge with change is ice availability. One theory is that the hours given back each month would allow us to add new teams, but others are concerned that these hours are few and far between. Long conversation about equity of adding the Spartans teams and who loses on the ice time. One argument was that in recent years Mites teams and Girls teams have been added, but Travel Teams have not and are competitiveness here is decreasing as a result; players moving to for-profit programs to play more competitive hockey. Spartans team is added to provide a solution to keep more kids in our organization. Decision made to lock down the total travel teams to 7, but need to think about how we clamp down other sides of the program so this won't be a problem going forward.

Possible options for ice limitations:

1. Can we get ice hours from USM?
2. Can we move first evening ice back an hour during the week so they start at 4:30?
3. Can we practice once a week in the morning?
4. Can we make our T4 programs - LTP and BTI especially - limited to players who live within a certain radius of our rinks or live in specific towns
5. Do we scale our Mites teams back to 8 (from 14 this year)

3. Girls Teams

4. Tryout Schedule
5. Hosting Tournament Schedules
 - a. Tier IV Bantam & Peewee
 - b. Tier II Squirt (Gold)
 - c. Girls

To-Do:

1. Proposal to MEAHA regarding timing for rule change and votes - Eric
2. Talk with Mike Ward about plans for U18 T2 team in the fall - Eric
3. Speak to TIA about the Sunday ice time immediately prior to public skate - can entire morning be moved back 10 min - ?, Rachel?
4. Ongoing Leprechaun Tournament details - shirts, medals, food trucks, new nets - Matt/Caitlin
5. Leprechaun details to Tom and Alex - Rachel
6. Notify calendar winners daily - Meg
7. Create new financial forms (reimbursement and tournament registration reimbursement) - Mike