



MAHOCKEY.ORG

781-664-2700 / P.O. BOX 1788, DUXBURY, MA 02332

Tim McMahon / Secretary / tcmahon@mahockey.org

#MASSPROUD

MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY, INC.

BOARD MINUTES

January 3, 2022 - Zoom

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 via a zoom meeting.

Meeting called to order by Bob Joyce at 7:00 PM. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Bob Joyce mentioned that Massachusetts had over 21k new covid cases per recent news report. He spoke with Tom Smith regarding changes that may be coming down the road from governor's office. Plan is to allow local municipalities to deal with the issues of the pandemic on a local level.

Kevin Kavanagh said he is not hearing anything at the state level or a desire to go back to previous measures. The state is monitoring the situation.

Bob Joyce sent email regarding devastating wildfires in Colorado. Mass Hockey like Minnesota Hockey and others would like to donate to support. A motion was made to donate \$2000 to the Colorado Amateur Hockey, seconded, and approved by majority.

Bob Joyce reported on the efforts of the Referee Committee to increase officials and reduce abuse. The new parent/spectator conduct reporting system was launched in November. Bob serves on national committee regarding growth and retention of officials.

Kevin Donovan added that Level 1 seminar is scheduled for Saturday. 70 people registered so far. They can accommodate up to 100 people per the school where the seminar is being held. Reminders have been sent out for people to register. November seminar has resulted in 50% of attendees completing what is necessary. Reminders are sent out weekly. There are Level 3 and Level 2 referees who are also being registered and/or encouraged to complete paperwork / modules.

Chris Mayer couldn't attend the meeting but will send a discipline report later.

Christopher Gong reported the efforts by the Diversity Committee has been focused on several discipline matters. Christopher pushed USA Hockey for initiatives regarding diversity.

Chris Holden couldn't attend the meeting but will share the financial statement and end of year statement later.



Executive Director, Kevin Kavanagh mentioned the National bound tournament for the Fall were completed. Spring events are being planned for. Ice has been secured for eight tournaments to be run out of Marlborough in first week of March. Working with Score Boston Weekend (first weekend in April) and Willie O Reed group to have a presence with MassHockey. Program schedule may be affected by COVID. Mike DiOrio has completed his annual audit of teams and programs have been made aware of discrepancies about rosters. Wendall Taylor has passed along some ideas about how MassHockey can codify issues relating to discipline and racism (racial slurs, etc.).

Paul Moore mentioned the CEP clinics will not be extended. Affiliates will manage the temp card process.

Tim McMahon announced the elections for 2022. The following positions are to be elected this year:

- 1st VP
- 2nd VP
- 4th VP
- Secretary
- Director at Large (2)
- USAH Director

Nominations are due by February 20th (Sunday) to the Secretary. One week prior to the March Meeting (February 28th) the list of nominations will be shared. Nominations will be accepted from the floor in the March (7th) meeting.

A motion was made to approve the November 1st, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Mark Lissner reported the 19U and 16U Girls State Tournament was held over Thanksgiving at NESC. Mark is moving to virtual meetings for credentials for upcoming tournaments.

Jim Maimone mentioned that ADM is focused on competitive body contact training. Several sessions have been conducted across Massachusetts. The next one is January 27 in District 6 at Amherst.

Steve Rizzo and Donald McNeil shared that Player Development Open Tryout for March 20th, Festival for April 8-10, and tournament in June 4-5th.

Tom Smith reported the safety committee is working on head and neck injuries with a number of high-profile cases in recent events.



No additional committee reports.

District reports were shared prior to the meeting.

Paul Moore mentioned that the Bruins Coaching Symposium was a great event and highly attended. We trained more than 3000 coaches this season. Paul will consider temp cards for coaches on case-by-case basis.

Steve Rizzo mentioned that Mark Tabrum is heading up player development for USAH. National camps are a go as of now. Some discussion on tryout rules at USAH Youth Council. Considering rebranding national tournaments.

Jim Maimone sent email regarding the USAH governance committee efforts to achieve 33% athlete directors. All districts will still have the same number of seats on the board. More to report in the February Meeting.

Under old business Bob Joyce mentioned the tryout rules. All Non-National Bound teams shall be held after March 14th and National Bound teams 48 hours after national tournament (April 6th, 2022).

Under new business Dan Esdale mentioned the Parent Awareness Committee is working to see how NEHJ and MassHockey could work together.

Steve Rizzo mentioned Erick Kainen's goalie initiatives to use goalie development as a player development tool. There is a desire to dual roster players (skaters) and allow for waivers for individuals to play goalie at lower levels.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.