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BOARD MINUTES

February 1, 2021 - Zoom Conference Call

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 1st, 2021 via zoom conference call.

Meeting called to order by Bob Joyce at 7:03 pm.

Bob Joyce mentioned that the curfew restricting operating times at rinks has been lifted. The multi-state travel restriction for hockey teams was extended through March 31st. There has been some criticism about the restrictions, but we have been operating this way for some time now.

In Kevin Kavanagh's Executive Director update, he mentioned that he is still handling calls at the office regarding COVID matters, protocols, and tracing. Kevin reported the performance reviews are underway. The Sportsmanship Award notifications were sent out and applications are being accepted. There are 7800 unclaimed players which down from previous years, of which only 1700 is in key roster age group.

There has been limited negative feedback from the decision prohibiting tournaments this season due to COVID-19 pandemic safety mitigation measures. USAH still expects to play nationals in late April. At large bids are set for after April 13th. We don't believe we can prohibit teams from competing outside of Massachusetts. USAH expects affiliates to confirm teams participating in Nationals by Feb 24th.

Tom McGrath has been very busy on Youth Council regarding USAH nationals and tryouts. Youth Council took a position to request USAH to allow National Bound tryouts on March 31st. We sent a letter requesting tryouts to commence on March 13th in Mass due to prep school lockdowns and availability of players. Our request has been tabled until USAH Executive Board decision. There are concerns from many organizations operating both national and non-national bound teams waiting to hold tryouts due to revenue Impacts and lack of ice availability. Steve Phil, and Jay committee

Chris Holden mentioned the "new" finance committee met this past week. One member of the committee is an independent non-board member. Topics included: reviewing the finance committee charter, reviewing YTD December financials, discussing audit, tax, and compliance issues, and developing an expense policy. In addition, the Finance Committee has already started discussions on the 2021-2022 budget process and monthly reporting to the board.



A motion was made to approve the January 4th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Chris Mayer mentioned on behalf of Dan Esdale that the Parent Awareness Committee will meet in next 2 weeks. COVID restrictions has slowed the development of Parent Education videos with the Bruins that will address hockey players and their long-term involvement in the sport.

Chris Mayer reported that so far this season there have been 59 match penalties, 4 other hearings, and 8 appeals. There have been no appeals to USAH.

Steve Rizzo reported Jim Maimone, Roger Grillo, and himself met about educating players and coaches on checking.

Nick McCummings reported that disabled hockey and special hockey are playing as of now. Blind hockey is expected to start in April.

Steve Rizzo mentioned that there is some discussion with other affiliates about collaborating on ADM.

Phil Zona reported that sportsmanship award applications are being accepted.

Jay O'Neil reported that Cheever Grant committee will meet in the next couple of weeks to determine plan this year and beyond.

Steve Fitzgerald reported the Audit Committee met last night (Jan 31, 2021) regarding the selection and recommendation of the 2019 and 2020 auditors and 2021-2023 auditors. Based upon recommendation from the Audit Committee a motion was made to approve Liscombe & Parrella, P.C. as auditors for 2019 and 2020, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Tom Smith mentioned the AJ Quetta injury from last week and how he is helping to support him and his teammates. Tom will be working with the Safety Committee to see how we can do better. Dr. Alan Ashare added that we can get "Look Up Line" into more rinks, get "Heads Up, Don't Duck" posters in all rinks, and do more "Heads Up, Don't Duck" drills. Bob added a recent inquiry about adding stop signs to back of jerseys.

Bob mentioned that committee chairs can submit reports to Tim McMahon for consolidation and distribution monthly to keep members apprised of great work being done.

Peter Giuliano reported District 1 and 10 members were invited to this meeting and elections will take place next month.



Charlie Bradbury reported that District 2 nominations and then election are underway.

Pat McCarthy reported that District 3 play downs are underway.

Paul Crowley, District 4, mentioned we are responsible for Ice for playdown games not played.

DJ Briggs mentioned a District 7 program may be looking for permission for tryouts prior to March 15th.

Mark Boldrighini reported that playdowns are complete in District 8. Nominations are being done in February with elections In March.

Felix Costanza reported District 9 elections are being conducted this month.

Mark Lissner reported Girl/Women's met about nationals and Women's summit. Held nominations for directors with elections next month. Tom McGrath mentioned the girls national bound game count was changed to 11/7 from 14/7.

Kevin Donovan reported that Referee registration and certification clinics will continue through March 10th with seminars through March 24th. USAH looking at national online training platform for certifications.

Steve Palmacci mentioned that USAH is working on allowing access to some data for affiliates. Steve added he was appointed to chair a committee has been established to review program code issuance within Mass Hockey chaired by Stephen Palmacci. The goal is to create a process by which a code can be obtained and then maintain active codes within the state. The Executive Board approved to suspend all code issuances on January 7th, 2021.

Liz Cohen reported on behalf of Paul Moore that coaching clinics concluded this past weekend.

No old business.

No new business.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.