



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY MONTHLY MEETING

March 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 7:33PM

John Tobin presented his opening remarks discussed the Cheever Awards last Thursday night at the Bruins game.

John presented Andy Gibson from USA Hockey membership. Andy Gibson advised the Board on the efforts of USA Hockey on the growth efforts of USAH. Andy informed that membership is now program services discussed 2 And 2 Challenge and Try Hockey for Free efforts. Mass had 8 rinks involved with Try Hockey for Free. The other area involved by program services is the administrative level, including club excellence helping other areas addressing other administrative issues involving local programs.

Jay O'Neil updated the Board and informed that Rules would be meeting later this evening to discuss the general proposals that were circulated prior to this morning. The deadline was February 22, 2019, and no new proposals have come in. March 18th is drop dead date on any new proposals.

John advised on the Board on USA discussions being held on relating to updating the Conflict of Interest, transgender, confidentiality policies.

Mark Lissner updated the Board on the status of nominations for the June meeting and February 20 was the deadline for early entrants.

Mark advised the Board as follows:

President contested Dan Esdale and Bob Joyce, Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none- Rick Vadnais moved Christine seconded to close.

Jeff Brown 1st VP - Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none - Rick Vadnais moved Christine seconded to close.

Christine Mayer 2nd VP - Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none, Rick Vadnais moved Phil Zona seconded to close.

Steve Rizzo 3rd VP Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none, Rick Vadnais moved Christine Mayer seconded to close.

Phil Zona 4th VP - Mark asked for any further nominations, Jim Maimone was nominated by Peter Giuliano, there being no further nominations, Rick Vadnais moved Peter Giuliano seconded to close.

Jay O'Neill 5th VP – Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none Rick Vadnais moved Peter Giuliano seconded to close.

Greg Sophis Treasurer - Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none Rick Vadnais moved Peter Giuliano seconded to close.

Bob Joyce Secretary - Mark asked for any further nominations, Paul Donahoe and Tim McMahon were nominated from the floor. Mark asked for any further nominations, Rick Vadnais moved Chip Bradbury seconded to close.

Mass Hockey At Large - Dave Young, Mark asked for any further nominations, were nominated from the floor Chip Bradbury, Rick Vadnais, Mark asked for any further nominations, Rick Vadnais moved Kevin Donovan seconded to close.

Jim Maimone USA at Large - Mark asked for any further nominations, there being none Rick Vadnais moved Kevin Donovan seconded to close.

Mark discussed three open USA positions – there was a discussion of need for a rule positions. Disabled G/W, Disabled, HS. The elections for these positions was tabled.

Kevin presented the screening program to the Board of Directors and updated on USAH and USOC requirements. Kevin advised that ICori no longer sufficient, as it does not satisfy the USAH and USOC requirements. Kevin presented the various cost estimates and costs to MA Hockey over a 4 year term.

Kevin entertained questions from the floor on the estimates of number of screens in year 4; per diem cost for person reviewing ICori screen; whether there have been any discussions about coverage over multiple sports; other programs and portals; and overall expenditures.

A Motion made by Christine Mayer for the financing and cost of CORI costs as a pass through for registrants at \$2.50 for players and coaches and \$3.00 for officials. Phil Zona and Rick Vadnais seconded. A vote was conducted by a show of hands and the approval of the expenditure for the screening program was approved.

John Tobin requested officer, district and committee reports

1st VP – Jeff Brown – all quiet

2nd VP – Christine Mayer – all quiet

3rd VP - Steve Rizzo updated on Player Development January 27, 2019 next event 6-8pm 05 Girls at BU, 06 at Middlesex and boys at Boston College. Jim Maimone discussed body contact clinics and intention to discuss at USA Hockey mid-winter meetings.

4th VP Phil Zona – Sportsmanship 37 candidates, HOF candidates have been selected.

5th VP Jay O'Neill – all quiet

Kevin Donovan informed the board that the seminars start in June.

John Tobin introduced John Murray new referee in chief coordinator.

Ron Cincotta made a request for certain financial information ledgers to be provided to him. There was discussion on the access to information and both John Tobin and Greg Sophis informed Ron that they would be glad to schedule a time for Ron to view any information in person with the auditors, ask any questions but emailing or send out any information was not possible. Ron Cincotta requested the auditor's name and telephone number, and was informed he would be provided the number.

Kevin Donovan provided update on officials and seminars 21 seminars and up 200 completed officials since last year. Registration for officials starts June 1 so seminars can start in June. Kevin thanked Christine Mayer for the support from discipline due to the increase in the misconducts and match penalties. Mentioned the South Shore Conference imposing 3 game penalty for coach suspensions.

Tom McGrath and Steve Rizzo updated the Board on the status the discussions on no-checking at Bantam level. Talking about enforcing the rules.

Chris Mayer discussed approval of the new USAH LGBTQ Non-binary policy and safe sport.

The next meeting was announced for June 16, 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.