

NCYHA

Minutes (3/3, 6:30 PM)

Virtual Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES: Aubie van Beuren, Sarah Fernandez, Nicole FitzGerald, Brian Clark, Chris Wilkes, Kelli Kidd, Bryan May, Jeff Day, Chuck Croteau, Eric Karoli, Brian Torello

BOD Votes

1. Obtained approval of 2/10 meeting minutes, sent to Sarah/Jeff to post on the website:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wkl_8E6BgLWN07USq0_f6h9HOJ2zyW_e0KpHTRP3uYI/edit?usp=sharing

Outstanding Action Items

1. COMPLETE - Aubie - Sent letter to organization outlining open positions up for re-election (president, treasurer, house league, learn to skate, MDP, Squirt & Bantam level directors). Level directors need to be in place by the end of March in advance of tryouts.
2. IN PROCESS (Do not need to track here) - Jeff Day/Sarah/Chris - In the process of webmaster transition, will meet with new sports engine account manager in future. Jeff has full admin rights to the website.
3. IN PROCESS - Brian Torello - Provided strategy for refraining from using pinnies for tryouts in 2021 due to COVID. Suggestion for this year would be players wear their game jerseys, practice jerseys (w/ numbers taped to the backs), or are assigned a pinnie. This strategy goes against the anonymity that was created using pinnies to ensure fair evaluations for players.
4. IN PROCESS - BOD - Strategize candidates to fill open positions. Aubie, Bryan and others are in talks with candidates for outstanding positions.
5. Aubie - Request for reimbursement for background checks from RI hockey (\$20/coach)
6. BOD - Will vote in coming week on Team Genius software/app. Designed for evaluations, replaces pen and paper in a rink, highly customizable. Evaluations can be completed seamlessly on phone via app. \$5/player annually (groups of 50 players) = \$750/year to implement for tryouts. Can provide mid-season analytics to parents. App has a methodology to hide players' names to allow for anonymity. Aubie/Chuck to provide additional information via email to BOD.
7. BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. All should review
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a-x8u3rt1XtYxQFSpNWGhf-qxzD65K3LiRAsSfPtqdy/edit?usp=sharing>

Board Updates

1. President Update
 - a. RIHockey
 - i. Concern around players moving programs and having outstanding balances to programs they are leaving - looking for a policy to prevent this from happening in the future.
 - b. SCHL
 - i. Voted for next season to have 15 minute periods for Squirt A and Pee Wee A; 12 minute periods for SquirtB/C and Pee Wee B/C. They did not consider players moving from Squirt A to PW B, etc., TBD if they will reconsider.
 - ii. Voted against allowing those RI club teams that requested into the organization.

- iii. Planning to have quarter and semifinals for all teams, during the last week of March. Finals 3/27 & 3/28. All organizations will be asked to split the cost of ice/ref fees for playoffs.
- iv. All coaches must have a copy of their USA Hockey roster to be turned in with every game sheet.

2. Treasurer Update

- a. Discussed 2020/2021 refund/credit for travel players due to surplus in budget. Proposal loosely agreed to (Brian Clark will review numbers and we will take vote via email in upcoming weeks):
 - i. In lieu of direct refund, NCYHA will purchase 2 travel away jerseys, 2 pairs of socks for all travel players (Bantams will continue to use numbered, reversible NCYHA issued shirts that are reused each year). TBD if shell pants can be covered in the proposal.
 - ii. Players that are not returning will not receive a refund
 - iii. Players moving from Bantams to Midgets will receive a credit applied to midgets, TBD amount

3. Scheduler Update

- a. Comprehensive skills sessions with overspeed scheduled for later this week. TBD the plan is to keep teams separated for COVID. Brian, Aubie & Toby to discuss.
- b. Exploring options for tryouts (looking for ice where evaluators will be allowed) - league requested team counts by 6/15
 - i. 3rd week of March (3/15 - 3/17) at PAS (no spectators allowed, TBD how we will bring in evaluators). 3/15 starts RI public school middle school sports.
 - ii. Boss Arena in April with 25 total in the rink (players & coaches). No evaluators allowed
 - iii. Need to find venue where evaluators allowed and ideally more than 25 skaters
- c. Need to confirm with St. George's that they are planning to allow outside groups to use the ice October 2021

4. Registrar Update

- a. Outstanding payments:
 - i. 2 invoices for missed tryout fees
 - ii. 8 installment payments
- b. Tryout deposit amount will remain \$200, non-refundable
- c. Ella Silva requested a credit for the season. She is a midget that was injured before the season and was not able to play. BOD approved providing a credit for next season.

6. Equipment Update - Brian unavailable for mtg.

- a. BOD decided to move forward with Verbero for travel uniforms (at least Mite - Pee Wee).
 - i. Need to work through details Ex. how will orders be handled, desire 2 color practice jerseys, etc.
<https://www.verbero.com/collections/jerseys-and-socks>

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7. Player Safety Coordinator Update

- a. 1 positive COVID player this week, Kelli working through the appropriate communications

8. Girls Program Update

- a. Jordan Novak SRI is trying to put together a girls travel program through SCHL. It will be supplemental to individual town programs (ie. Whalers, SRI, Burriville). They need to roster 1 team in the following age groups: U-12, U-14, U-16 to keep eligibility in Eastern Girls Hockey. We should encourage our girls to sign up.
- b. Sarah sent an e-mail to '06 - '08 about local summer camp opportunity.

9. Webmaster Update

- a. Knowledge transfer from Sarh to Jeff in progress.
- b. Jeff will look ahead to bolster an Instagram Account - Newport Whalers Account exists but is dormant and was not owned by this group
- c. Jeff personally owns the domain name for newportwhalers.com and newportwhalers.org

10. Christmas Tournament - TBD if we will be able to host at St. George's

- a. Event Connect - Reached out to Aubie, ready to work with NCYHA for events for next year Ex. tournament
- b. Northwest Designs - will create a new, 2 year contract with 20% discount for next 2 years, starting with 2021
- c. Will coordinate a posting on our website/facebook announcing the 2021 Christmas tournament when confirmed

11. Coaching Coordinator

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm
 - a. 4/7, 5/5, 6/2

NCYHA	
Board of Directors	
Role	Name
President**	Aubie van Bueren
Vice President	Brian Torello
Treasurer**	Brian Clark
Secretary	Nicole FitzGerald
Scheduler	Eric Karoli
Registrar	Chris Wilkes
Girls Program Director	Sarah Fernandez
Coaching Coordinator	Chuck Crouteau
Christmas Tournament Director	MJ Bregenhøj
Webmaster	Jeff Day
Advisory Board	
Role	Name
Learn To Skate**	

House League**	
Mite Development Program**	
Mite Level Director	Bryan May
Squirt Level Director*	Sarah Fernandez
Pee Wee Level Director	Tom McCarthy
Bantam Level Director*	
Midget Level Director	Brian Torello
Equipment Manager	Brian Hawkins
Player Safety Coordinator	Kelli Kidd
* Need to fill position March 2021 in advance of tryouts	
** Position up for re-election in May 2021 or open position	