

Casco Bay Hockey Association Monthly Meeting

May 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Scott Rousseau, Scott Matusovich, Caitlin Jordan, Rachel Pargeter, Joe Guerriero, Mike Geoghan, Matt Goodrich, Eric Turgeon, Meg Swift, Bryan Cheever, Melissa Riley,

Absent: Matt Lambert, Lance Becker, Tom Clifford

Update on Casco Bay Arena from Tom Marjerison, John Veilleux and Sarah Kramlich:

Background

When rink established, it was intentionally set up as its own 501(c)3 and not part of CBHA. The rink was created to ensure that non-profit hockey in Maine could continue. MHA was taking players and prior to that the Renegades had - all for-profit organizations and threatening to ruin non-profit hockey in Southern Maine. The rink was designed separately from CBHA for liability concerns, but it was understood at the time that there needed to be a close connection between the two organizations. Rinks have non-USA hockey registered coaches, so big concern was the exposure for CBHA. CBA would be responsible if anything happened, but couldn't afford to have CBHA caught up in this. Every other rink that had tried to get going was stopped before the rink was built because of demands to build fancy locker rooms and absorb additional other costs. When building CBA, everything focused on minimizing costs and operations and thus we have a bare bones rink. CBHA is protected now and going forward. CBA and CBHA need to have a more formal arrangement with the goal of keeping nonprofit hockey in Maine and keeping it affordable.

Now rink run by John. Doesn't make sense to merge 2 nonprofits. Rink has insurance, good coverage. CBHA has own insurance for hockey. So new idea is Memo of Understanding - a bi-law amendment. CBA Board's capital account will be controlled by CBHA. Need CBHA Board to appoint 4 members (can be CBHA members or non CBHA Board members) to CBA Board (CBA Board meets 3 times/year; issues are Board Ads, management of rink). Could be ex-officio situation where the appointees include the president, vp, and treasurer as an example. CBA bylaws call for 8 members. Important to have 2 CBA Board members be President and Treasurer.

Trying to keep cost centers separate. Started out as being low cost alternative. Prices have gone up. For 2019-2020 NYA rates are \$245/hr. Need to make sure that CBHA's needs at NYA are covered. CBA had started out with \$190/hour, but these costs have gone up - JV Fri night is now \$260/hr. There is a 40 year land lease with the town of Falmouth.

John, Tom and Sarah left and Board continued to discuss the presentation and the role of CBHA on the CBA Board.

A discussion on the Board positions then occurred with the following highlights:

- Role of VPs - one for each division: House, Travel, Girls
- Add new director role for each house age group. Question in Mites division as to whether Matt directs with Caitlin helping out or whether Caitlin directs both Mites and PeeWees while Matt organizes Mite Tournament. Possibility suggested of Matt serving as the new Travel Assistant Scheduler
- Introduction of role of Goalie Director, to be assumed by Marc Halsted
- Possibility of Dennis Hunt taking on Squirt Tier IV Director; pending his final approval
- ACE = registrar of coaching credentials position still needs to be filled
- Safe Sport to be added to the responsibilities of the Coaching Director
- Issue of fundraising role and specifically the calendar execution; possibility of Sam Sizack in this role. Will not be doing the 5K and much of the social media work handled as part of the webmaster role.
- Vote to elect Matt Lambert as an EC member since Rachel's new role as non-Board means no EC role.

Financial Summary

- Haven't paid all bills - FIC (\$15K) and CBA (\$35K)
- Waiting to get reimbursement from MEAHA for Mites

MOU with CBA helps lay out understanding between the two organizations

- Have a separate contract that gets updated every year

Budget Meeting followed by Ice Summit

- PW and Bantams flip their numbers
- What to do with Mites - so much bigger, add in bye week
- Squirts will be one team less than past year
- Challenge of numbers, need to look name by name as to who is coming back so we know how many players can be accepted from other programs
- Possible dates for meetings:
 - Budget Meeting: Mon 5/13 6 pm Eric's office, then Ice Summit 5/30?

PW T2 is no longer in MEAHA, in the Boston Hockey League, playing through Spartans (Casco Bay Spartans) with a parity round allowing team to compete in the E9. Need to guarantee 3 teams for the 2020-21 season, but just 1 team for the upcoming season. Hope is that we will pick up more kids across the State for next year given this new opportunity. Picked up 6 new kids from other organizations for the PW T2. Good for the state since T2 is dying, now the rest of the state can have parity. Home games are at home, except for any teams from farther away who complain and then will be able to play at Exeter. Spartans can attend skills for CBHA - max of 2 players. \$2,500/team to Spartans and \$1,500 to BHL

MEAHA Annual Meeting Summary:

- Fees going up bc now paying fee of teams going to Nationals
- Looking for new treasurer
- New Tier 4 Director from Brewer
- Travel numbers have decreased,
 - Bantams (2 Tier 2, 10 Tier 3 - many orgs with 2 teams in the T3. Tier 3 broken into 2 groups - play within group 3-4 times, once against other group and then top T3 play each of the T2)
 - PeeWee - 3 T2, 6 T3 - must play certain number by Dec 1 for parity
 - Squirrels - 3T2 and 3T3 (Moose,Gladiators, Jr Black Bears each have 1). Plan weekend of parity play in September
 - Breakers taking all teams and go to Valley League

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm b