

NCYHA BOD Minutes

10/6/21, 6:30 PM, Community Room, Middletown Fire Station

Attendees: Aubie, Brian T., Brian C., Chuck, Nicole, Chris, Adam, Jeffry M., Matt, MJB, Sarah, Erik, Jeff D

BOD Vote:

1. Received approval of 9/1/21 meeting minutes and subsequently sent to Jeff to post on the website
2. Denied approval from midget family for refund for ½ season midget

Action Items:

1. COMPLETE - Brian H - Develop a process for late travel additions for uniform ordering from Verbero (player will assume cost). Process being further refined by Brian H. (Registrar notifies Equipment Mgr. via e-mail>equipment mgr. Contacts family and has them complete in house order form posted to website>payment collected>equipment mgr. Orders from Verbero contact and adds player number). 10/6 offline update provided: Process has worked thus far. 10 Orders placed on 09/14, 4 orders placed on 10/4. In addition, for on-hand inventory, we ordered pairs of game socks in each size to address league needs. Jake from Verbero will submit an invoice for NCYHA Treasurer to address.
2. COMPLETE- Aubie/Chuck - Work with Verbero to acquire 56 travel jerseys (1/8 boxes lost in transit).
3. COMPLETE per 10/6 offline update - Brian H - Distribute practice jerseys & practice socks (surplus of socks in storage) to all net new players in advance of mini camps 8/15. All families contacted; equipment available for pick up from Brian's house, not all families have picked up their gear.
4. COMPLETE - Brian H - Order placed with Sandy Lane for practice jersey, MDP, TBD delivery timeline.
10/6 Offline Update: I plan to pick up MDP jerseys, socks and practice jerseys from Sandy Lane today, 10/4. I had email communication with Adam from MDP. Adam indicated he is fielding four teams each with roughly nine skaters. We ordered twelve jerseys for eight teams, therefore will have surplus for next year. I will confirm pick up, and as I will be out of town until Saturday 10/9, will need to coordinate pickup from the MDP director.
5. COMPLETE: Chris W. - Provide coaching guidelines to Sarah F. as it pertains to players coaching (I.e. midget volunteering to coach younger players). Chris will pull down USA hockey form.
6. COMPLETE: Nicole - Send welcome letters, magnets, stickers to 155+ travel families.

7. COMPLETE - Aubie/Jeff Dwyer - Firm up agreement/whalers logo so Island hockey can sell Whalers merchandise. 2year term
 - a. Approach this year via e-mail and online catalogs
8. IN PROCESS - Brian C. - Research costs associated with replacing Ipads/squares for Christmas tournaments, SWAG sales, etc. Synch with Jeff D. as he might have a surplus in his business inventory. Take a vote at October BOD mtg.
 - a. \$630 for each replacement includes device, stand, connection through square will be an additional temporary wireless account fee for the months used, square takes small percentage of sales
9. NEW - Need to identify new Player Safety Coordinator (Kelli Kidd stepped down). She has agreed to assist until a replacement is found. This position is required by RI Hockey.
10. NEW - Chris. W. provide Nicole with list of new travel additions so she can send welcome letter, magnet, element decal
11. NEW - Nicole work with Brian H/Chris/Brian C to complete a reconciliation of players/jersey numbers/payment. Payment required from families who received blank jerseys and had them numbered/named independently. Need to confirm exact cost of numbering/naming.
12. NEW - Will Whalers adopt a co-ed locker room policy? Chuck shared best practices from other rinks after the mtg.
13. Chuck/Aubie - Send pulse check email mid-way through 1st season to assess skills, coaching, etc. feedback. Review at December BOD mtg.
14. IN PROCESS - BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. All should review, will review in person after 10/6 BOD mtg. And subsequently seek approval from an attorney.
Original 2016 document:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a-x8u3rt1XtYxQFSpNWGhf-qxzD65K3LiRAsSfPtqdY/edit?usp=sharing>
Nicole confirmed Jen Borden (player parent/attorney agreed to review pro bono).
Nicole noted
questions/suggestions in a new copy of the document.
Nicole's copy of document with questions:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZiHRIjgpFwQ76EBTW63Bh8-aD20Au7Q5r5qayjwCjmQ/edit?usp=sharing>
15. Brian C - Resume discussion 1/2022 around the potential to increase travel fees annually. Research what peer programs have done.

Board Updates:

1. Girls Program Update
 - a. New coach at St. Gs has agreed to facilitate a girls clinic
 - b. Planning to get a sheet of ice at end of season and host an all girls scrimmage
2. President/Vice President Update

- a. RI Hockey Update
 - i. Development camp dates are posted on the website.
- b. SCHL Update
 - i. Ongoing discussions at BOD level to realign some of the Pee Wee teams.
 - ii. Additional information to be provided in future about SCHL selects program.
- c. Other
 - i. Parents/spectators have recently been charged \$120 + tip for MVY transportation to/from the rink. Need to pay in cash or Venmo
 - ii. TBD if MDP boards will be stored at PAS
- 3. Treasurer Update
 - a. No significant update since last month
- 4. Scheduler Update
 - a. October schedule complete - most travel teams have 2 practices/week, 1 skill session and an average of 1 game.
 - b. Significant ice time before Thanksgiving at St. Gs and PAS. This will dwindle once those schools return from Thanksgiving break and begin their own programs.
 - c. Outstanding games with the island teams need to be scheduled.
- 5. Registrar Update
 - a. Summary of our registration numbers and status by level:
 - i. Learn to Skate session 1: 61 registered; 3 waitlisted that were cleared but have not yet completed registration
 - ii. Learn to Skate session 2: 36 registered to date for January start
 - iii. MDP: 39 registered to date
 - 1. MDP and LTS Coaches will complete NCYHA coaching registration and provide USA Hockey number; Will be added to a USA Hockey volunteer roster. MDP will additionally do

Safesport and Background check, please correct me if i am wrong!

iv. Travel:

1. Mite Blue: 10 skaters
2. Mite Green: 10 skaters
3. Squirt A: 11 + Goalie
4. Squirt B: 10 + Goalie
5. Squirt C: 12 + Goalie
6. Squirt pending - One family has been in touch and interested in joining but has not yet registered (Ridall)
7. Pee wee A: 12 + Goalie + one likely pending final placement (Howell)
8. Pee wee B: 11 + Goalie + one likely pending final placement (Filloramo Smith)
9. Pee wee C: 12 + Goalie
10. Four more will be assigned to the above following evaluation:
two above who skating this week (Howell and Filloramo Smith)
and two more that registered last night (Roberts) who I'll try to get out for evaluation this week. One also was in discussion from August but has not registered (Ridell)
11. Bantam A: 16 + 2 Goalies
12. Bantam B: 17 + 3 Goalies
13. Midget A: 19 + Goalie
14. Midget B: 12 + Goalie
15. Learn to Skate session 1: 61 registered; 3 waitlisted that were cleared but have not yet completed registration
16. Learn to Skate session 2

6. Coach In Chief

- a. St. Gs does not allow unvaccinated people on their campus - secretary collected data for Bantam/Midget teams and Aubie will follow up with those

that did not provide. We want to ensure everyone we send on ice at St. gs is vaccinated per our contract with them.

- b. Will Whalers adopt a co-ed locker room policy? Chuck shared best practices from other rinks after the mtg. For BOD to review and discuss at the next mtg.

7. Equipment Update

- a. Nicole confirmed after the mtg. There are LTS jerseys, solid blue or white with whalers logo on the front in storage.
- b. Nicole provided Jeff with a bin of SWAG to sell at PAS rink when he has capacity in between MDP/LTS sessions.

8. Webmaster Update

- a. Unknown origin issue on the backend of the website where erroneous data was populating. Working to ensure only current BOD members have credentials to access backend.

9. Christmas Tournament and Sponsorship Director - Update/Next Steps

- a. Limited registration to 50 teams. Open request to St. Gs to allow tournament at their rinks while school is not in session, requested a decision no later than 10/20/21. Tournament will be cancelled for 2021 if we do not have ice at St. Gs.
 - i. Will present a new logo and a proposal for trophies/medals or hats, etc. for tourney SWAG if tournament a go. Do not want to incur any expenses until the green light for the tournament is received.
 - ii. Next tourney meeting Monday 10/25
- b. Matt is moving forward securing sponsorships for the tournament, his goal is approximately 15 sponsors for a total of 5K.

10. Player Safety Coordinator Update - No update, need to fill position

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule:

- 1. Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, in person
Middletown Fire Station 11/3, 12/1

2. Christmas Tournament Future Meeting Dates - 10/25