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MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY, INC.
BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022 - Zoom meeting

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, October 7th, 2022, remotely via zoom.

Meeting called to order by Bob Joyce at 7:02 PM and welcomed everyone in person.

1. President's Opening Remarks

Bob Joyce welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. USA Hockey IT Update

Peter Giuliano: Still having issues with updates from safesport and CEPs updating in the portal for rosters.

Bob Joyce: There were also issues with the referee reporting system but that appears to be resolved now.

Chris Mayer: Why haven't we received notice from USAH regarding the communication issues.

3. Committee Status/BOD Compliance

Bob Joyce reported that committee selection report was sent last week. Some have expressed interest in being added so an updated list will be sent later this week. Committees are being asked to consider mission statement to be added to website.

Tim McMahon: Only a few have updated compliance. Will send compliance report after meeting.

4. Discipline Structure / Tracking System Update

Bob Joyce: Christopher Gong has been appointed Chair of the Discipline committee with Christine Mayer, Gary Gates, John Murray, and Jeff Brown as Vice-Chairs. Thanks to Christine Mayer for many years (17) of dedicated leadership in this committee.

Christopher Gong: Receiving game reports now. Sending the reports to leagues and program. There have been many reports that have to do with hate speech, and this is growing problem that needs education and as well discipline.

Gary Gates reported they will be meeting with Brian Walsh after this who has been working to establish a central database for discipline matters to track incidents, discipline issued, and associated records. Gary added that the 3rd party solution based on a school discipline software is not able to take imports right now of old records. He'll continue to look at solutions.

5. Finance Report



Chris Holden: The audit is complete and report sent to the board. USAH 3-year review is later this week. He sent financials through September prior to meeting. Annual report due at the end of October and we are on top of that.



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6. Secretary's Report

Steve Rizzio shared a correction the minutes regarding the 50th anniversary for Plymouth Youth Hockey not Canton as noted. A motion was made to approve the September 7th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

7. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Kevin Kavanagh mentioned the sportsmanship awardees will be notified tomorrow. Mike DiOrio is delivering the soft dividers personally. This has been a great opportunity to talk with programs. Fiona Doull is completing the annual guide with updated committee members. She is wrapping up the website improvements as well. Preparing for the 50 state tournaments to be held this season.

8. Vice President Reports

Jeff Brown:

Peter Giuliano is looking for 11 host sites for State playoffs.

David Hymovitz said the national bound tournament registration closed on Sunday.

Mark Lissner mentioned the Girls tournament meeting is in 2 weeks. Report attached below.

Christine Mayer: Sent Discipline Report and Safesport Report prior to meeting.



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Dan Esdale: Planning Parent Awareness meeting next week.

Steve Rizzio: Starting the planning activities for player development.

Tom McGrath: Sportsmanship winners to be announced tomorrow.

Dan Esdale: Hall of Fame Committee met Tues 9/27/22 to discuss reconsideration of the date and venue of our HOF Event and Ceremony of Nov 9, 2022 to be held at Anthony's of Malden.

The venue of last year's successful event.

Following a Round Table discussion of timing and staff availability, the Chair called the question.

A motion to change the date followed with a second, the motion passed.

The scheduling of the Induction ceremony is an agenda item for our next meeting,



We have received the nominations for the various categories...Builders, Coach, Players and will be tallying the votes.

Christopher Gong: Nothing from Long Range or Safety committee.

9. Committee Reports

No additional committee reports.

10. District/Section Reports

District Registrars report first meeting of the season were recently held and focusing on playdown activities for Girls, Midgets and Bantams.

Peter Giuliano is interviewing candidates for district 8 registrar.

Mark Lissner report sent.



2022-10-03 Girls-Women and Tournament Report.pdf

11. USA Hockey Reports

Tom McGrath: Sent report prior to meeting. USA Hockey Tier1 talks to continue and I asked that all Youth Council members be notified when these discussions will be held so all Tier 1 programs interested can participate.

2024 National tournament Host bids closed and selection committee will be getting together.

Steve Rizzo: New chair of player development, Kris Knauss from Alaska. Should have update next meeting.

John Murray: Completed 22 seminars compared to 13 in prior year. Increased number of seminars to 26 from 16. Level 1, 2, and 3 clinics posted for October 15th.

Steve Gear: Just returned from USAH meeting with Risk Managers

Paul Moore: Next set of clinics roll out October 15th with Level 1, 2, and 3. Level 4 are run by national office. Level 5 posted and registration open.

Chris Mayer: USAH Legal Committee working on some updates related to discipline.

Bob Joyce: USAH Referee Task Force is hoping to wrap up work by Thanksgiving and publish their guidelines. Looking to bring assigners under umbrella of USA Hockey like Mass Hockey has done. Affiliate Presidents are meeting to discuss matters including DE&I and tryouts.



John Murray reported that more schools looking to compete in High School Section.

Ray Leblanc: Looking to share opportunity for girls sled Hockey.

12. Old Business

Bob Joyce: We will respond to USAH on Assabet matter at the end of the month.

13. New Business

None.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.