



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY MONTHLY MEETING

January 7, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 7:37PM

John Tobin presented his opening remarks and wished the Board a Happy New Year. John informed the Board that Gloria Herman's husband passed away in December.

Liz advised the Board and discussed the email use by Board members. Liz informed the board that there are 158 email addresses. Liz discussed age of the system, issues involving spam and passwords, etc. and suggested an upgrade of the email system to an exchange server.

Christine Mayer advised the board on the issues of helmet violations, including Top Gun and Lovell Hockey, as well as skill coaches. The issues also involve independent skills contractors and claiming exemptions. Christine informed the Board that the EBoard has plans to reach out to these organizations to attempt to address. Christine asked the Board to continue to be vigilant on compliance if there are others out there.

Greg Sophis was not in attendance and the EBoard John discussed in general the finance report and directed any questions to be brought up directly with Greg.

Motion was made by Rick Vadnais to approve minutes, seconded by Christine Mayer. Approved.

Kevin Kavanagh provided his executive directors report and addressed the issue of CORI compliance and issues involving uploading Coaches into the system. Kevin explained the difference between USA and Massachusetts systems. Kevin encouraged districts and programs to submit their CORI reports to Cori@mahockey.org. Kevin advised that the USOC has increased the screening requirements at a national level for all sanctioned governing bodies. It is still to be determined if USA Hockey will take over screening across the board. The cost to do so will be determined at the USAH level. Kevin said hopefully once funding is determined it will be removed from the local levels. The hope that all local requirements for CORI screening would be included in one universal system. Mark Lissner inquired about time period for coaching CORI credentials on coaches. Jim Maimone inquired about coaches of multiple sports being subject to multiple screens and a universal system.

John asked for Vice Presidents reports.

1st VP – Jeff Brown – all quiet

2nd VP – Christine Mayer - Mark Lissner for update on Mark informed nominations will open up at conclusion of this meeting, President, 5 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, 2 At-Large Directors, and USA Director. Deadline for nomination committee February 20, 2019 to be read at March Meeting. Nominations will be open on the floor of the March Meeting and will close at the conclusion of the March Meeting.

Tom Smith provided a player safety update.

Jay O'Neil advised rules submission deadline is February 22, 2019.

Christine Mayer advised discipline has been very busy, Charlie Bradbury, Jeff Brown, Felix Costanza, Tim McMahon, Peter Guiliano have been very helpful in the process.

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 – JeanAnne Nigro informed board that awards is proceeding. January 31, 2019 Hall of Fame nomination deadline.

5th VP Jay O'Neill – Jim Maimone presented long range planning update and updated on body checking, organizational structure, club representation at Board level.

Mark Lissner provided Girls Women's District Update on state tournaments, advised on discipline issues. 10/12/14 tournament preparation process will start up next Monday. USAH Women's National Team director Reagan Carey has stepped down and her second in command Melissa Halligan has advised will be stepping down as well. Minnesota has been awarded 2020 Tier I Nationals and Philadelphia Tier II.

Paul Moore updated board on coaching updates and coach certification. Bob Joyce inquired about process of temporary cards and requirements for coaches to get certified. Gene Binda discussed player safety and involvement with officials and helping new officials to get confidence on being able to make calls without fear of retribution of coaches.

Steve Palmacci advised that coaches that have not completed levels and dual national bound players will be redlined.

Steve Fitzgerald discussed insurance requirements with skills instructors and that they were required to wear helmets and referenced rule on page 37 on Mass Hockey book.

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 updated the EBoard on the status the discussions on no-checking at Bantam level. Tom is seeking individual districts on input on checking at higher levels. Gene Binda informed about use of video on using for educational purposes.

The next meeting was announced for Monday March 4th at 7:30pm.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.