

July 16 Hockey Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Brought to Order: 6:30

Present

Steven Jewell, Christie Jewell, Todd Bolduc, Alex Netten, Lars Schultz-Nielsen, Sarah Schultz-Nielsen, Hoss Dorr, Mackenzie Zayac.

Accept Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes by Todd Bolduc, seconded by Hoss Dorr.
- Passed.

Chair's Report -Steve Jewell, co-chair Todd Bolduc

Skills and Skating Instructor – Tanya Quigly

- Excited to bring her onboard as our skating instructor – very good reputation around state.
- Preseason clinics will be divided into 8-10U, 12-14U with dates TBD.
- Skating skills will occur based on Tanya's availability.
- She is booking lessons out of KIA now as Dover has become difficult.

Goalie Coach – Ray Jean

- Ray will return this year to work with our goaltenders.

Budget Updates

- Some adjustments to budget made to allot for Tanya Quigley being brought in.

Summer Shiny

- Tier 4 only shiny – expected cost of \$15.00 per session.
- Ice has been booked for Saturday Mornings.
- Shiny broken into 8-10U, and 12U-14U.
- Format: 40 minute games: two 20 minute halves: 2 minute buzzer for shift changes.
- Maximum four goalies.
- Further details to be ironed out prior to posting.

Assessment Date and Jersey Fitting

- Fitting will be second week of August - Exact date TBD.
- September 1 latest to give orders to Mick for uniforms to be available November 1.
- Had been planning on 2 14U teams, but may only field 1 team based on numbers.
- Registration will include two jerseys (home and away) plus socks.

Photographs

Photography will occur November 13, 2024

Eric Ogden photographer – website allows parents to choose product, and fast turnaround.

HNIM Updates

- Suspension of a player post game due to infraction.

Open Season Party

- Free skate and food date TBD -funding provided by MEAHA.

Rebranding Sam Hockey

- Arena has found a new sponsor and will be announced in future.
- An idea floated to rebrand SAM teams in conjunction with pending arena rebranding.
- Steve Prescott very enthusiastic and making pitch to SAM Board.
- Rebranding SAM hockey allows for differentiation between House and Travel programs.
- Rebranding needs to occur in next month if uniforms are to reflect change.

Finance Report - Hoss Dorr

- New SAM Finance Director – Hoss Dorr.
- Will be introduced to SAM's Finance Director in near future.

Scheduler Report - Todd Bolduc

- MJBB 8U Tournament Open – book this tournament.

Tournaments – Shawn Forkey

- SAM December Tournament 10U and 12U - details TBD.
- 14U State Tournament - details TBD.
- We will declare for States for all age groups and pay attention to positioning to determine if other tournament slots need to be found.
- We have had good luck with Maine Hockey Development tournaments in the past.
- We need to be better explain tournament options to parents.

Equipment – Kim Simpson

- Sorted out goalie equipment
- We are getting out of skates – would like to donate to another recreational entity.
- Identifies a need to pair down other equipment.
- Equipment donations by appointment in future – no more dropping at door.

Fundraising - MacKenzie Zayac

- Need volunteers.
- Please pass on fundraising ideas.
- Trailer needed for wreath sale, as past source may no longer be available.

MEAHA – Alex Netten

- We will host State 14U

- 16.16 LADD Organization – program to help kids develop social and mental health on ice and outside the game.
- Tier 4 Information and Timeline for 2024-25 Season.
- MEAHA ordering and providing new age appropriate nets.
- Tier 4 Information and Timeline for 2024-25 Season attached.

IT/PR -Sarah Schultz-Nielsen

- Working on updating website.
- Free CANVA account to work with.
- Asked to post notice for interest in Boys Middle School teams.

Coaching - Elliot Emberly

- Elliot not available.

Grow the Game – Steve Jewell

- Open Season Party with Free skate and food date TBD funding from grant provided by MEAHA.

Team Rep - Haley Arnold

- Haley Arnold not available.
- Will email registered parents looking for Team Representatives at most levels.

Girls Hockey - Lars Schultz-Nielsen

- Gladiators Co-op for 12-14U – hopes for numbers to support separate teams, but minimally a blended team.
- Would like to encourage a couple of their games be played at our home arena.
- Chandler Buie is the Gladiator’s Girls Representative and he is attempting to organize A girl’s clinic 10/26/24 done by the Holy Cross College women’s team.
- Maine Girls Ice Hockey Association (MGIHA) offered Summer Middle School and High School leagues which some of our players have participated in.
- Casco Bay and MGIHA offering fall hockey for high school age girls.
- 10/26/24 Holy Cross Girls clinic in Auburn.
- Will place a girls team in the Southern Maine Middle School Hockey League (SMMSHL).
- Discussion over placing boys teams in the SMMSHL.
- Will work to secure a girl’s hockey night via Bill Boardman.

Player Representative/Safesport – vacant

- This position will need to be filled
- Reminder that Safesport and Background checks must be completed

Registrar – Christie Jewell

- Registrations are beginning to occur.

- 8U -27 registered with goal of 9 per team. Once at 36, would need 18 more for 6 teams.
- 10U –20 registered – at least two teams.
- 12U – 11registered – hope for enough for at least two teams.
- 14U – 6 registered – had been hopes for two teams but appears there may only be 1 team.
- 2 Coaches have registered.
- 8U registrations were problematic and not charging.
- Learn to play is registration open – Sandra Prescott continue to fund this program.
- Shinney registration is open. Will occur through summer.
- Mariners Dates - November 16th, January 12, 25, Feb 2nd – details TBD as Mariner’s organization on summer pause. These dates chosen as it allows for 1 hour of play on Cumberland County Civic Center.

Respectfully Submitted
Lars Schultz-Nielsen

Accept Meeting Minutes
Skills and Skating Instructor
Budget Update
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Department Heads

Finance

- SAM Board Approval
- Meeting with Heather

Scheduler

- MEAHA Website
- MJBB 8U Tournament Open

Tournaments

- Age Groups

Equipment

- Goalie Gear
- Skates

Fundraising

- Swag Order

MEAHA

- 14 U North Tournament
- Tier IV Season Important Dates

IT / PR

Coaching

- Coaches Meeting

Grow The Game

Team Rep

Girls Hockey

Player Rep/SafeSport

Registrar

President

New Business

Tier IV information and timeline for 20 24–25 Season

*Regular season dates: 16 weeks from Sunday, Oct., 20, 2024 – Feb. 9, 2025

September

October

*Team declarations for all Tier IV teams Shall take place at the October MEAHA meeting.

December

*Teams must confirm their participation in the Tier IV conference tournament and MEAHA State Tournament at the December MEAHA meeting.

February

*Conference Tournament Dates are Thursday, Feb. 20 through Sunday, Feb. 23

Top 8 teams play in a Round Robin Format with a 3–game guarantee with 3-5 total games.

Estimated cost of \$900. Per team

*State Tournament Date is Sunday March 2, 2025

Estimated cost of \$350. Per team

The Northern Conference will consist of following Associations

1. Central Maine Youth Hockey Association
2. Maine Jr. Hawks
3. Maine Coast Storm Hockey Association
4. Skating Association of Maine
5. Brewer Youth Hockey
6. Presque Isle Youth Hockey Association
7. Maine Junior Black Bears
8. Southern Aroostook Minor Hockey Association

The Southern Conference will consist of following Associations

1. Midcoast Youth Hockey
2. Maine Gladiators
3. Maine Nordiques Hockey
4. Biddeford Youth Hockey
5. Casco Bay Hockey Association
6. Maine Evolution Hockey Association