

Casco Bay Hockey Association Board Meeting March 2020
Directors' Updates
March 2, 2020

President - Eric Turgeon

Treasurer - Mike Geoghan

Travel Director (VP)- Matt Goodrich

Spartan tryouts taking place this week. 2007,2008,2009,2010 teams all had tryouts last week and 2006 and the final 2009, 2008 tryouts will be the week of 3/2.. Approximately 160 kids registered for tryouts.

Mariners tryouts for Squirt, PW and BT are in the planning for the week of March 23rd. Players that don't make the Spartans team can tryout for the Mariners at a discount tryout fee.

Squirt T2, PW Spartans and BT Silver are still practicing and playing games. Bantam Silver has States this weekend. SQ T2 preparing for Regionals and PW Spartans has the final weekend of games followed by playoffs the second weekend of March.

Congratulations to the Squirt T2 team for winning States!!!!

Girls Hockey Director (VP) - Scott Matusovich

U14 and U16 won the State championships over the Maine Gladiators on Sunday and both will be going to the NED Regional tourney.

U12 and U19 will be going to the NED regional as well.

All teams have had a great season and I am very proud that all teams were ranked in the top 18 Nationally for their age group.

U10 T2 has competed a fantastic season playing with a .500 record against U10 Tier I teams from Massachusetts.

U12 and U14 T4 teams have one more weekend to go with the MHD tourney. Really need to find a different option for these teams in terms of teams to play for next season

Evaluations for 2020-2021 are set to be posted today.

Plan is for a U19, U16, U14 , U12 and U10 Tier II and will add U12 and U14 T3 teams this year. This will not affect the ice time at all

Icicle tourney was a great success for year 4. We had 25 teams great hockey. U10 and U12 won their division.

Tier IV House Director (VP), U14 (Bantam) T4 Manager - Scott Rousseau

Tier IV wrapping up the season.

Squirts Conference Tourney nothing short of an absolute mess. With no organization stepping up to host, MEAHA ended up putting together a last minute event that was at best a bit slap dash.

No Squirt teams qualified for States, so they are now playing out the season through final games on March 8.

PW and Bantam Conference Tournaments were held here and both went smoothly. PeeWees placed two teams at States, the Ducks and Whalers.

The Bantams had an excellent run, with all 4 State spots going to Casco teams, with the 5th Casco team (Wild) losing out to the Casco Blackhawks on goal differential when the Hawks scored to the Wild 1-1 with 2 minutes left in the final Round Robin game. The Sharks avenged a Round Robin loss to the Canadiens to win the Conference Tourney 1-0 in OT in the Championship game.

We are good with ice and schedules to complete the season and now, we (Dennis, Caitlin, and I along with Joe at CB Academy and with the board) must turn our attention to our ice issues facing us next year and options moving forward to find balance with our expanding numbers and growth.

Casco Bay Academy Director - Joe Guerriero

U8 (Mite) Division Director and U12 (PeeWee) Division Director - Caitlin Jordan

Mites has been going great, all but one team competed in either Rockland or Bangor, our Casco Seals with all but one first year Mites lost 3-2 in the Rockland Championship. All teams

had a blast in Bangor. We are finishing out the regular season and popping in a few ice touches between then and the Leprechaun Cup and there is great excitement.

The format for the Mite season of practice outlines skills with no goalies on weekdays and goalie practices on Saturday with more shooting and game play. Along with our extended power skating each session has benefited the large group tremendously.

Mites Full Ice Development is underway and we will begin to ready second year Mites for their transition to Squirts next season.

Peewees: Casco Ducks finished first in the conference with the Casco Whalers also earning a spot at States. All games between the five teams through the season have been highly competitive. The conference tournament was a true testament to the strength of the Peewee programs as so many games were close with some surprise endings.

U8 Mite Assistant and Tournament Director (VP) - Matt Lambert

Leprechaun Cup

- 34 teams is the final count
- Schedule sent to teams this morning
- Over 3k in t shirt pre order sales
- Food trucks have committed to the event (proper licensing/requirements have been established with Falmouth and Yarmouth)
- Medals and cups have been ordered and picked up. Need a place to display at CBA when the event is done.
- Excellent job in obtaining sponsors by Rebecca Spear.
- We could use a few raffle prizes

U10 (Squirt) T4 Division Director - Dennis Hunt

U12 (Peewee) T4 Division Director - Caitlin Jordan

U18 (Midget) T4 Division Director - Tom Clifford

U16/U18 (Midget) Travel Director - Lance Becker

Goalie Director - Mark Halsted

Nothing new from Goaltending at this point. Once we get through the end of the season I would like to talk about trying to expand our fall preseason goalie camp to two separate one-hour sessions (back-to-back at one rink, if possible) so we can get more kids involved. The idea would be to have a session for younger goalies (Mites, Squirts, less experienced Pee Wee) and one for older goalies (experienced Squirt and Pee Wee, and Bantam, Midget).

Registrar - Melissa Riley

- Working with the state registrar and Meg Swift to credential travel team books. We had to track down missing Consent to Treat forms and one medical excuse letter to make a player eligible for playoffs.
- A couple of roster changes made - added coaches and one goalie for a Tier IV team.

Coaching Director - Bryan Cheever

ACE - Jayson Morrison

Will send out email thanking coaches at the conclusion of this season and reminders for coaching certification timelines for next season (specifically expiring Level 3). Level 4 clinics will be offered only during the summer for the New England district.

TA Director/Secretary - Meg Swift

- Got all 9 travel team books credentialed and returned to TAs
- Notifying winners of the calendar raffle daily and have distributed all prizes out to the winners (except for one person who hasn't responded).
- Notified winning player - David McDonough - whose name was drawn as the winner of selling 5 tickets. Prize was advertised as \$100 gift card and \$200 discount on 2020-2021 registration; haven't heard back
- Continue to communicate with TAs regarding challenges with disappearing Sports Engine information from the app.

Operations Manager (Scheduler) - Rachel Pargeter

Webmaster - Rachel Pargeter

Casco Bay Arena- John Veilleux

CBHA Board Meeting Agenda

March 2, 2020

Attendance: John V, Tom C, Scott M, Melissa, Rachel Scott R, Marc, Bryan, Caitlin, Jayson, Matt L, Eric, Mike, Meg, Dennis

Missing: Matt L, Joe

1. Vote to approve February meeting minutes – Melissa motioned, Matt seconded
2. Review of February Action Items
 1. Proposal to MEAHA regarding timing for rule change and votes – Eric (ongoing)
 2. Talk with Mike Ward about plans for U18 T2 team in the fall – Lance – not enough players from NYA so no longer an issue
 - I. MEAHA looking to do U18 T3, never had this before, few other organizations expressed interest. CBHA has not committed but depending on our numbers at try-outs we will do.
 - ii. T4 will have 8 teams (4 CBHA, 3 Biddeford, 1 Huskies) – this is the hope. USM will host 5 games so this will be proportional to number of games that Huskies will host (5 home, 5 away)
 3. Speak to TIA about the Sunday ice time immediately prior to public skate - can entire morning be moved back 10 min – Eric
 - i. Eric spoke with Heather from the City and Alex – good conversations, they understood our issues. Alex was going to look at the possibility of backing up 5-10 min (10 harder to do). Talking of a process for next year

when rink managers, refs, score keepers (when necessary) are communicating at break between 2nd and 3rd period – if extra time is needed, the plan would be to have running time at the start of the 3rd and go back to stopped clock later in the 3rd. John added that in the past this was a LTP session so it could be a 55 min period.

4. Ongoing Leprechaun Tournament details - shirts, medals, food trucks, new nets - Matt/Caitlin
 - I. Tom needs final schedule tonight
 - ii. Found the lost net near the W Falmouth fire station
 - iii. Might need to switch some times between NYA and CBA
 5. Leprechaun details to Tom and Alex – Rachel COMPLETE
 6. Notify calendar winners daily – Meg COMPLETE
 7. Create new financial forms (reimbursement and tournament registration reimbursement) – Mike TO BE WORKED ON OVER THE SUMMER
3. CBHA Program Balance (PP presentation by Mike)
- a. Historical trend – huge number of travel teams in past – Valley League team, House teams not competitive and lacked goalies, so moved away from this in 2013. Growth in younger kids programs (LTP and BTI) which is then fueling the House programs at older ages. House Bantams grew from 3 teams to 4 teams to 5 teams and next year likely to have 6 teams
 - b. Future commitments – CBHA tried to cater to everyone (strong entry level program, strong girls program, strong T4 program, strong travel through HS, House Midgets). Org that offers top notch everything. John emphasizes the value of CBHA – cautions not to change the growth model. Do we need to set guard rails so we can keep numbers as is without missing one piece while benefiting another? Once they are into the pgm we need to find a way to have programs for the 68% BTI who will continue on. Want to all be on the same page – need to stay consistent about how we grow across all programs. Need to be cautious about how to continue to bring people in and keep them in the program. Tend to leave between Squirts and PW – once in past PW they are all in. When CBHA has 6 teams in a division, they don't need to travel.
 - i. Can't keep growing with skaters, impossible to manage as an organization
 - ii. Issue with Huskies and number of teams they have. Until there are no Huskies teams, USM will not sell ice to any other organization. Important

to have Eric and the President of Huskies (Brian McCauley) talk to determine what will happen next in terms of programs and ice. Path to ice at USM may be better to go through Huskies rather than Vinnie, the USM Rink Manager. Vinnie is reaching out to us in late March with ice needs – we should have this conversation with Huskies President first. Find out how many teams there will be – try to finagle a win for each organization. To DO: Eric and Matt L to talk to Brian McCauley or the appropriate person at Huskies.

4. 2020-2021 Ice Needs and Allocation

a. 2020-2021 Forecast – Skaters and Teams by Division

i. Assess age by age with predicted number of players

ii. Tom raised the issue of the need to reduce the number of games on Sun and move to Sat (fine to have practices on Sun).

iii. Issue of if you are bringing in new players at T2, are you pushing down players to T4 so actually building T4 without meaning to (creating problem by limiting BTI/LTP but in the process may be adding a T4 team to capture the extra travel players pushed out by new Spartan players)

iv. Will need 3 new hours of ice next year for practice

v. May need more ice on the weekend because Spartan games are 75 minutes. Need to work with Alex at NYA to change ice times so we don't need to buy 2 hours for every 75 min. Might want to do back to back 75 min games during this slot.

vi. Might be able to get 4:20 slot at CBA as an anchor tenant – this could help solve the problem of ice

vii. Smaller problem than last year. Can work with what got. Getting 3 more hours is ideal, but we can move forward with the ice we have plus the 4:20 HS slot.

viii. Have NYA slot at Fri 8:10

ix. TIA likely has 6am on Sat

6. Board positions for 2020-21 season

a. Annual Meeting Plan – Tues 4/7 at 6:30 at Pond House. Reports due March 25th – Meg to send a reminder on March 20th. Rachel will send an email blast to membership and post the report once compiled and ahead of the meeting.

b. Existing board members returning? Looking to change roles?

Meg and Melissa both planning to leave Board, all others staying

c. New positions?

i. Compliance officer

ii. Travel coordinator/scheduler

iii. Mariners travel director

iv. Equipment and apparel

7. Tournaments

a. Icicle – good event. Didn't go crazy with the raffle, focused on putting together a well-run event. Hired HS kids to run the clock.

i. Next year all teams but girls' teams should be away. Shouldn't host a MEAHA State team – we need to assume that we will host the T4 tournaments.

ii. Should put together operational calendar online format where we can see black-out weekends.

b. MEAHA

i. Next year House Managers will determine who hosts