# Board Meeting Minutes (5/13, 6:30 PM)

# **Virtual Meeting**

## **ATTENDEES**

Brian Hawkins, Tom McCarthy, Jeff Moniz, Bryan May, Aubie van Bueren, Sarah Fernandez, Jason Humm, Brian Torello, Nicole FitzGerald, MJ Bregenhoj, Eric Karoli, Brian Clark, Chris Wilkes, Tom McCarthy

# RECAP

#### **Administrative Items**

- 1. Minutes/By-Laws/E-mails
  - a. February 5th Meeting Minutes- MJ to distribute updated copy for review/posting
  - b. March 4th Meeting Minutes MJ to distribute initial copy for approval and subsequent posting
  - c. Rewriting 2016 By-Laws Status Aubie distributed 5/13 for board to review
    - i. Summer 2020 project to edit and obtain legal review from a Whaler parent
    - ii. Need to update advisory board positions (ie. Equipment Manager), board voting positions (ie. Girls Level Director)
  - d. NCYHA email addresses
    - i. Secretary e-mail will be transitioned from MJ to Nicole
    - ii. Equipment Manager e-mail will be transitioned from Nicole to Brian
    - iii. Christmas Tournament e-mail will be transitioned from Tucker to MJ
- 2. Reviewed/updated all board and advisory board roles/representatives effective 5/2020
  - a. Advisory Board:
    - i. Learn To Skate: Jeff Moniz
    - ii. House League: TBD, Aubie to discuss with Chris Lane
    - iii. Mite Development Program: Bryan May
    - iv. Mite Level Director: Bryan May
    - v. Squirt Level Director: Sarah Fernandez
    - vi. Pee Wee Level Director: Tom McCarthy
    - vii. Bantam Level Director: Jason Humm
    - viii. Midget Level Director: Brian Torello
    - ix. Equipment Manager: Brian Hawkins
    - x. Webmaster: Sarah Fernandez
  - b. Board Members:
    - i. President: Aubie van Bueren
    - ii. Vice President: Brian Torello
    - iii. Treasurer: Brian Clark
    - iv. Secretary: Nicole FitzGerald
    - v. Scheduler: Eric Karoli
    - vi. Registrar: Chris Wilkes
    - vii. Girls Program Director: Sarah Fernandez
    - viii. Travel League Director and Coaching Coordinator: Jason Humm
    - ix. Christmas Tournament Director: MJ Bregenhoj

### New Business

- 1. Treasurer Update
  - a. Annual financial report 98% complete, will distribute for review. All 2020 bills paid, 134K balance (NCYHA profits 25K/30K from Christmas Tournament annually).
    - i. Awaiting 1K payment from Boston Bruins

- ii. Awaiting payment from Christmas Tournament gear vendor
- iii. Awaiting +/- \$500 payment from 1 travel player

#### 2. Registrar Update

a. Currently, 134 players registered for travel

Level	Players	Goalie
Mite	18	1
Squirt	33	3
Pee Wee	37	5
Bantam	24	1
Midgets	10	1

- b. TBD if additional players will register for Midgets and if we will have U16 and/or U18 team. Current registration leans heavily toward U16 team.
- c. Sports engine has the ability to offer installment plans for travel but we are charged a \$35 fee for each payment.

  Will need to review offering a backend discount for those paying in full to cover the fees for the installment plan.
- d. We will not collect any funds above the \$200 registration fee until we can guarantee hockey will take place.

#### 3. Coaching Credentials

- a. Per Aubie, at RI Hockey mtg. It was confirmed that coaches must be registered for required coaching clinics by the start of the season and complete the clinics by 12/31/20.
- b. Per Aubie, USA Hockey is now requiring coaches to obtain background checks through their vendor, cost is significantly higher than previous vendor. RI Hockey will reimburse a portion of the background check fee. Aubie is requesting USA Hockey allow NCYHA to create an expense account for our coaches to use (to alleviate the administrative burden for reimbursement for coaches).

#### 4. Equipment Manager Update

- a. Travel uniform orders due by 5/15, 27 new players and thus far Brian received 9 orders in total (4 new players and 5 returning). Reminder e-mail sent 5/13.
- b. Open discussion adding last names to jerseys
  - i. Numerous parents have inquired about adding names to jerseys. Eric and Brian agreed to explore options/costs and report back to the board.
  - ii. Per Frank, Sandy Lane Sports (travel jersey vendor): To put names on jerseys will cost \$12 per jersey. The name is 1 Color 2.5" to 3" in height. The names could vary in height based on how much room is between top on the number and the top of the jersey. The \$12 cost is the Name in TWILL, same material as the numbers that go on the jerseys. The individual letters would be sewn onto the jersey. It can be removed but the outline of the letters will be seen on the shirt when removed. Also the letters are heat sealed onto the jersey. If you are thinking that you would possibly take the name off of the jersey in the future the way to go would be to sew the name on a name plate then sew the name plate onto the jersey(\$13.50/jersey). When you remove the nameplate in the future you would just put the future name on the same size name plate and you wouldn't notice.

#### 5. Scheduler Update

- a. Planning to continue to use Toby from overspeed hockey for Monday skills development and an October week of skills camp
- Also looking to add 3 days of pre-season skills development (Overspeed Hockey Mini-camp) week of 8/10 or 8/17. This will allow teams a chance to get on the ice together in advance of the weekend parity round in September.
  - i. Eric will explore all local rink options including PVD, URI, etc.
  - ii. Jason will follow up with Toby to see if he is available outside of evening hours to conduct these sessions
- 6. COVID impact to 2020/2021 Season, USA Hockey Guidelines, Returning to the Rinks
  - a. We are subject to guidelines set forth by USA Hockey, RI Hockey and SCHL. Decisions will be made league wide if it is not productive to have practices/games.
  - b. Preliminary discussions about hypotheticals for travel season, impact to practices/games if gathering size is restricted due to COVID. Board agreed we want to be financially fair to families and will not collect additional funds for travel hockey until we can guarantee hockey will take place.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. MJ February 5th Meeting Minutes- distribute updated copy for review/posting
- 2. MJ March 4th Meeting Minutes distribute initial copy for approval and subsequent posting
- 3. MJ Transition e-mail account to Nicole
- 4. BOD Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws
- 5. Aubie Follow up with Chris Lane to assess willingness to assist with House League
- 6. Brian C. Distribute annual financial report for review
- 7. Aubie request USA Hockey allow NCYHA to create an expense account for our coaches to use
- 8. Brian/Eric options for adding names to jerseys
- 9. Eric/Jason Overspeed Hockey Mini-camp options for rinks/times
- 10. Aubie Video message in lieu of annual meeting

# CONFIRMED FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1. Annual meeting Bylaws state annual mtg. Must be held by the end of May, in light of COVID, it was agreed that in lieu of a formal mtg. Aubie would produce a video message including information about the financial state of the organization.
- 2. Confirmed Monthly board meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, virtually using Zoom until further notice
  - a. 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2