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BOARD MINUTES

March 7, 2022 - Sheraton Needham Boston

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, March 7th, 2022, at the Sheraton Needham Boston.

Meeting called to order by Bob Joyce at 7:07 PM and welcomed everyone in person.

1. President's Opening Remarks

Bob Joyce thanked those involved in hosting and running State Tournaments this past weekend after 2-year break.

Bob Joyce is participating on referee committee at USAH sharing our experience and learning from other affiliates to grow the number of officials and reduce harassment toward officials.

2. Discipline Update, Discipline Tracking System

Christine Mayer submitted reports prior to the meeting.



Discipline Report
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Bob Joyce: Gary Gates and Brian Walsh are working to establish a central database for discipline matters for to tracking incidents, discipline, and associated records.

3. Annual Meeting Location & Timing

Bob Joyce: The Executive Board recommends an in-person annual meeting over Father's Day weekend. The concept is Friday night reception, business meetings Saturday, and dinner Saturday Night. The Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis has some availability for us at a reasonable cost. The event would be June 17-18. Guests would have option to stay Saturday Night at their own cost.

Tom McGrath: Asked about interest in golf tournament? Contact Tom.

4. Finance Report & Fee Increase

Chris Holden: Finance committee met and reviewed potential fee increase for Mass Hockey in alignment with USA Hockey increase. They don't believe an increase is necessary at this time especially considering the negative feedback USAH received. The USA Hockey Block grant was approved. Still working to close the February books so statement not available for this meeting. The financial audit is progressing. The next Finance Committee meeting is March 10th.



5. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director, Kevin Kavanagh mentioned the success of State Tournaments that are underway across the state. Player development registration is in process with very high interest. The subsidy program will be ready to go live in a next week for either soft divers (\$500 value) or \$750 credit for Pure Hockey. It was delayed due to Pure Hockey website logistics.

6. Elections Announcement Deadlines

Tim McMahon announced the nominations and conducted nominations from the floor:

- 1st VP- Jeff Brown
 - No nominations from the floor.
- 2nd VP- Christine Mayer
 - No nominations from the floor.
- 4th VP- Tom McGrath
 - No nominations from the floor.
- Secretary - Tim McMahon
 - No nominations from the floor.
- Director at Large (2) - Gary Gates, Mark Kumpel
 - Felix Costanza nominated Ron Cincotta.
- USAH Director - Bob Joyce, Jim Maimone
 - No nominations from the floor.
- HS Section - John Murray
 - No nominations from the floor.
- Girls/Women's - Mark Lissner
 - No nominations from the floor.
- Disabled - Kip St. Germaine
 - Bob Joyce nominated Ray LeBlanc

7. Secretary's Report

A motion was made to approve the February 8th, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved.

8. Vice President Reports

Jeff Brown: Peter Giuliano wanted to thank all the hosts and especially the Mass Hockey Staff for support of State playoffs.

Christine Mayer: Dan Esdale sent report on behalf of Parent Education Committee prior to meeting. Looking for means to educate on matters related to abuse of officials with Seamans Media. May also be marketing efforts for branding Mass Hockey identity to let people know what we are all about.



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Christopher Gong: Compiling all the proposals for a review by the Rules Committee. D&I committee is focused on discipline matters instead of increasing membership.

Tom McGrath: Looking for members for Sportsmanship Award Committee. Looking at Buddy and Kathy LaFleur to chair.

9. Committee Reports

No additional committee reports.

10. District/Section Reports

Mark Lissner reported the Girls/Women's Section State Playoffs are this weekend.

District elections are underway in all districts.

11. USA Hockey Reports

Christine Mayer: Safesport site in having technical details preventing certifications. She sent Safesport report prior to the meeting.



Safesport Report
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Tom McGrath mentioned that the Youth Council meeting focused rules proposals.

Steve Rizzo mentioned that USAH is looking to have affiliate representatives for player development activities across the country.

Stephen Palmacci reported the registration system will be down until August 1st. Next season everyone will need to complete safesport training again. He added that our player waiver process follows the USAH Insurance Handbook guidance on playing at lower skill levels which can be found on page 32.

Kevin Donovan said he was waiting on the final referee completion numbers, but he believes only down 20 officials from prior to covid season.

Bob Joyce reported on Paul Moore's behalf that online clinics in will start in May/June.



Bob Joyce is seeking recommendations for Risk Manager if you know anyone.

12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.