

NCYHA BOD Minutes

12/1/21, 6:30 PM, Community Room, Middletown Fire Station

Attendees: MJB, Aubie, Brian T., Brian C., Chris, Nicole, Adam, Jeff M., Jeff D., Aubie, Eric, Brian H.

BOD Vote:

1. Received approval of 11/3 minutes and subsequently sent to Jeff to post to website
2. Received approval of co-ed locker room policy and subsequently sent to Jeff to post to the website and Chuck to disseminate to coaches.

The Newport Whalers is a co-ed organization. As such, it is imperative that all players have equal access to the team locker rooms in order to engage in the camaraderie of their team. Before entering the team locker room, all players are expected to be wearing their hockey base layers under their street clothes. All members of the team must have this minimum attire before entering a co-ed locker room so that no player of one gender has the opportunity to see players of the opposite gender in a state of dress/undress. If a player does not have this minimum attire on when arriving at the rink, they are expected to change in the restroom or ask the rink manager for a separate changing area. In the event that a host rink policy overrides the Newport Whalers policy, no coaching shall take place in the locker room until all members of the team are present.

Action Items:

1. COMPLETE - Sarah - Update verbiage for co-ed locker room policy and present to BOD for vote.
2. IN PROCESS - Brian C. (treasurer) share the online treasurer drive with Brian T (VP) per the bylaws.
3. IN PROCESS - Need to identify a new Player Safety Coordinator (Kelli Kidd stepped down). She agreed to assist until a replacement is found. This position is required by RI Hockey. Aubie is actively working to secure a replacement within the next month.
3. IN PROCESS - Brian H/Brian C/Nicole to complete a reconciliation of players/jersey numbers/payment. Brian & Brian will complete financial reconciliation. Nicole will spearhead the jersey number reconciliation.
4. IN PROCESS - Chuck/Aubie - Finalize December 28-30 combine/player assessment. Potentially use Team Genius app to evaluate players, potential for skills sessions, small ice games, obstacle course, etc.
5. IN PROCESS - BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. Nicole to update the document based on the discussion and follow up with BOD members.
6. NEW - Chris W. - Create bills for families whose child moved from one program to another mid-session Ex. LTS to MDP

7. NEW - Brian H - Confirm we have 200 medals to be distributed to LTS/MDP in spring.
8. NEW - Nicole to follow up with Marie (photographer) to schedule in 2022
9. DEFERRED to 1/2002 Brian C - Resume discussion 1/2022 around the potential to increase travel fees annually. Research what peer programs have done.
10. DEFERRED to 6/2022 as Christmas Tournament cancelled and these are needed for Christmas tournament. Research costs associated with replacing Ipads/squares for Christmas tournaments, SWAG sales, etc. (As of 10/2021, \$630 for each replacement includes device, stand, connection through square will be an additional temporary wireless account fee for the months used, square takes a small percentage of sales.)

Board Updates:

1. President/Vice President Update
 - a. RI Hockey Update
 - i. The registrar is retiring.
 - ii. There are 2 sets of mite goalie gear donated to Whalers that Aubie will pick up from Pure Hockey.
 - b. SCHL Update
 - i. Bantam parity round will be held this weekend, the schedule is not in sports engine but has been disseminated to coaches/teams.
 - ii. The selections for Brick Wall club and player of the game have been disseminated weekly and posted on our social media.
 - iii. Salve has invited Whalers players to come to their games for free if they wear their Whalers jerseys. TBD if parents are free as well.
 - c. Other
 - i. Letter will be sent to NCYHA families informing them practices for all levels will be held at St. George's effective 1/22 and all participants must be fully vaccinated. Nicole created a google form to collect the vaccination data.
 - ii. House League - Plan to resurrect in January 2022 if at least 20 kids sign up, open to all ages. BOD asked to publicize the return of the house league.
 - iii. Brian T. to explore off ice options at Longplex
2. Treasurer Update

- a. IRS denied the appeal for the penalty from years ago.. Our CPA recommended we try a different angle for another appeal, these can take years to decision.
- b. Balance is 217K but just received a bill for 51K from PAS

3. Scheduler Update

- a. December Ice Time at the Abbey, Driscoll, and St. George's (U14 only)
 - i. Ice time is thin this month for travel teams, potential to use Longplex for dry land training
- b. PAS Ice Time 8AM - 12, December 28-30 to be used for combine for travel teams, Chuck to vet through the details
- c. Reviewed ice time secured/requested for 1/22 - 3/22 at PAS & St. G's
- d. Reviewed LTS, MDP, and HL ice time beginning 1/22
- e. Confirmed 2022-23 Travel Team Tryouts will be held in the spring -this model has worked the best for Whalers in the past

4. Registrar Update

- a. Chris will run CEP report and provide to Chuck, next coaches deadline is 12/31/21

5. Equipment Update

- a. Travel uniforms - working through a couple of final uniforms
- b. Jeff - sold \$1500+ of Whalers SWAG at LTS/MDP. He has all remaining SWAG and after it sells we will encourage families to purchase Verbero gear from Jeff Dwyer.

6. Webmaster Update

- a. Jeff is looking to resurrect JDL (Middle School Hockey) in 2022/2023 for Bristol/Warren with support of their alumni association.

7. LTS Update

- a. Program a huge success, currently 55 kids on waitlist for 2nd session. Eric confirmed he was able to secure ice time for LTS on Saturday & Sunday so all on the waitlist (and a few more) will be allowed to register.

8. MDP Update

- a. Program running smoothly, Saturday ice time is skills and drills, Sunday ice time is games

9. No update for the following positions: Girls Program, Coach In Chief, Sponsorship, Christmas Tournament (cancelled)

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, in person Middletown Fire Station: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6