

NCYHA

Meeting Minutes (8/5, 6:30 PM)

Virtual Meeting

ATTENDEES

Brian Hawkins, Bryan May, Sarah Fernandez, Jason Humm, Brian Torello, Nicole FitzGerald, MJ Bregenhøj, Eric Karoli, Brian Clark, Chris Wilkes, Jeff Moniz, Toby O'Brien

*Aubie van Beuren could not attend but provided input below

RECAP

7/8 meeting minutes approved and sent to Sarah Fernandez for posting

August Mini Camp/Evaluations

1. (AVB): Our first priority needs to be getting kids signed up for mini camp. The state will only allow 25 skaters on the ice and Toby will have 3 coaches with him so we need to limit our daily participation to 21 kids at each age group. If, for instance, we don't get to 21 at the Bantam level, are there Pee Wees that we know to be "A" level players that we can group with the Bantams? I think step 1 has got to be a general sign up just to see where we are with numbers and then we can start moving kids around as needed.
2. Board agreed to the following next steps regarding mini camp:
 - a. Chris will create a mini camp registration site and pilot with BOD (USA hockey #, medical release, \$70 payment towards registration, availability to attend, etc.)
 - b. Chris will send an e-mail to all travel players with link to mini camp registration and request completion by 8/9
 - c. Virtual mtg 8/12, 7:30 pm to discuss details of mini camp, player groupings, coaches etc.
3. Toby Update:
 - a. Current youth sports COVID guideline is 25 people in a building (3 or 4 coaches, 21 or 22 skaters), groups must be STABLE (same kids in group each day).
 - b. He can acquire ice team at a rate \$40 less/hour and bill us
 - c. He will request additional ice time before/after already scheduled Mon-Wed, 9-12 (ie. 8-9 am, 12-1 pm) to allow for more kids on the ice
 - d. He is extremely flexible and wants to make this work safely for our program

Status of 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. Aubie - Will Follow up with Chris Lane to assess willingness to assist with House League when time is appropriate
4. BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws within next 1-2 months
5. Brian/Chris/Sarah - Review/update website language for timing of financial aid application
 - a. BOD agreed to process any applications received BAU, but will be flexible this year as we do not have exact costs/understandings of what travel season will entail
6. BOD - Timing of annual welcome letter, stickers/magnets
7. Chris - Mini Camp registration

8. Chris - e-mail BOD with a proposal to vote on payment plan for travel (all fees collected in advance of end of season March 2021)
9. COMPLETE - MJ received/Brian deposited \$3200 owed to NCYHA from Northwest designs (Christmas Tournament vendor)
10. COMPLETE - Sarah - Updated website BOD page with current members, update coaches page to link to BOD members and add verbiage around follow up with level directors if interested in coaching
11. COMPLETE - Chris - sent initial e-mail to coaches to review credentialing criteria, follow up specifically with new coach Keith Choinard (sp?)
12. COMPLETE - Eric - Called NESV to inquire about ice availability/cost, they have ice available, we will not use at this time.

Board Updates

1. President Update

- a. RI Hockey: There has not been a RI Hockey meeting since elections were held in May though there have been some emails sent amongst the board clarifying how the state's reopening guidelines effect hockey.
- b. SCHL: The current working plan is to begin the season with unofficial scrimmages until the state allows games to be played. They are looking at a mid September start and planning on a full 22-26 game season once allowed. MV and Nantucket have chosen not to travel until December at the earliest and are hoping the league can include them in the schedule once they are able to leave the islands. They both acknowledge that their programs do not face the pressure of losing kids to other teams. SCHL is working on a set of protocols that would apply to all SCHL games and practices regardless of the rink. The protocols would basically take the strictest rink rules currently in place and build from there. Dave Costa joined our last meeting representing the referees. He will serve as Referee in Chief for SCHL
- c. SGS and PAS: I have heard from SG Athletic Director Bob Pipe and from Mitch Kriner and both rinks plan to open on time and are eager to rent to NCYHA.

2. Treasurer Update

- a. All agree that coaches will continue to be reimbursed for coaching education and, in addition, the required background check \$30. Coaches will not be reimbursed for USA hockey Numbers.
- b. The bulk of the work is complete for the federal and state tax filing, an extension was given until 11/15 as things are complicated due to the transition of banks.

3. Scheduler Update

- a. Will work with PAS and SGs schedulers to obtain ice, target September
- b. TBD if URI will open rink/rent ice

4. Registrar Update

- a. Mini camp registration. Waivers needed re: Covid, Chris will request Aubie circle back with SCHL to ensure we follow their protocol.
- b. Board confirmed planned travel price increase from \$1045 to \$1070
 - i. \$200 deposit collected at registration, \$70 will be collected for mini camp registration, remaining \$800 will be collected in TBD schedule. Chris will e-mail BOD with a proposal to vote on, \$2 fee/each payment transaction from Sports Engine.
 - ii. AVB: League fees: I suggest that we continue with our planned fee increase. It is likely that we will have to rent more sheets of ice in the early part of the season in order to limit the number of kids we have on the ice per session. Even in a normal year, our commitment to skills training justifies the meager increase that we voted on last year.
- c. Will we continue to use Binders, 1 person will be responsible for binder. Chris will inquire about score sheets from SCHL.
- d. Registration for travel will remain open and we will accept new players.

5. Coaching Update

- a. Coach registration is open, typically level directors pick head coaches.
- b. All agreed to review potential coaches/team in 8/12 meeting.
- c. AVB: Chris and Jason have done a great job keeping Coaches up to date on deadline for CEP waivers. Should we regroup on who our Head Coaches are going to be? We should touch base with Toby about how many coaches we can put in the bleachers on the final day of minicamp and then get in touch with coaches to make sure they are available.

6. Equipment Update

- a. Brian will pick up bulk of travel items within the week from Sandy Lane
- b. If new families join travel, Chris/Brian will coordinate to get their uniforms ordered. Families may be asked to pick up their numbered jerseys from Sandy Lane themselves.
- c. Brian H. sent Brian C requested invoice for magnets/stickers

7. Christmas Tournament

- a. Virtual Christmas tournament meeting on Wednesday August 12th at 6:30pm
- b. MJB researching what other annual tournaments are doing in light of COVID, in advance of 8/12 mtg.
- c. AVB: With the local rinks available, should we open registration and see where we are November 1? Deposits or refundable registration? Open to thoughts on this. Should we have a Tournament meeting including Tucker just to touch base?

CONFIRMED FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1. Virtual Christmas Tourney Meeting, 8/12, 6:30 pm, MJB will send Zoom details
- 2. Virtual Mini Camp Planning Meeting & Coach Discussion, 8/12, 7:30 PM, Sarah will send Zoom details
- 3. Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, virtual until further notice
 - a. 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2