

NCYHA BOD Minutes

11/3/21, 6:30 PM, Community Room, Middletown Fire Station

Attendees: Nicole, Chris, Matt, Adam, Brain H, Chuck, Aubie, Jeff M, Sarah, Jeff D, Brian C.

BOD Vote:

1. Received approval of 10/6/21 meeting minutes and subsequently sent to Jeff for posting
2. Reviewed draft language for co-ed locker room policy, minor tweaks will be added to the below and BOD will review again at 12/1 mtg.

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.

Action Items:

1. COMPLETE - Chris. W. provide Nicole with a list of new travel additions so she can send a welcome letter, magnet, element decal. Nicole mailed letters 11/4.
2. NEW - 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 has agreed to assist until a replacement is found. This position is required by RI Hockey. Aubie is actively working to secure a replacement.
4. IN PROCESS - Nicole to complete a reconciliation of players/jersey numbers/payment. Chris will create an invoice for Leys for \$150 for jerseys.
5. IN PROCESS - Chuck/Aubie - Review at December BOD mtg. - Send pulse check email mid-way through 1st season to assess skills, coaching, etc. feedback? Also discussed potential player evaluation in December if ice time is available?

6. IN PROCESS - BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. Nicole to update the document based on the discussion and follow up with BOD members.
7. DEFERRED to 1/2002 Brian C - Resume discussion 1/2022 around the potential to increase travel fees annually. Research what peer programs have done.
8. 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.
 - a. 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 small percentage of sales

Board Updates:

1. President/Vice President Update
 - a. Ice availability - Limited ice available at PAS during the week. We will have more ice at St. George's and younger players' practices will be held there for vaccinated players. A letter will go out to families later this week.
 - b. RI Hockey Update - RI tryouts for New England district development camps in progress.
 - c. SCHL Update -
 - i. Offering a selects program, 141 players registered across all age groups (2008 registration is light). Gives players who want more a cost effective option to try out for additional play, details posted on SCHL website.
 - ii. 3 NCYHA players nominated for brick wall club/players of the week
 - iii. Midget/Bantam playoffs next weekend
 - iv. 12/4 Parity round for Bantams - Chris working to confirm player counts and determine how many teams will be fielded and at what level(s) for 2nd half of season
2. Treasurer Update
 - a. Filed federal 990s for 2020
 - b. Current balance 237K, Christmas tournament registration funds collected were given back
3. Scheduler Update - No update
 - a. Aubie will ask Eric if there is additional ice at PAS to offer more for LTS

- b. Aubie will ask Eric to schedule squirt/pee wee ice during the week at St. G's for vaccinated players
- 4. Registrar Update
 - a. LTS session 1 - 64 registered
 - b. LTS session 2 - 50 registered, 30 on waitlist
 - c. MDP - 44 registered but a few are trickling out of MDP to Mite & Pee Wee C
 - d. Aubie requested Chris provide team counts for Bantam, Pee Wee, USA Hockey roster limit is 20
- 5. Coach In Chief
 - a. As part of the skills development program, Toby worked in small area games night and it was well received by the players.
- 6. Equipment Update
 - a. Nicole provided Jeff with a bin of SWAG to sell at PAS rink when he has capacity in between MDP/LTS sessions.
- 8. Webmaster Update
 - a. Former NCYHA BOD member accidentally updated our site with erroneous data, changes were reversed and credentials were revoked from NCYHA.
- 9. Christmas Tournament Update
 - a. Cancelled, letter to all those that registered sent and money refunded
- 10. Sponsorship Director Update
 - a. Ocean Point Insurance made a donation to the Christmas tournament and requested that this donation be applied for next year
 - b. Other fundraising ideas:
 - i. End of year gathering such as Golf tourney or Glo Ball and then segway into annual meeting (make meeting more fun, less dreary)
 - ii. Flat waves dinner night, % of sales go back to NCYHA
 - iii. Fundraising idea - offer coaching to adults
 - iv. Winter Carnival - rent Gurneys - parent/kid skate (no sticks/pucks allowed at Gurneys)
 - v. Website for sponsors
- 11. Player Safety Coordinator Update - No update, need to fill position

12. LTS Update

- a. Set expectation with player volunteers
- b. Request from parents for more ice time

13. MDP Update

- a. 4 teams of 11 kids, a few are moving into travel
- b. Overall great parent feedback, parents want more ice time
- c. Broad range of skills - some players could benefit from learn to skate instead of MDP while others are ready for travel

14. Girls Program Update

- a. Hopeful to do a clinic with St. Gs girls with our vaccinated players at St. Gs, maybe a dryland in the field house

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, in person Middletown Fire Station 12/1, 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6