

Casco Bay Hockey Association Monthly Meeting
December 3, 2018
Directors' Updates and Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Mike, Caitlin, Nikki, Meg, Rachel, Melissa, Eric, Matt L, Scott M, Ronnie, John, Scott R

Absent: Matt G, Jason, Joe, Tom, Bryan

Minutes from November meeting approved.

President - Eric Turgeon

Revised guidelines need to be finalized. How to distribute? Suggestion for kind email from Eric explaining that new locker room guidelines have been developed and will be shared with the membership. They will be posted to CBHA site too. Questions can be directed to Ronnie at SafeSport email.

Bantam T3 player with a heart issue. Parents checking to make sure rinks have AEDs and have asked the coaches to be trained in administering AEDs. One coach has already done this and the family paid. Coach has asked for this to be covered by CBHA rather than have the family pay for it. Motion made and approved.

Cancellation policy - communicate to coaches and TAs so that they know the protocol for cancelling. Division Directors in consultation with Rachel and Eric convey cancellations to coaches and TAs.

Use of NGIN App: Mike gave permission to some coaches to use NGIN to record attendance. Currently just 2 travel teams (PW T3 and Girls team) use this. It's very complicated bc someone needs to enter name and email address for each player and it's not an obvious process since names need to be matched with each person in MEAHA DB. Parents need to accept the request to get those notifications. Issue manifested in a Mites team cancelling their practice and it then cancelled all 4 Mites teams at that time.

As it was discussed at last meeting, losing storage space at NYA. Reached out to Josh at FIC who says there is a room downstairs.

Use of CBHA logo is restricted. Cannot be given out to parents to make their own items.

MEAHA State Meeting:

- New state travel director - Brian Casserly, CBHA Coach. Replacing Ben Gray.
- Still looking for another VP (grow the game).
- New Maine Disabled Hockey Ref, double amputee, sled hockey. Christy

- Confusion on Safe Sport, there are 3 modules. People are confused, they have to do all 3 not just 1
- Chance that CBHA Midgets U18 and U16 teams might get a bid in national competition. Eric reaching out to those coaches to be aware. Suggestion to collect binders now and get credential form from Melissa
- No Western ME programs this year. Trying to start from bottom-up
- Eric asked about T4 teams and which ones to be considered at state level and Scott said all.
- A lot of discussion for removing checking from T4 Bantams.
- Brewer, Maine Coast and Jr Black Bears working together to form a girls team - the Inferno
- Ray Jean, state Goalie Director, available for our coaches. Willing to travel, design something specific for our needs
- Ben Gray proposing that there be only 1 travel tier in Maine. Play in one division all season and the top 4 teams at end compete for the Tier 2 and next four for the Tier 3 champs. A way to get around parity - MEAHA doesn't want parity

House Director - Peewee and Bantam Divisions - Scott Rousseau

Warning that next year there will be 18 House teams next year. Need to figure out where the extra ice times will happen. There will be 6 Bantam, 5-6 PW and 6 Squirt teams. Perhaps the season goes longer - continue into March. This will help Mites preparing for Squirts - Transition Play/Camp - 6 weeks to prepare for Squirts next year. Will encourage coaches to get kids who are transitioning to Squirts to play. Make groups each week depending on who is there. Open only to CBHA Members. Email members only and don't put on website.

Player on PW team who is color blind. Can we order new jerseys that are white for this team so they don't need to use the practice jersey they've been using thus far.

Had to remove Bantam T4 coach.

Concern with players who may have issues such as Asperger/Autism and how coaches handle it. What policies do we need to put in place? Will be a problem in Bantams when there is checking. Suggestion of talking to parents around issue of what strategies work best in working with kids in these situations.

House - Squirt House Division Manager - Caitlin Jordan

- Seems to be a greater discrepancy between first and second year players this year then last. Wonder if lack of EP is factor, we may need to discuss options for filling that void and closing the gap.
- having to divide players more for practices to teach to different skill level

- goalie trainers are doing a great job

House - Mite Division Manager - Matt Lambert

- The mini nets for CBA arrived.
 - Waiting to hear on the Boards that are coming through MEAHA grant.
 - Games have been going well, we have been switching ends at the half way point to play a different team for the second half of the hour. Feedback on this has been positive.
 - TA's have been running with the tournaments and seem to have a grasp on things.
 - USA Hockey certification reminders have gone out to all my coaches but need to catch up with Jason on a list of coaches that have the clinic outstanding.
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- Question for Mites for next year - do we do a Mini Mites (6 and under) and then Mites 7 and 8. Currently 13 LTP who can be eligible for Mites for 2019-2020. Should be age based not skill based. Currently probably 35 6 year olds. Would have fewer Mites teams, still same amount of ice. Could be run just on Saturdays.

Casco Bay Academy - Joe Guerriero

Travel Director- Matt Goodrich

Girls Director - Scott Matusovich

Icicle Invitational looks to be filled with 11 U12 teams and 10 U14 teams.

Working on ice allocation over the next few weeks, should have some hours to re allocate to other CB programs.

Filling in the schedule for girls teams but 90% done.

Looking to start up a U8 girls team for a few games and practices like we did last year. Jen White has agreed to head this up, need to connect with Matt.

Scheduling - Rachel Pargeter

- December tournament ice and Icicle ice all confirmed
- Schedules through 12/31 are complete online including Tier IV tournament ice.
- Schedules for January will be emailed to rinks Monday 12/3 or Tuesday 12/4
- Tier IV data entry through 1/31 is complete, upload will happen this week.
- Working on changing structure of LTP in Schedulewerks and on the CBHA website so session 1 and session 2 appear separately instead of on one calendar/iCal feed.

Webmaster - Rachel Pargeter:

- Schedules through 12/31 for all divisions have been uploaded online to MeAHA/CBHA websites. January will be done soon.
- Working on changing structure of LTP on CBHA website so that sessions 1 and 2 can be separated into 2 calendar feeds by using separate SE team tags.
- Created safesport@cascobayhockey.com email address for Ronnie and it is forwarding to her personal email address.
- Had a problem with "disappearing" events off the Mites calendars. Subsequently found out Mike had granted access to coaches and some TA's without checking with me and these folks (who have no SE training) had been deleting/changing events without me knowing about it. All access has been removed except for myself and Matt Lambert. Use of the SE app and permissions will be discussed at the meeting.

Midget Director and Referee Information - Tom Clifford

Coaching Director - Bryan Cheever

Treasurer - Mike Geoghan

- Haven't received bill from Troubh since the summer

Scheduling Assistant/SafeSport Director - Ronnie Lamontagne

Disciplinarian issue came to light and was handled internally by Scott Rousseau and Caitlin Jordan.

Creation of Disciplinary Committee - President, Coach Director, Referee Director and 4 other CBHA members who are not Board Members - Eric Turgeon, Tom Clifford, Bryan Cheever, Tom Majerson, Heather Geoghan, John Veilleux, Dan Kerluke

Registrar - Melissa Riley

- 47 team rosters are approved. Several coaching additions and one coaching move was made this month.
- 3 Canadian travel permits issued
- TAs have identified a few roster/game labels errors which have been corrected
- Meg has been a huge help communicating with TAs to make sure they know where to find roster links
- Mites game labels will be created when I receive jersey numbers. Game labels are only needed for Mites for any upcoming tournaments, so there is no urgency on this

ACE - Jason Cyr

No issues to report at this point in time.

169 coaches registered as of this am. I am in the process of sending out final reminders for all those who have yet to complete their certification training. Those in need of a clinic are running out of time and options.

Tournament Director - Caitlin Jordan

Marketing/Social Media Director - Nikki Doyle

Dunkin Donuts hasn't said definitively that we won't have cards. Will be great if we get any, but moving forward with plans for other fundraising ideas

Calendar: Proposed date of Feb 15-Mar 15. Looking for prizes - Mariners, NYA ice time, jerseys, confirmed now. Board members asked to find prizes.

Requirement - all players sell 5 tickets. Each ticket is \$10 and 6 for \$50. Prizes for top 3 seller and top team. Sell 5, get 1 free ticket. Will be coordinated with TAs - alert TAs now that this is coming. Sales Jan 15-Feb 15.

TA Director/Secretary - Meg Swift

Held two TA meetings for all Travel and House teams Squirrels and older with Melissa. Melissa has continued to update labels and rosters as players get registered and coaches get the necessary certification. Rachel has given all TAs access to scoring games. Trying to get all TAs to enter roster information into Casco team site.

Final day of pictures is today at Mason Motz Recreation Center with Rhonda Farnham. As always lots of challenges scheduling teams, but it was nice not to pay for the space. One travel boys team and one travel girls team opted out of pictures. Would like to poll families at the end of the season to see if it is worth continuing with pictures next year for the older teams - the amount of push back and frustration around scheduling and the actual picture-taking seemed really high this year. Will have more information about when photos will be available later this week after meeting with Rhonda. Will schedule time at Pond House for all TAs to come up and pick-up over a Saturday morning.

Sarah Landry, photographer for Casco Bay Academy this year, finished pictures weekend of November 3/4 and we distributed them to families two weeks later. Will be curious to get feedback - quality looked great as I sorted them all alphabetically (thanks to Caitlin for helping with that!)

Casco Bay Arena - John Veilleux

All is well at CBA. We have season 4 underway and things are going well. We had a heating issue in the lobby/LRs that is being repaired. Big A—Fan ordered (thanks CBHA!) and will be installed on Thursday, with 7 more LED lights in far end being warranted/replaced at same time. They're coming out to look at it as there are now 13 LED lights out. We want to get to work installing some CBHA team photos in 2 of the locker rooms to make them feel more like CBHA's home. Tom Marjerison is heading that up and has a collection of old team photos to use. Looking for \$500 to put the metal prints to install on the walls above the coat hooks.

JV League up and running for season IV on 11/30, with 10 teams participating.

Again – recommend that folks sign up to “follow” CBA blog to get updates for holiday and snow day pond hockey days -<https://cascobayarena.com/> , click “follow on right side of site, plug in your email address, and you now get updates.

Sarah is up and running as our treasurer and is getting a whole new perspective on what it takes to run CBA. They will come to CBHA later in the winter to propose a capital savings account to set aside for capital improvements that are happening each year.

Ice time didn't go up last year - still \$215. Much lower than other rinks, may need to correct in the near future. Trying to be more proactive.