

# CBHA Board Meeting Minutes

## October 7, 2019

### ***Tier IV Update:***

- Number of teams ended up what we had budgeted for in April
  - 14 Mites
  - 6 Squirts
  - 5 Peewees
  - 5 Bantams
- Based on number of teams we need 1 hour less of ice time (uneven Bantam/PW leagues mean that 1 hr practice/wk will be split ice between a rotating Bantam/PW team)
- All uniforms are set for House, have a few extras, stored at NYA, travel Girls being ordered now
- Need to order more Mites goalie equipment given 2 new teams

Helmet Stickers for Travel teams - Scott M has supplies from last year, will need to order more

### ***State Tournaments Tier IV:***

- Teams in North scheduled for March 6-8, South still needs to be picked. Eric to offer to take Bantams and PW T4 for that same weekend
- CBHA will host Gold Division for U10 (Feb 14-16) and U12 (Feb 21-23)
- Need to make sure hosts know that don't need a 4 hour gap between each game

### ***CBA:***

- CBA will open Fri Nov 1 with the 3 hr block of games ideally with a Mites group of 4 teams in cross ice announced by Chris Kennedy, a Travel team match and a House team match. Sat 11/2 will start the normal season. Will take 3 days to put ice in, watching extended forecast already!
- Sat hours - Yarmouth gave back the Sat 9:20am and now has 6:40 and 7:50pm
- Falmouth not giving up Sat 8:10am slot. John will check lease to see if this is the last year with the clause that they get preference of ice times
- Defibulator donated, will get installed for opening, thanks to Scott M and Kevin Duffy
- Currently a discussion about switching from propane to natural gas. Summit may sponsor at \$6K/year and with it natural gas
- 5th annual HS Clinic run by Dan Hodge with a new roster of coaches, well received
- John asked us to send out email blast reminders for pond hockey to increase numbers.
  - Rachel will take care of this prior to holidays and suggest to members that they subscribe to the CBA blog to get notices directly.

**Photos:**

- Rhonda Farnham signed on to do photos for all U12 and younger House and Travel at Mason Motz on Sun 11/17 and 11/24.
- Sarah Landry who did photos for LTP and BTI is not responding to inquiries, hoping to sign-up Rhonda for these programs to be done during a weekend at FIC during normal skating times

**Calendar:**

- Erika Cheever will help with design
- Nikki will help collect some of the prizes from last year
- Nov CBHA meeting will review prizes offered last year and determine how to collect ones for this year with help from Board
- Meg to coordinate the organization, sales and execution of calendar

**CBHA Neck Guard Rule:**

Recommendation happened after some serious cuts and injuries at NHL and college level. BT and younger were required by CBHA to wear neck guards at all CBHA ice times, practices and games. Refs have been policing this at games, only for CBHA Teams. Lots of discussion, end result was a direction to Tom to tell refs to stop enforcing the rule and change the policy to CBHA "strongly recommending" that skaters wear neck guards on BTI and LTP equipment description page.

**Casco Bay Hockey Academy:**

- Due to low numbers in LTP Group B groups will be combined into one hour of ice on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings through Thanksgiving.
- Bruins LTP going really well so far.

**MEAHA meeting report:**

- Free equipment giveaway happened 10/6.
- Releases are being collected. Suggestion was made that MEAHA start collecting names of players with balances at the end of the season. It would be the responsibility of the organization that is owed money to report the player to MEAHA or forfeit their right to collect on the money owed.
- MEAHA confirmed firm stance on rule at last meeting that players that are rostered on more than one team have to choose only one state tournament to play in.:

**SE App:**

Due to privacy laws and behind the scenes programming at Sports Engine everyone is warned that the app is very likely to be unreliable this season and that if teams don't show up in the app or disappear from the app there is nothing SE can do to fix the issue. They are reporting that

the issue is due to our team pages being hosted on the MEAHA website but players register on our website.

***Pre-Season Goalie Clinic:***

Was very successful. Marc requested two hours per session next season due to high demand.

## **Director's Updates**

**President - Eric Turgeon**

**Treasurer - Mike Geoghan**

**Travel Director (VP)- Matt Goodrich**

**Girls Hockey Director (VP) - Scott Matusovich**

No issues with T2

Will have 2 U12 and 2 U14 T4 Girls teams.

Evaluations were this weekend and we are picking teams now.

Icicle Invitational registration is almost closed due to divisions filled up.

Finally ordered some more skill training aids for CBA that were approved last Spring.

**Tier IV House Director (VP), U14 (Bantam) T4 Manager - Scott Rousseau**

**Casco Bay Academy Director - Joe Guerriero**

Casco Bay Hockey Academy – 72 total skaters

- Break the Ice – 31 registered skaters
  - Head Coach – Eben Adams
  - Assistant Coaches – 8 registered so far (sending parent email next week for volunteers)
  
- Learn to Play 1 (K/1<sup>st</sup> Grade) – 35
  - Head Coaches – Rob King and Mike Fornas

- Assistant Coaches – 10 registered so far (sending parent email next week for volunteers)
- Learn to Play 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and Older) – 6
  - Head Coaches Toby Bell (Sunday), NEED HELP FINDING COACH FOR TUESDAY NIGHTS
  - Assistant Coaches – 0 registered so far (sending parent email next week for volunteers)

#### Bruins Academy

- Started on 10/1
- 1<sup>st</sup> Practice went really well. We had 60 skaters with 11 adult coaches and 5 younger helpers consisting of squirts, Pee Wees, and John Vs son. All ran very smoothly and I received good feedback so far from the parents. As long as we continue to have large coaching numbers, it should be a great experience for the kids.

If numbers don't increase for the older LTP, I am going to combine the first few practices up until Thanksgiving (The first 2 Tuesday nights are already combined due to Bruins Academy). I am still trying to get in touch with David Cunningham to cover Tuesday night LTP B sessions and will update once we speak. Let me know if you have any other suggestions for LTP B coach. We can discuss more at the meeting.

### **U8 (Mite) Division Director and U12 (Peewee) Division Director - Caitlin Jordan**

Peewees - We are full with 70 kids, having to turn two kids away and welcome an Alaska transfer. We will have five full teams with five goalies. We will be having two hours of evaluations on Wednesday the 16th then break out into three hours on Oct 20.

Mites - Currently At 123 Mites we will be having 14 teams, we anticipate another 3-5 kids to be joining Mites before the start of the season. A few new pieces of goalie equipment has been ordered to fill the teams. We anticipate having about 9 players on each team. Set to have evaluations, October 19 and 26 for three hours each morning.

### **U8 Mite Assistant and Tournament Director (VP) - Matt Lambert**

Update on action items:

- I did the bidding on tournaments.
- Nordiques were not at the meeting so couldn't follow-up
- I thought we were tabling the tier 1 convo until the October MEAHA meeting.

- Attended MEAHA meeting:
  - Have tournament hosting dates that I shared with Rachel and Eric
  - MEAHA made it clear that players can only play in one state tournament even if it is different levels.
  - Free equipment giveaway at CBA October 6th. Non profit reached out to MEAHA, I volunteered CB.
- -Mite tournament meeting next week. Need to start pinning down teams.

### **U10 (Squirt) T4 Division Director - Dennis Hunt**

### **U12 (Peewee) T4 Division Director - Caitlin Jordan**

### **U18 (Midget) T4 Division Director - Tom Clifford**

### **U16/U18 (Midget) Travel Director - Lance Becker**

### **Goalie Director - Mark Halsted**

- We wrapped up our first Casco Bay Goaltending Camp on Sunday, September 29th. It was a positive, instructional, and developmental experience for each of our 13 goalies over the five Sunday sessions. We hope to continue to offer the camp in the fall of 2020
- We need to put out the final word and schedule on the free "Open Ice" for goalies for the 2019-20 season. I believe it's going to be the first Saturday or each month, at CBA, but we need to clarify this with Rachel, Eric, etc.
- I'm adding videos to the Goaltending page of the CB website to highlight CB goalies in action as another way to bring attention to growth and development of our goalies.

### **Registrar - Melissa Riley**

### **Coaching Director - Bryan Cheever**

### **ACE - Jayson Morrison**

Registrations progressing – have tried to communicate to last years coaching list frequently to make sure they sign up for necessary clinics and complete age modules before stepping on ice.

### **TA Director/Secretary - Meg Swift**

- Team photos will be done by Rhonda Farnham on Nov 17th and 24th at the Mason Motz Activity Center at 190 Middle Rd. Hours likely to be 11-6 and a full schedule will be provided once we know game schedules for teams. Photos will only be made available for U12 and younger - travel, girls and house
- Our photographer who handled the LTP BTI last year (Sarah Landry) appears to be no longer doing sports photos and isn't returning calls, texts or emails. I've asked Rhonda to help with this as well. Just need to confirm best weekend with Joe. These will happen at FIC on the weekend sessions for each program.
- Held travel TA meeting 9/30 with Melissa to review expectations for the role of TA and provide instructions on the various roles of TAs and distribute supplies needed. Will hold House TA meeting in early November as their seasons get started. Will hold a Mites TA meeting later in Dec/Jan once they begin scoring games; may try a system where we have a Mites TA who serves as the go-to for all the Mites TAs
- Have asked Nikki Doyle to help us secure prizes for the calendar and TAs will also be sending out messages to their teams to try to solicit additional prizes
- Erika Cheever is on board to help with the design of calendar. I will work with TAs to manage sales, but I cannot find all the prizes for each day!

### **Operations Manager (Scheduler) - Rachel Pargeter**

- Working on data entry for Co-ed travel games and uploading to website as well as some small shifts in game times/dates
- Work will begin next week scheduling Tier IV games and practices for our overlap weeks Halloween week through 11/10 when Tier IV midgets stop skating, then the rest of November.
- Data entry for the rest of the season is ongoing as schedules are finalized.
- Game data for October has been sent to Tom for ref scheduling and November games will be done in the next few days.
- November rink schedules will be emailed to the rinks on Monday.
- September ice use will be emailed to Mike early next week.

### **Webmaster - Rachel Pargeter**

- Girls travel games through the end of November have all been uploaded and double-checked against the NEGHL website.
- Registrations continue for Icicle tournament.
- Working on giving travel TA's access to score games on MEAHA website.
- Working on setting up Tier IV web pages on the CBHA website.
- Created new "Wait list" registration categories for full Tier IV divisions, seems to have worked well. So far all on the wait list have been accepted and have been moved into normal registration categories.
- Have researched the SE app functionality and problems experienced so far this season, will update the whole board at the meeting.

## **Casco Bay Arena- John Veilleux**

- We are planning to open CBA for its 5<sup>th</sup> season on Friday, 11/1/19 with the 1<sup>st</sup> ice times that night for CBHA ice-breaker games. We will defer to CBHA on who plays, but the format in years past has been mites games, squirts game, and then a featured Founders' Cup game (boys vs. girls in the past). Confirm with Rachel.
- We are having HVAC services evaluate chiller again this month to determine whether to repair/service gaskets.
- A CBA Board Meeting will be scheduled for October to transition new CBHA-reps onto the CBA board.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual HS Pre-season HS clinic with Kent Hulst, Dan Hodge, and Brett Barrett set for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 weeks of Nov. Thanks Rachel for help with registration/posting.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CBA JV League will expand again after much interest from many schools. Looking to add 1 Sat night game and 1 week night 9:00 pm game to accommodate. CBHA Friday night hours eliminated from 12/1/19-2/28/20 when JV games begin.
- Spoke to Yarmouth Boosters about CBHA grabbing the 9:20 am hour. Yarmouth is on board if we get them 4:20 and 5:30 pm slots on Saturdays. Confirm with Rachel. They owned 9:20 am and most 7:50 pm hours on Sat.
- Kevin Kaserman is working on getting CBA to convert to Summit Natural Gas with a Zamboni sponsorship built in. We are working on that now, and hope for a formal announcement soon if all goes well.
- Sarah has all tenant 1<sup>st</sup> invoices, and sponsor invoices out.
- Lots going on to prep for the season. We are primed for another great year.
- Please note our new mailing address: P.O. Box 473, Yarmouth, ME 04096