

# NCYHA Draft Agenda December 3 , 2024, 6:30 PM, WEST MAIN PIZZA Portsmouth.

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**Attendees:** Stephanie, Jen B, Adam, Jill, Jeff N, Aubie, Kelly, Eric, Erik, Chuck, Adam, Steve, Dave

**BOD Vote:**

Vote to approve November Minutes– approve

**Action Items**

#	Person/Position Responsible	Description	Status	Update/Notes
1	Eric Karoli		After xmas	Future conversation about developing an Elite/club level team
2	Eric K, Eric B	Checking clinic		<p>We need to schedule a checking clinic with Toby.</p> <p>There was a date for mini camp and checking camp at St. Georges but St. George's ice canceled that. Looking to reschedule checking.</p> <p>Also checking into overspeed skills nights.</p>
3	BOD	Message to families RE: Ice	Urgent	<p>We need to send a message explaining what happened with St. G's /reason for no ice time</p> <p>Midgets &amp; LTS –we need to talk about refunds or making up ice time (ten sheets for LTS)</p> <p>Offer a partial refund for LTS and Midgets/percentage off of 2nd season (250?)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will send an email asking for families to contact if they were not able to make any of the makeup sessions. Once we have numbers we will look into refund/discounts</li> </ul>
4	BOD/XMAS	swag		<p>What items should we order from Suzanne. She does have all sizes in green sweatshirt in stock.</p> <p>We already have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>45 hats</li> <li>8 Green Sweatshirts (all kids sizes)</li> <li>50 t-shirts blue/green mixed sizes</li> <li>4 hockey bags</li> <li>40-50 green socks</li> <li>Cups and koozies</li> </ul>

				Green knit hats-40 Green Sweatshirts- adult XL/ large/mediums -10 each Youth sizes XL/L-20 Youth S/M-10 Mittens?? — 20
5	BOD	Parents night out	Next meeting	Plan Parents Night Out at Gas Lamp. Brian will donate food and find a discount “whalers drink”

### Board Updates:

- President:
    - U18 - partial refunds—possible 30%refund
    - LTS/MDP - additional ice / 2<sup>nd</sup> half discount / partial refunds—email to parents
    - U8A - tournament fee + \$195 whalers will cover the tournament fees
    - Hilltop Sports - Public Skating Flyer— whalers will post flyer on website
    - U12A - possible 2<sup>nd</sup> half additional player
    - U14A - possible 2<sup>nd</sup> half additional player
    - U14A - 2<sup>nd</sup> half player fees due (for players that registered for half season) chris/travis
  - VP:
  - Registrar:
  - Coach in Chief:
  - Christmas Tournament:
    - Still looking for 2 squirt A teams/coaches will reach out
    - volunteer /baskets email and form needs to go out
    - Schedule will go out this week
    - Squares for swag
  - Scheduler:
    - waiting for U14 schedule to be released
    - We need a meeting with the St. Georges schedulers
  - MDP:
  - Parents are overall happy with the somewhat consistent schedule
  - We need to start looking for a on ice lead for next season as I will have a gap year of no child in this level of the program. I believe our bylaws say the mite level director will run Mdp. I believe this is a flaw and should be addressed in someway. I have no problem staying on as Mite level director and can help structure and handoff mdp. I just cannot dedicate 3 nights a week without a skater in the program.
- Mites:**
- Our A team has moved up and did great in their full ice first tourney coming in second
  - We need to get Chris and Eric B an immediate update from Schl on the new B teams schedule.
  - We are all set for our mite level divisions at the Xmas tourney (Thanks Jen and Adam).
  - Boards need to get to the Abbey. Adam are we going to ask Fonseca?
- Things to think of looking forward:**
- Now that we have an A team will we allow younger players to try out for the team if they can make A? Just as we do at our other levels.
  - General comments:
  - Refunds: I think we need to be extremely clean with them for the mdp and Lts levels. It is awesome that we found makeup sheets but in my opinion, and coming from someone directly impacted and not able to make the make ups, we need to simply figure out the cost basis of each sheet of ice from the beginning of the year if we had each sheet available. Parents should

then be refunded the money at the conclusion of the year or given the option to have it applied to any tryout fee. I do not think trying to figure out who has asked for refunds and/or who has attended makeups is feasible or fair. Lastly I wholeheartedly disagree with applying refunds towards next year's reg fees. I have already heard several parents mentioning going elsewhere, and this is obviously much easier now that the bears have a foothold in fall river.

- We need to develop a refund policy for years coming forward.
- Scheduling: Eric is battling a wildfire with a full time job and his own kids, and we need to protect out scheduler moving forward. My suggestion (and no disrespect intended to anyone) would be to offer this up as a paid position. Maybe we can attract a retiree to run it and take some of the pressure off Eric or whoever would be taking the reigns.
- A school liaison should be looked into. This person would work hand in hand with whoever the schools appoint as their point of contact. This will create a chain of command for communication and clean a lot of unknowns up. It is to the point in my opinion that we need to lean heavy on these schools to see if they really are as "community oriented," as they portray. Regardless if St Georges is thinking of closing down the back rink or not, I feel we should approach them and ask to come up with some sort of lease option for that sheet of ice. I can elaborate more on this in person at the meeting.
  
- LTS:
  - We're on track to complete 10 skates for both LTS groups by the end of December. For the Wednesday group, we're doing 5 Wednesday night skates and 5 Sunday morning skates
  - We need to align on a policy for partial refunds for the Wednesday night group. Here's the [list](#) of parents who have explicitly requested partial refunds by email although I know there are plenty more impacted. I've been holding the line and trying to encourage families to jump into Saturday morning skates as much as possible
  - For Jan / Feb, here's the proposed [schedule](#). [@Bronson, Eric](#) could you please review?
    - Saturday group: Will have one weekend with back to back Saturday / Sunday ice times due to compressing a 10-week program into 9 weekends
    - Wednesday / Sunday group: Will have 8 Wednesday evenings, including two 645pm skates, and 2 Sunday morning skates
    - There are 5 extra ice times that I believe we can give back / hold in reserve
  - Logistically, we are very poorly equipped to be managing a program of LTS's size (~105 kids, ~170 parent contacts for new skaters to Whalers). I'm currently running everything off of google calendar and email which is untenable long term. I'd like to discuss what options we have to either use Sports Engine or switch to another application
  
- Girl's program:
  - **First tournament was a success-U12 won championship**
  - **Will register for Pot o Gold**
  - **27 girls (may try to pull U14 girls into later tournament)**
  - **Salve girls hockey wants to partner with Whalers girls-they will do clinics**
    - **Chris reach out to USA hockey?**
  
- Level Directors:
  - **1/19 police/fire game would like to include Whalers.**
  
- Treasurer:
- House League: **scrimmages start Jan 5th/will need a sheet for scrimmages in the future**
- Equipment Manager: **learn to skate jerseys (medium/large)**
- Player safety: **U14 conversation took place with parents. Parents understand and agree.**
- Travel Coordinator:
- Sponsorship:
- Webmaster:

**Confirm Future Meeting Schedule:** Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm.

- January 8th ?? First Wed falls on NY Day. Need a new date.