



Maine Coast Storm: February Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
 Time: 6:00pm
 Location: MRC Boardroom

Standing Agenda Topics:

Attendance

X	Kristin Falla	X	Danielle Nelson	X	Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin	X	Todd Adams	X	Jen Corbett
X	Valerie Hilchey		Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
X	Erica Gates	X	Ruth Thyen		
X	Kristen Smith	X	Andrew Marshall		

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm
2. **Public Comment:**
Tyler Smith shared:
 - Goalie coach not showing up consistently or leaving early
 - 12U checking clinic-will have a step up time next season. Start with off ice training and then invite the 12yr olds. More discussion during planning for next season.
 - Data gathering could be used by coaches as an asset in his opinion. His feeling is that it will be helpful to coaches to choose lines and work with goalies, etc. Data gathering could be used as an asset and if a player misuses the data, coaches would follow policy and that player would sit out.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** The Statistics and Data Gathering and Sharing Policy was moved to “a” under the President’s Report with everything else remaining in order.
4. **Approval of January Meeting Minutes:** Valerie motioned to approve January’s meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Erica. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.
5. **Presentation(s):**
 - a. **Storm Sub-Committee regarding Tier 3 teams – Iride:** 12 people showed up to the first meeting of this Sub-Committee. Present were coaches and parents interested in talking about ways to better support the tier III program. During the first meeting, information was gathered, people provided input, and notes were taken. Members reached out to other programs to take notes on their programs and systems. Iride went over the Storm Sub-Committee’s proposal for tier III development that included three major points: redefining the role of coaching director, ice time and structure, and player development. The

Storm Sub-Committee would like tier III to have two practices per week as a team in order to move towards quality ice time as there is the belief that they are not getting enough ice time as a team. This committee would also like there to be a stronger focus on skating endurance and skill. The Storm Sub-Committee would like to move away from the USA Hockey's American Developmental Model. Several Storm board members pointed out the benefits of the USA Hockey model, such as the program aligning where kids are at developmentally and being evidence-based. It was also discussed that many other tier III programs have larger programs than Storm and therefore, more skaters to choose from. The lack of ice time available could be a barrier to the Storm Sub-Committee's proposal. Iride was asked to come up with recommendations from the Storm Sub-Committee within a week in order to be discussed and voted upon during the March board meeting.

6. **President's Report:**

- a. **Statistics and Data Gathering and Sharing Policy:** A proposed policy of statistics and data gathering was discussed. There are concerns that parents are keeping stats for private use and that this has caused issues amongst players and parents. Adding language to the parent handbook about not keeping/sharing stats was proposed and agreed upon.
- b. **Proposed MEAHA Game Misconduct Policy Revision:** Storm board members are in favor of the appeal.
- c. **Hedstrom Jersey Display Update:** Beauty Unis is donating a personalized jersey for Theo to be hung at the MRC. Kristin is working with others and will explore a custom display case. Adding the last team photo Theo was in was discussed and agreed upon.
- d. **New Tryout Dates - Week of March 17:** Ice time is figured out for tryouts to take place on Monday the 17th and Tuesday the 18th.
- e. **Outreach and Planning for Next Year**
 - Step-Up Plans: Storm is looking at the original tryout date as a step-up option. Ice is going up to \$280.00/hour, agreed upon in writing.
 - Rising 8U Families: Information has been dispersed to rising 8U families regarding coaches names, game schedules, etc. in order to work on building and strengthening the transition and communication from 8U to Storm.
- f. **Review Contracts for Next Season**
 - Docusign/ Electronic Option: Storm will explore Docusign as an option for contracts. A volunteer coordinator was discussed to increase the amount of volunteers for upcoming seasons.
 - Cash Deadline or Absorb Online Payment Fees?: A Venmo account for Storm will be set up. Other electronic payment options will be explored.
- g. **Oceanside Families Request for HS Co-Op Support** - Tabled until March

7. **Treasurer's Report (Todd):**

Coaches will be reimbursed \$100.00 of their coaching fees. A Venmo account for Storm will be set up. Other electronic payment options will be explored. At this point, anyone that owes money to Storm has received an email reminding them of their past due balance.

8. **Safety Updates (Jen):** There were no safety updates.

9. **Coaching Updates (Andrew):** Andrew discussed the benefits of the USA Hockey's American

Developmental Model.

10. **Program Updates (All):** There will be two teams participating in the 10U Midcoast Classic at the MRC as there were enough players to form a house hockey 10U team.
11. **Fundraising Update:** There were no fundraising updates.
12. **Grow the Game Grant:** The new Storm banner is hung and looks great!

Action items:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.
The next meeting will be held: March 5th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Board of Directors:

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