



MASSACHUSETTS MONTHLY MEETING
September 10, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey was held on Monday, September 10, 2018 at the Needham Sheraton, Needham, Massachusetts.

John Tobin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

John Tobin welcomed all board members presented his opening remarks. John Tobin congratulated Mass Hockey Program Support Coordinator Mike D'Orio on the birth of his son.

Brian Eklund provided the board with an update on goaltending initiatives for the upcoming season.

Christopher Gong advised the board that he is in the process of reaching out to prospective individuals to serve on the diversity and inclusion task force and will be setting an agenda and goals for the season.

Greg Sophis provided the board with an update on finances. He advised that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts funding from a recent return that was recently released and returned.

Bob Joyce informed the board number of eligible voters and the status of CORI members.

Kevin Kavanagh provided the board with his executive director's report. Kevin informed the board that more quick change goalie pads and intermediate nets were ordered; more programs were taking advantage of the positive coach program, and Sniper's Edge was added as a new partnership.

Christine Mayer advised the board on Safe Sport initiatives for the upcoming season, points of emphasis are cellphones in the locker room, locker room monitors, billeting and mandatory reporter status.

Tom Smith advised the board on the upcoming initiatives for the Safety committee for the upcoming season and broke it down into 5 areas: (1) concussion safety and awareness and discussed the success of dressed the concussion cards; (2) drug and alcohol education – and discussed the interaction with Kevin Stevens "Power Forward" program (3) "Stop the Bleeding" and use of tourniquets which Doc Ashare will head; (4) hygiene and using the safety committee as a distribution mechanism; (5) merging the heads up don't duck and look up line.

Kevin Donovan advised the board that the referee seminars are in full swing.

Paul Moore advised that coaching clinics were ongoing and a level 4 clinic was scheduled for Needham and the Bruins coaching symposium was scheduled for October 13th at Warrior.

Christine Mayer discussed the new penalties for helmet rule violations.

John Tobin advised the board on the settlement of the Mike Bonish matter and advised that if anyone wanted to review the terms of the settlement agreement they could contact Kevin to make arrangements to do so.

Steve Palmacci conducted the elections for the open positions of 1st vice president, 3rd vice president and USA Hockey Director. Nominations were opened up for any additional candidates, and then closed. Each candidate was presented with the opportunity to address the Board. The elections were held and Jeff Brown was elected to the position of first Vice President, Steve Rizzo was elected to the position of 3rd vice president and Jim Maimone was elected to the position of USA Hockey director.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm