



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY ANNUAL MEETING  
June 17, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey was held on Sunday June 17, 2018 at Hotel 1620 in Plymouth, Massachusetts

John Tobin called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

John Tobin welcomed all board members presented his opening remarks. John Tobin asked for a moment of silence on behalf of the members of the hockey community who have passed and specifically Dan Kelleher.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March board meeting, seconded and approved unanimously.

John Tobin provided his President's Report. John highlighted the accomplishments of the past season particularly the hiring of Mike DiOrio as a third professional staff position to work with our programs to better meet their needs and help them get the services and resources they need to be successful. He spoke about the continued improvements to our communications and media platforms. He mentioned the continued evolution of our Player Development program with the addition of a youth U14 development session to expose that age player to the development process they will begin next season and thanked Roger Grillo again for helping Mass Hockey develop a leading model for player development. He spoke about our member numbers at all age levels and that while our total numbers are slightly down we are maintaining our membership in a steady fashion.

John then addressed upcoming challenges that we need to be mindful of such as maintaining the quality of our services to our members, being fiscally responsible, continuing to try to grow our membership, making sure we engage in effective governance that serves all our members and not self-interest and most importantly reaching out to non- traditional communities. He announced the creation of an Inclusion and Diversity Task Force along the lines of USA Hockey's new initiative and said Christopher Gong had agreed to chair the Task Force. He then presented Bob Joyce, Tim McMahon, Dave Moses and Joan Nardone tokens of appreciation for their volunteer services.

Kevin Kavanagh provided his Executive Director's report and noted that in his 6 years he has continued to work to increase awareness about Massachusetts Hockey and the benefits available to its members. Kevin commented on the recent state championships and how the expansion of the number of levels has allowed more teams to compete for a state championship. He added that having multiple levels under one roof allowed for certain programs to root for other teams in their program and a positive atmosphere. Kevin praised the efforts of Liz Cohen as communications director and Mike DiOrio as program support

coordinator and their efforts on behalf of Massachusetts Hockey. Kevin discussed the need for Massachusetts Hockey to keep moving forward and serve as a leader in the hockey world.

John Tobin directed the membership to Committee Reports that had been filed and posted online.

Greg Sophis and Dave Moses provided the treasurers report and there were questions posed from the floor about salaries and stipends and other expenditures.

The Board was presented with the 2018-19 annual budget, after some discussion and debate, a motion was made to approve the budget, seconded and the budget was approved.

The Board then considered the pending legislative proposals. A summary of the votes on the many legislative proposals accompanies these minutes.

The elections for the two open USA Hockey Director Positions were held. After the first election, Christine Mayer was elected to serve as a USA Hockey Director. Steve Rizzo was elected to the second open USA Hockey Director Position.

In the matter of old business – Mark Lissner wished Liz Cohen a Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Tom McGrath provided a summary of the USA Hockey Meetings, including the new 30 suspension for coaches not wearing a helmet, the \$1,500 fee for the National Tournaments and elimination of the gate fees, the change for the national tournament of one full overtime followed by a shootout.

Dennis Doherty presented the new compensation rates for officials which were voted on and approved.

Chip Bradbury inquired about whether the Cunniff Camps were going to be reinstated.

John Tobin announced the dates for 2018-19 monthly meetings for September 10, 2018, November 5, 2018, January 7, 2019 and March 4, 2019.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:28am, seconded and approved.