



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 7:37PM

In honor of September 11, John Tobin asked for a moment of silence.

John Tobin discussed the recent Boston Globe article on David Gove and his past involvement with Massachusetts Hockey. John Tobin discussed the article and comments made previously by Massachusetts hockey representatives quoted in the Globe article involving a prior acquittal of the impact of these comments on Massachusetts Hockey today and how the private opinion stated was not that of Massachusetts Hockey.

John Tobin advised that Brian Daccord has resigned as the Massachusetts Goaltending Coordinator due to increased duties with Toronto. Two candidates have been recommended and they are in the process of meeting with them to discuss the Goaltending Coordinator role in Massachusetts Hockey.

Mike Dargin from the Boston Bruins discussed the Learn to Play initiative and how 4,000 sets of introductory hockey gear had been ordered and is in the process of being distributed. The Bruins coaching symposium has not been announced yet but is anticipated to be held in November.

Paul Moore introduced Keith Carter as the Massachusetts Coaching Education Coordinator and advised that 39 CEP clinics have been scheduled and that the Bruins symposium would count for a 1 level up clinic up to Level 3.

John Tobin advised that interviews were recently conducted by Massachusetts Hockey on the new hire position. After reviewing the applications the candidates were reduced to 3 finalists for in person interviews. Interviews were conducted and a candidate was selected and an offer of employment was to be made, pending a background check.

John Tobin was invited to attend a junior hockey summit in Plymouth Michigan to discuss junior hockey and the impact on youth hockey in general. The board discussed the issue of junior programs looking to expand their reach into lower levels and how that may impact youth hockey in the future. Pat Bohan advised that Junior programs have the goal to create U17 feeder programs.

John Tobin advised that Don Derosia was appointed to the youth counsel.

Bob Joyce advised that the youth national bound committee had met in late August to start discussions relating to the November state tournament. The committee had review and made some minor modifications to the State Tournament Guide Book which have been posted online. Steve Palmacci discussed the impact of USA Hockey's restrictions on the number of Tier I teams in a district and the potential impact on Massachusetts and how the committee is positioning itself and the allocation of tournament slots.

John Tobin advised that the audit has been completed and the principal is reviewing the final version.

Tom Smith discussed the concussion awareness card revisions and Doc Ashare discussed the heads up program and concussion disclosures. A safety committee meeting was scheduled for September 21st at the Edge Sports Center. Liz Cohen advised the board that there were posters available for members to bring to their rink.

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the annual meeting, and was approved unanimously.

Kevin Kavanagh provided the Executive Directors report and discussed the need for the new hire and areas in which the new hire can provide assistance to the volunteers in the districts due to increased demands on volunteers' time.

A question was posed from the floor on the USA Hockey mandate for Tier I and II tryouts to be concluded after the completion of USA Hockey's Nationals and was looking for guidance for programs due to what appears to be an inconsistent approach to handling.

A discussion was made about the Springfield Thunderbirds as a border program and how to handle programs that draw from more than one state.

Kevin Donovan advised that the referee enrollment was up by 70 officials.

Steve Palmacci encouraged registrars to claim their players as there were several unclaimed players still out there. Steve reminded the board that there is no insurance coverage for non-sanctioned play.

The next meeting was announced for Monday November 6th at 7:30pm.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.