

## **Steering Committee Meeting September 20, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 18:30, Maine Ice Vault, Hallowell.

### **Present:**

Steve Jewell, Todd Bolduc, Christie Jewell, Lars Schultz-Nielsen, Alex Netten, Susan Ramage, Kristin Dubois, Lindsey Bickford, Kim Simpson, Michelle Johnson, Renee Callahan, K.C. Johnson Boys Midget Director/Coach

### **Vote to Accept Minutes**

Motioned by Susan Ramage: Seconded by Kristin Dubois; passes unanimously.

### **Vote to Make Renee Callahan Tournament Director Renee Callahan**

Motioned by Susan Ramage: Seconded by Kristin Dubois; passes unanimously.  
Finance Director

MEAHA concerned about the Finance Director position – past difficulty finding/passing background. Vote Recommendation that Chelsea Begin's name be forwarded as Financial Director pending clear background check to SAM Board

Motioned by Susan Ramage: Seconded Kristin Dubois; passes unanimously.

### **Todd Bolduc; Coaching**

1. Coaches are needed in most age groups
2. Missing coaches at 6U
3. 8U 3 and 6 maybe
4. 10u seems good
5. 12U 3 and 4
6. 14U 2 with some possible
7. Learn to play coach a paid position: we need coach to be accountable and actively seek coaches and volunteers if 60 kids are on the ice.
8. Good coaching plans should focus on skating rather than stickhandling will be adhered  
to in order to keep kids moving and developing
  - a. Plans for younger kids can be repeated as kids have a hard time mastering.
  - b. Repeating plans for younger kids until they master – minimizes instruction time.
  - c. Coaching plans available at rink if absence of coaches threatens practice.
9. Developing core of volunteers actually able to assist coaches and players will help:
  - a. Ideally High school age – offering community service for the kids.
  - b. Guidelines for why they are there and behavior that will be acceptable.
  - c. Volunteers, there to assist coaches; parents dressing kids, tie laces, pick kids up.

10. President's reaffirm SAM Hockey's commitment to producing good product and minimize parental frustration.

### **Christie Jewell; Registrations**

1. Currently have 144 kids registered in SAM program:
  - a. Registrations are scrutinized to ensure kids are registered at the correct level.
2. Reminder executives must be Safe Sport certified with background check (costs 30.00).
  - a. Instructions for background check on MEAHA site.
  - b. Certifications are being recorded by the registrar to ensure we comply.
  - c. MEAHA mandates this standard and our Co-Chairs want it met by Committee.
3. Numbers:
  - a. 21 Atoms
  - b. 17 6U
  - c. 31 8U
  - d. 24 10U
  - e. 18 12U
  - f. 7 14U
  - g. 7 16U
  - h. 11 18U
4. Discussion 6U players not rostered under MEAHA: may play up from 6U to 8U. Christie is to confirm this.
5. Question by Kristin Dubois as to team size for scheduling purposes.

### **Michelle Johnson; Fundraising**

1. Approach Skate shop to put merchandise together for purchase by SAM kids.
2. Fundraising projects must be approved by the board.
3. Skate shop

### **Wreaths of Maine**

1. Costs have gone up
2. A-2 through B-7 average a dollar more
3. A1 same
4. Shipping up an additional 2 dollars
5. Vote to proceed with Wreaths of Maine fundraiser: increasing price one dollar for A-2 through B-7 wreaths; A-1 price to remain the same; shipping cost up two dollars more. Motioned by Susan Ramage: Seconded by Kristin Dubois; passes unanimously.

### **Calenders**

1. Calender fundraiser discussed by Committee.

2. Frustration with some families not selling calendars
3. We must be very clear this year that this is a required fundraiser
4. At initial team meetings this should be impressed upon families is mandatory.
5. Explain this is how we keep hockey \$300 – 400.00 cheaper than other programs
6. Utilize team reps to check pulse and look for difficulties.
7. Impress upon families that have difficulty to express such as quite often we have other families that could sell.

### **Lars Schultz-Nielsen; Girls Hockey**

Middle School Hockey -Registration deadline October 31.

1. Middle School hockey under the Southern Maine Middle School Hockey League.
  2. This program replaced our girls 12U-14U programs.
  3. Emailed for more information on the 14th and have not received a reply.
  4. Confirmed with past coach cost was approximately \$2000.00 which goes toward ice.
  5. time and officials for games, and perhaps 2-3 practices prior the season.
  6. It seems kids Grade 5 through 8 can participate (10U through 14U).
  7. John Robertson, President CMYHA is onboard to support this program as well.
  8. Past funding via charging a fee to play (ie. \$2000.00 /13 players = \$154.00).
  9. Bill Boardman has said ice time can be found for this program.
  10. Phil Davidson has expressed interest in coaching if he can find a level 4 program.
  11. Where the Girl's High School program draws from a large area we can pull kids from North and East.
  12. Great opportunity for girls to measure their skill against like players and begin networking with girls they will play with in High School.
- \*\*\*Committee sees this as a stop gap that could lead to development of our own girls program.

### **Alex Netten; MEAHA**

1. -Travel Programs will begin using Game Sheet automatic reporting
  - a. Will likely come to Tier IV this season or next.
  - b. Keeps track of registrations and suspensions
  - c. WIFI has been prepped in the facility – may need to provide instruments.
2. Play-up requests must go through and be voted upon by MEAHA.
3. Coaches will be redlined by 10/31 or 12/31 depending on when certification expires.
4. Rosters at MEAHA site not official – voluntarily provided and do not guarantee currency.
5. Safe Sport has had IT problems, but certification for coaches can be looked up.
6. New England Development Tryouts 06/07/09 November 20th
7. New England Futures 10/11 January 9th in Portland.

8. MEAHA Teams website permissions are disabled and must be re-obtained
9. MEAHA considering new Tier 4 tournament format. Play-ins might occur through season with limited state champion tournaments.

### **Kristen Bolduc; Scheduling**

1. Looking for guidelines with regards to team size in order to begin scheduling
2. Attempting to schedule Houlton, and Presque Isle together
  - a. Scheduler seeks to send all age groups on same date
  - b. A date as early in the year as possible to avoid weather.
  - c. Reach out to hotels for deals?
  - d. Houlton has 8U through 14U
  - e. Presque isle 8U-10U
  - f. Have 8U been Houlton/Presque'Isle before?
  - g. Scheduler ought to attend parent meetings to gauge interest in this trip.
3. Coach Johnson states 18U have not received value for their registrations recently.
  - a. Billed for 8-10 games and receive perhaps 4 games.
  - b. If we can't get more games, perhaps we need to get creative.
  - c. Can we find a tournament for these teams to fulfill obligation?

### **Susan Ramage; Team Representatives**

1. Report concerns to the Committee so that corrections are developed and timely.
2. Organize getting information out about games.
3. Have them strongly advocate wreath and calendar sales, or move calendars to those who can sell.
4. Organize getting kids to difficult games.

### **Kim Simpson; Equipment**

1. Someone mentioned the possibility of renting equipment.
  - a. If kid needs equipment let them approach the Committee and we will outfit.
  - b. Rentals are not something we want to get into wholesale.
2. We have scholarships available for kids who have difficulty paying for hockey.
3. There should be plenty of Jerseys.
4. Grow the Game Funding and Equipment should/could be assessed.
5. What equipment do we have to help dress kids if need be?

### **Bruins Trip**

1. Steering Committee knows nothing about the trip.
2. One Steering Committee member knows that Roger Collins is organizing it and paid for the trip out of pocket.
3. Another board member offers information that Roger grabbed one of the last dates

hoping to do something nice for SAM, but is willing to sell the event himself.

4. Steve has looked into the Mariners who at under \$1000.00 are a twelfth the price which makes it more inclusive.

a. Perhaps a hundred kids could go versus 40.

A CONSISTENT THEME OF THE MEETING IS THAT THE COMMITTEE MUST STRIVE TO PRODUCE A QUALITY PRODUCT WITH MINIMAL FRUSTRATION AND HASSLE FOR PARENTS WHO ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO HAVE THEIR KIDS PLAY HOCKEY.

Minutes submitted respectfully

Lars Schultz-Nielsen

Secretary Pro Tem