



## MEETING MINUTES

Cleveland Suburban Hockey League  
General League Meeting February 5, 2019  
Garfield Heights Community Center 6:30 PM

ATTENDING PROGRAMS: Brooklyn, Canton-Akron, Cleveland Heights, Elyria, Lake Erie Panthers (Euclid), Fremont, Garfield Heights, Geauga, Gilmour, Kent, North Olmsted, Parma, Rocky River, Shaker Heights, Strongsville, Winterhurst, Wooster. Associate members: Jacks

Absent: Cleveland Skating Club, Mentor

CSHL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Tim O'Shaughnessy, Jim Smith, David Aitken, Chris Kendel, Rick Kish, Mike Radosevic, Pam Rice, Bob Shenk, Russ Sinkewich, John Stojak.

Absent: Don Lewis

MidAM: Tim O'Shaughnessy

Website Committee Chairman: Michael Goetz

Cleveland Monsters Representative: Joe Kummerl

### Actions:

--CSHL Secretary Jim Smith opened the meeting with roll call and review of minutes from CSHL Mandatory Meeting held October 17, 2018. Motion to approve minutes offered by Brian Carson, second by Pam Rice. Motion approved.

--Playoff Committee Chairperson Chris Kendel provided a CSHL playoffs update. Kendel reminded teams to confirm standings as some teams are utilizing the Sports Engine app incorrectly. Michael Goetz has been reviewing the games to confirm scores have been entered correctly. Semi-final weekend is February 23-24. The finals will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The playoff schedule will be updated on the website. Kendel discussed distribution of the Monster Cup playoff patches. CSHL Board members will be presented as each facility/game. Program leadership were reminded to have coaches complete player playoff eligibility forms ASAP.

--David Aitken discussed CSHL Championship Night at the Cleveland Monsters, Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Division winners and Playoff winners are invited to the Monsters' game. Each player, coach and team manager will be provided a free ticket. Discounted ticket offers are available to parents. Each of the teams enter the ice as part of the pre-game festivities and will be recognized.

--Tim O'Shaughnessy provided a MidAM update. During the weekend of March 8-10, The Tier 1 Youth & Girls District tournaments, Ohio Tier II 14U tournament and the Girls Tier II District tournaments will all be held in the Cleveland area. The USA Hockey National High School Tournament will be held March 28-April 1<sup>st</sup> at OBM Arena and Mentor Civic Arena.

O'Shaughnessy reviewed actions taken during the USA Hockey Winter Meeting in Orlando, stating USA Hockey fees will increase by \$5.00 for the 2019-2020 season. There was a "highly robust" discussion regarding checking at the Bantam level during that winter meeting. The topic was tabled until the USA Hockey Congress in June. O'Shaughnessy then discussed the potential rule change with the CSHL leadership.

O'Shaughnessy stated that USA Hockey has adopted a transgender policy effective for 2019-2020 season. Safesport continues to also be a topic of great discussion in USA Hockey.

Attendance to the MidAm Annual meeting June 21-22 in Columbus was encouraged. This may be an opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential changes to checking rules.

O'Shaughnessy provided a report reviewing the results of petition decisions made prior to the beginning of regular season play and the effectiveness of those decisions. Using the parameters that if a team that petitioned and was evaluated finished with 0, 1 or 2 victories or loses, the team was in the wrong division. For the previous nine years, the findings were that petition decisions were 50% accurate. During this year, the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the RPI, nine teams were evaluated and, using the parameters, six decisions were effective or accurate.

--USA National High School Championship Tournament Committee Chairperson John Stojak offered a high school committee and National Tournament update. Stojak was pleased with the NCHSHL division alignment and announced that Ohio will be sending three teams to the USA National event. Stojak also reported that several local high schools have inquired about the possibility of joining the NCHSHL. Gilmour will be sending a team to the girls' division.

38 teams will participate in the national tournament being held at Mentor (Division II) and Strongsville (Division I), March 28- April 1. Sixteen pure teams, 16 combined teams and six girls' teams. Stojak requested more people to sign up as volunteers. Stojak explained several of the positions that need to be filled and reminded programs that there will be a financial credit issued to programs having participants volunteer. Website link to register as a volunteer was provided and the link is also available via CSHL website.

--Michael Chiellino (Gilmour) discussed the MidAM Girls' district tournament being held at Gilmour Academy. He mentioned the need for volunteers and a program/clinic scheduled during the tournament in which girls from the district are encouraged to attend.

--Mite/ADM committee co-chair Bob Shenk requested feedback regarding the season. There had been some concerns regarding officiating expressed during the season. Don Lewis has been working with the referees and will continue to do so. Communication between coaches and referees is an area of concern. Mite white games v jamborees was successful. Questions regarding the posting of a "standings" was discussed. The suggestion was made that during the scheduling session the expectations be clarified with coaches.

--Old Business: Updates on trending topics presented earlier in the season. Only two programs had responded with marketing ideas as requested in prior meeting. No further action seems imminent.

--Smith reminded all that CSHL Annual Meeting is May 14, 2019. Any proposed changes to CSHL Standing Rules must be submitted and posted 30 days prior. Proposals should be sent to Mike Radosevic. Four CSHL Board of Directors positions will also be voted upon at the annual meeting. Terms expiring O'Shaughnessy, Radosevic, Rice and Shenk. Shenk is currently fulfilling the term vacated by Josette Maggs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

