

NCYHA Minutes

2/2/22, 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Brian T., Brian C., Nicole, Adam, Chuck, Eric, Matt, MJB, Tom, Sarah, Jeff

Virtual Zoom Meeting

BOD Vote:

- Received approval of 1/5/22 minutes and sent to Jeff to post to website
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/188z1idzx7JTxiYFSHaoTttKbV6dDWoGDzMz9bUOzwhQ/edit?usp=sharing>
- Received approval of travel cost increase outlined in the table below for 2022-2023 season. BOD in agreement that additional increases in years to come should be addressed annually.

Player Costs					NCYHA Revenue				
	2021-22	2022-23	Increase	Percent Change		2021-22	2022-23	Increase	Percent Change
Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam Full Season	\$1,070	\$1,170	\$100	9.35%		\$150,952	\$165,067	\$14,114	9.35%
Mite Full Season	\$970	\$1,061	\$91	9.38%					
Bantam and Midget Half Season	\$535	\$585	\$50	9.35%					

- Sarah Fernandez received approval for funds to cover pizza & soda for a girls program event at a local restaurant in conjunction with former Olympian, Sara DeCosta. Event will be for girls in programs MDP - Bantam, parents & younger siblings are welcome to join.

Action Items:

- COMPLETE- Chris W. - Created invoices for families whose child moved from one program to another mid-session Ex. LTS to MDP.
- COMPLETE - Nicole/Eric/Chris coordinate schedule/communications for individual/team photos with Marie (TSS Photography). Need to reschedule due to COVID & snowstorm. Marie championing communications.
- COMPLETE - Aubie/Nicole/Chris Communication including (BOD changes, COVID policy, co-ed locker room)

4. COMPLETE - Identify positions that will be open for re-election in May: BOD - VP, Scheduler, Secretary, Registrar, Tournament Director; Advisory - Midget Level Director, Learn To Skate
5. IN PROCESS - Brian H/Brian C/Nicole to complete a reconciliation of players/jersey numbers/payment.
 - a. Brian C has a list of 7-8 players where we do not have payment in hand, will work with Brian H to understand why and follow up as needed.
 - b. Nicole will spearhead jersey number reconciliation (cross reference Brian H's list with Registrars list).
6. IN PROCESS - BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. Nicole updated by laws and requested all BOD directors and advisory positions review the document paying close attention to the section for their role by 3/2. Nicole will circulate the final document for approval by 4/6.
7. IN PROCESS- Brian H - Confirmed he needs to order 200 medals from Hodges Badge to be distributed to LTS/MDP in spring.
8. IN PROCESS- Chris send a communication regarding positions open for election in even years.
9. IN PROCESS - Chuck follow up with Verbero regarding outstanding orders/delays and lack of communication.
10. DEFERRED to 6/2022 as the Christmas Tournament was canceled and these are needed for the Christmas tournament. Research costs associated with replacing Ipads/squares for Christmas tournaments, SWAG sales, etc. (As of 10/2021, \$630 for each replacement includes device, stand, connection through square will be an additional temporary wireless account fee for the months used, square takes a small percentage of sales.)

Board Updates:

1. Girls Program Update
 - a. Planning an event at a local restaurant week of 2/7 in conjunction with former Olympian, Sara DeCosta. Event will be for girls in programs MDP - Bantam, parents & younger siblings are welcome to join.
2. President Update
 - a. RI Hockey Update
 - i. Aubie attended last mtg. and wanted to share that our U10A team is playing in the district championship tournament mid-March. If they win, they advance to a National Tournament.
 - b. SCHL Update -
 - i. Brian attended. Requested score sheets submitted ASAP the same day as games. If coaches have stickers for score sheets they need to cross

off players that do not attend (if they do not attend x number of games they can't participate in playoffs). Coaches should confirm players on rosters for opponents.

- ii. Playoffs will start March 5-6 (QF), March 12-13 (SF + F)
- iii. SCHL selects tournament 3/26
- iv. U10 A will go back to 12 minute periods next year
- v. U12B will stay will stay at 12 minute periods
- vi. U8 B+C will continue to not have playoffs
- c. New Business - Brian's direction/strategy as he moves forward as president through 5/2023
 - i. Reinstitute camaraderie and family aspects of the programs when it is safe to do so.
 - 1. Potentially schedule events such as: kickoff event early in the season, community service events (food drives, charity coaches game), try hockey day, large end of season gathering (photo of all in shape of W).
 - 2. Develop coaching curriculum for each level to help support our volunteer coaches and level set with parents & players, develop synergy throughout the programs and help parents understand the progression from one program or level to the next.
 - 3. Reduce duration of BOD meetings., request action items be addressed in advance of the BOD mtg. via e-mail.

3. Treasurer Update

- a. Brian T & Aubie - need to meet at bank to complete hand over
- b. Balance in account, 163K

4. Scheduler Update

- a. Currently have 16 unscheduled games for the season, we have limited ice available, other programs have ice time shortages too. U10C, U14C each have 3 unscheduled games and will be given high priority for scheduling.
- b. Tryout ice - reached out to all rinks (Thayer, Smithfield and Burrillville most promising) for the 2nd weekend in March . Brian T. indicated that he has a

promise for 2 days of ice at PAS 2 days for tryouts (either 3/7 - 3 / 8 or 3/13 - 3/14), Brian T. will follow up with Mitch.

- c. Portsmouth Abbey has ice time available for the Whalers, morning hours during the winter school break, 21-25 February.
 - i. Plan is to request Monday through Wednesday, 21st-23rd, 8am to noon. Three 50-minute sheets each, for U8, U10, U12, and U14 travel teams. BOD interested in leveraging overspeed and college/high school players during this time to help coaches.
- d. Overall concern about our ice time and prioritization at St. Gs. Aubie will follow up. COVID vaccination appears to be a mandate at St. Gs rink that will not be going away.
- e. Thus far, 1 candidate interested in running for the scheduler position, Eric intends to talk to him.

5. Registrar Update

- a. All outstanding invoices issued
- b. Final installment payments due this week and 10 kicked out of the system. Many will resolve via the automated email notification. Chris will work with Brian C. to resolve any that are still outstanding after next week.
- c. Tryout registration is drafted; ready to go when we have tuition finalized and the ice schedule. I've added a check box (vs. just notification text) re: no refunds to prevent a replay of the situation this year.
- d. The website needs some housekeeping to make sure each program page says when the next round of registration can be expected. A lot of people are already hunting and reaching out. Travel programs are tryouts now (dates TBD) and full registration will be in August. MDP/LTS/House will be available for registration in Mid September. Lots of content out there about our waitlists, etc. that can now be removed with a focus to next season. Jeff needs specific direction from Chris on website updates and will reach out.

6. Equipment Update

- a. Travel uniforms - Outstanding Verbero pending orders include jerseys ordered back in October. Players must have uniform jerseys to plan in tournament. Chuck will follow up with Verbero.
- b. Order LTS/MDP medals - Need to order 200 medals from Hodges Badge, no year on medals so surplus can be used in future years

7. Sponsorship Update

- a. website
 - i. Matt connected with Bruce from J&B and he is interested in advertising on our website
 - ii. Working with Jeff to build out website advertising (banner, links to sponsor websites)
 - iii. Suggest a monthly/quarterly expose to highlight sponsors - let them tell their story, what makes them special and push out this information to Whalers families
- b. EOY fundraiser - ie. glo ball at Green Valley
- c. Mite boards - need to assess condition of the mobile boards and potentially sell advertising on the boards

8. Coach in Chief Update

- a. 1 of 2 mite travel coaches stepped down, resulting in an issue with lack of coaches 2 weeks in a row, other, credentialed coaches volunteering as needed.
- b. Overspeed - Toby made a mistake with small area games & skills one night, going forward Chuck will send him a reminder email in advance of sessions.
- c. Team Genius - Will ramp up for tryout protocols, will set up a zoom call with level directors

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, TBD in person or virtual: 3/2, 4/6