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MASS HOCKEY ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2022 – Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis

The Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Saturday, June 18th, 2022, at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis.

Meeting called to order by Bob Joyce at 1:18pm.

1. Moment of Silence

Bob Joyce asked for a moment of silence on behalf of the members of the hockey community who have passed, especially Phil Zona, Stephen Fitzgerald, and Jo DiFilippo.

2. Roll Call

There are 40 voting board members present. 2/3 majority is 27.

3. Board Minutes

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2022, seconded, and unanimously approved.

4. Awards Recognition

The Dr. Alan Ashare Safety Award was awarded to Ryan Coleman, former Chief Secretary to Governor Baker.

The Ron & Jo DiFilippio Registrar Award was awarded to Janet Harrington, of Tewksbury Youth Hockey.

The Milt Kauffman Award was awarded to Mark Rhodes from District 6.

The Duke Kumpel Award was awarded to John Murray,

Bob Joyce mentioned the Sportsmanship Award will be renamed the Phil Zona Sportsmanship Award.

The President's Award will be renamed the Stephen and Terry Palmacci President's Award. This year's award was presented to Christopher Gong.

5. President's Report

Bob Joyce provided his President's Report noting the challenges this season started with especially the lack of officials and abuse of officials. Today we are at the forefront of improving



officiating within our state and country. We have managed a number of discipline matters. We conducted our first State Tournaments in over 2 years. However with this success we need to look forward to growing our game, focusing on our core mission.

6. Executive Director's Report

Kevin Kavanagh provided his Executive Director's report. This weekend has been a great opportunity for us to get together again. We congratulate Liz Cohen on her success at USA Hockey. Fiona Duoll has been hired as Communications & Events Manager. There will be a new focus on communications to sell our brand. Mike DiOrio has done a great job communicating with our programs and managing the subsidy programs. A total of 51 tournaments were successfully conducted this past season but not without challenges. These continue to be a major visible event to many of our members. Another positive visible event to most members is our Player Development Camps and events. We need to continue to be in the forefront of our members.

7. Committee Reports

Committee reports were posted online prior to the meeting.

<https://www.mahockey.org/committeereports>

Tom Smith announced that Nicole Siglin will co-chair the safety committee next season.

Christopher Gong and Karla Aguirre were invited to USA Hockey Diversity and Inclusion workshop. Most efforts are still focused on growing the game.

8. Treasurer's Report

Chris Holden reviewed the 2021-2022 finance report and the 2022-2023 budget in great detail during a breakout session prior to the board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Budget, seconded, and unanimously approved.



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9. Proposals

A summary of the votes on the many legislative proposals are described below:

Bylaw Proposal #1 – Director and Alternate Director Participation and Voting Eligibility:
Approved unanimously.

Bylaw Proposal #2 – Director in good standing requirement: Approved unanimously.

Bylaw Proposal #3 – Director Emeritus: Approved unanimously.



Bylaw Proposal #4 – Board Vacancy Process Approved unanimously.

Policy Proposal #1 – Discontinuing Native American Imagery and Names: Withdrawn by Christopher Gong.

Rule Proposal #1 - Referee Assigner Requirements: Approved unanimously.

Rule Proposal #2 – “Amended” USA Hockey Code Approval: Approved unanimously.

Amended Rule #2 as written by Jeff Brown approved unanimously.

Rule Proposal #3 – Elimination of 8U player waiver for 10U team participation: Rejected

Housekeeping change to Proposal Rule #3 for girls waiver language to be removed as not consistent with USA Hockey Rules approved unanimously.

C.ROSTER REQUIREMENTS and DEADLINES

~~2.f. At the Girls 14U Tier II level only, programs may request approval from the Tier I/Tier II Girls State Tournament Committee to roster one (1) player who is age 12 as defined in the age classification chart for the current season. Programs with more than one team at the 14U Girls' level may not apply for this waiver.~~

Housekeeping update on Director at Large language approved unanimously.



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10. Elections

Tim McMahon conducted election of officers.

- Uncontested election for 1st VP- Jeff Brown, 2nd VP- Christine Mayer, 4th VP- Tom McGrath, Secretary-Tim McMahon, Director at Large EB – Gary Gates & Mark Kumpel, HS Section- John Murray, Girls/Women Section- Mark Lissner, and Disabled Section-Ray Leblanc. As Secretary, Tim McMahon cast one vote in favor and all elected for 2- & 3-year term, respectively.
- Bob Joyce was elected USAH Director (2022) for a 3-year term.

11. Announcements

Bob Shared the meeting schedule for 2022-2023. In-person meetings will be held at Sheraton Needham Hotel, 100 Cabot St, Needham, MA 02494.

- Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:30pm
- Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:30pm (Zoom)
- Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:30pm
- Monday, January 9, 2022 at 7:30pm
- Tuesday, February 7, 2022 at 7:30pm (Zoom)
- Monday, March 6, 2022 at 7:30pm



12. Old Business

None.

13. New Business

The merger of Tri-County Saints and Taunton Bruins Organizations in District 9 was approved by verbal vote.

Jeff Brown announced there was 1 rule proposal by Steve Rizzo regarding goalie rostering and 1 bylaw change regarding the Annual Meeting Date to consider in September Meeting.

John Murray presented the new compensation rates for officials which were voted on and approved by verbal vote.

14. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded and unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm. The next meeting is September 7th, 2022.