

NCYHA Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, 6pm

Gas Lamp Grille, Newport, RI

1. Brian T. introduced the BOD members, thanked outgoing members and welcomed incoming members*

Executive Board of Directors (voting)		Advisory Board (non-voting)	
Role	Name	Role	Name
President	Brian Torello	Learn To Skate	Open
Vice President	Eric Karoli*	House League	Aubie van Bueren
Treasurer	Brian Clark	Equipment Manager	Brian Hawkins
Secretary	Stephanie Nary*	Player Safety Coordinator	Tom Rocco
Scheduler	Eric Bronson*	Webmaster	Jeff Day
Registrar	Chris Wilkes	Sponsorship Director	Matt O'Hagan
Girls Program Director	Sarah Fernandez	Mite Level Director/Mite Development Program	Adam Tobias
Coach in Chief	Chuck Crouteau	Squirt Level Director	Jeff Dwyer
Christmas Tournament Director	Jennifer Brigham*	Pee Wee Level Director	Steve Connett*
		Bantam Level Director	Dan O'Connor
		Midget Level Director	Bryan May*

2. Highlights from 2020/2021 despite challenges
 - i. 7 of 8 travel teams made it to semi-finals or championship games
 - ii. 2 teams won SCHL championship games
 - iii. LTS & MDP were a huge success, we maxed out registration capacity.
3. Goals and Strategy for Future
 - a. Rebuild Whalers hockey "family" and sense of community through organization wide events such as Whalers night at Newport Gulls and other family friendly events.
 - b. Continue Overspeed training and goalie specific training at RI Hockey Academy
 - i. Develop a coaching curriculum for all programs (LTS through Midgets) which outlines specific skills to teach at each level.
 - ii. Improve our support of our goalies and ensure goalies are receiving appropriate training during practices.
 - iii. Provide coaches with a web/app based tool to leverage when developing coaching plans
 - c. Secure ice at St. George's to resume house league and our biggest fundraiser, the Christmas tournament.
 - i. We need confirmation from St. George's around their 2022 COVID policy at the ice rink - this year, only vaccinated people were allowed on their campus. As such, we were unable to hold travel games, LTS, and the Christmas Tournament.
4. Registration Overview - [Registration Program Summary](#)

- a. Christina Wilkes reviewed the registration numbers. She noted we anticipate this number to increase by approximately 10 players over the summer due to other programs not having enough players to field teams at certain levels and an influx of military players.
 - b. Attendees suggested it would be beneficial if NCYHA could solidify practice days/times for each team (even if it were in monthly blocks). Attendees noted that they have heard that players are leaving for other club teams due to the regularity of the club team practice schedules. NCYHA does not have its own rinks and is at the mercy of ice time available from both St. George's and PAS. In the past, NCYHA gave equal playing time to all teams/month, but will rethink this strategy in lieu of feedback received.
5. Fiscal Health - [Annual Report](#)
- a. Brian C. reviewed the annual report and noted that we have a healthy balance for a non-profit and we are looking to reinvest funds back into our programs. Our overall balance is trending lower than in past years as we have not had our annual Christmas Tournament which typically nets 30K for the past 2 years.