

NCYHA Agenda March 5th , 2025, 6:30 PM, Gas Lamp Grille

Attendees: Stephanie, Jen B, Adam, Jill, Margaret, Aubie, Erik K , Jill M, Chris M, Steph L, Dave G, Steve

BOD Vote:

Vote to approve February Minutes– approve

Action Items

#	Person/Position Responsible	Description	Status	Update/Notes
1	Eric Karoli		After xmas	Future conversation about developing an Elite/club level team
2	BOD	Open seats		<p>Send out communication on open positions:</p> <p>Stepping away:</p> <p>Scheduler</p> <p>Tournament Director</p> <p>Safety Coordinator</p> <p>registrar</p> <p>Term is up</p> <p>President</p> <p>Girls</p> <p>Coach in chief</p> <p>Treasurer</p>
3		Gear swap		<p>Dates?</p> <p>Ralph M–RI hockey– organizing donation bins throughout the state for the summer and will put all the equipment together to do a large gear swap–possibly at Longplex. Wait for more info from Aubie to push information.</p>
4		fundraiser		Belts–How do we want to get this out there? Still waiting for order

8	Tryouts			(Chris) needs to send out coaches evaluations asap and due by 3/11 We need more evaluators. Is the team placement meeting scheduled?
9	Yearly meeting			Mayat FOP lodge
10	Goalie training			Possibly move back to EG
11	Mini clinic			Where? Checking clinic? Early
12	tournaments			Discuss where/all teams same place

Board Updates:

- President:
 - SCHL–April in person meeting/playoff regs
 - Intro of prospective Board Members
 - 2025-26 Schedule update–will have a more consistent schedule
 - Move pictures to October next season
 - Requesting status of Registrar action items - Chris may be dialing in
- VP:
- Registrar:
- Coach in Chief:
 - Tryout logistics with level directors and check-in personnel have been communicated and are in the process of being finalized.
 - The team selection meeting is tentatively scheduled for 3/19.
- Scheduler:
- MDP:

Travel:

- U8A full ice will be playing in the playoffs this weekend. A great start to that level for our program.
- U8B teams will wrap up in Attleboro this weekend. They both competed and did extremely well after bumping up
- All 3 teams are heading to Waterville 3/14-3/16
- Travel registrations are still lower than we are looking for to field 3 teams for next year (1A and 2B) but it sounds like many parents are procrastinating. 29-33 players is our sweet spot. 11-13 for A including a goalie and no more than 10 for each B team.

Mdp:

- Wrapped up Tuesday 3/4
- Parents were extremely happy with the year. A big thank you to the coaches.
- Stevie furtado and Will Toner will assist me as running point for Mdp next season as my son moves up to travel and my daughter will be in Lts again. With this being said I again would like to reiterate that I believe **we should be splitting the lower level directors to Mite level, Mdp director and Lts director and making changes to the bylaws.**

- A few parents of 2019 kids did as expected push back on why their child has to do Mdp again. Their main argument was there is nothing formal stating that u8 is restricted to 7 and 8 year olds. I would suggest changing all bylaws to align that players cannot tryout up a division unless invited in extraordinary circumstances. This would carry for 5 and 6 year olds.
- Would like to explore a set of quick change goalie pad sets for all 8 Mdp teams for next year. Currently we only have 2 half sets. This will help develop our program's goalies. Each set is \$300 and should last several years.--**BOD agrees**
- **Mini nets will be stored and refurbished--not meant for older kids with stronger shots**
- **LTS:**
 - Despite all the scheduling challenges, we've had a successful 2024-25 season for LTS. E.g., Only a handful of kids are still on milk crates
 - We received a lot of unsolicited positive feedback from parents on our proactive communications and on-ice improvements we made this year
 - Big thank you to all BoD members who got out on the ice to help coach
 - We need to sort out how to get better tech capabilities in place for LTS. Our current set up is not sustainable for managing a program of this size. The key pain points are a 1) lack of group rostering, 2) schedule single-source of truth, and 3) inability to push comms to families. I'd like to do a call with SE rep if possible to talk through LTS use cases. These seem to be very solvable problems
- **Girl's program:**
 - General
 - Pre-registered U14 Girls tournament team for March Madness in Marlborough, MA March 28-30th - 2 goalies, 16 skaters.
 - Sent Chris an email to send out regarding tickets to P Bruins game April 6th and PWHL game April 26th for group outing opportunities.

Narwhals

- Schedule is out for POG tournament March 14-16th in Vermont. Lost a few players and many coaches to other commitments. Going to request a call up so each team has 11 skaters. Jen will head coach both teams and rostering another coach to assist her with the U10/U8 and Bryan will assist with U12's.
- Survey ready for families to complete with feedback and interest for next season. This includes a list of tournaments that are all girls and have a suitable division.
- Final practice April 1st - thinking about inviting any female player in our organization to join??? Chris Matthews gave the idea. Girls can get a feel for tournament team.
- Pre game skate at Providence Bruins April 6th for both teams. Waiting on confirmation of opponents from PBruins.

Midget update:

- We need to set dates for Midget tryouts. 8pm 2 week nights in April--not in April break
- Level Directors:
- Treasurer:
- House League: last session sunday/some kids trying out for travel
- Equipment Manager:
- Player safety:
- Travel Coordinator:
- Christmas Tournament:
- Sponsorship:
- Webmaster:

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm.

- April 2nd