

Hockey Steering Meeting 12/19/2022

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes: Kristen motioned, 2nd Todd

Members Accepted previous meeting minutes Unanimously

Coaches (Todd)

CEP Deadline for coaches is 12/31/22 -Any coach that hasn't completed theirs will be red flagged and not able to coach after 12/31/22

All Todds assistants need to finish – he has already reached out to them and will remind them again.

Fundraising (Michelle, Lyndsey, Renee)

Cash Calendar

\$2,400 – prize money

2 blankets

Skate shop – vouchers (skate sharpening tickets maybe)

Senator month membership

Vault passes (Michelle Checking with Bill)

Looking at giving Blankets and other stuff for top 3 sellers

Each player must sell at least 10 but the possibility will be there to sell more if you can

Wreath Fundraiser Break down

1,152 wreaths sold

Sam Swag

\$3,005.49 worth was sold

Scheduling (Kristen)

Cancellations: We do not cancel home events unless the Ice Vault is closed – We ask parents to make the best decision for their family in instances of bad weather or sickness and communicate with coaches that they aren't coming with as much advanced notice as possible.

All tournaments are scheduled: Each age group has 2 tournaments except 14U because there is only 1 tournament available.

ATOMS

26 Registered for 2nd session so far

Jan.8 – Feb. 12th

Leaving ATOMS time, the same for now 8:30 – 9:20am

*Steve discussed for next year to update the website for next year to direct parents a little bit differently for Learn to Play vs. Snowplow Sam so that way Kids that do not know how to skate will be able to sign up for the correct program and do learn to skate vs. Learn to Play

Working in the future to revamp ATOMS a little bit so that way there is more general skills being taught at an earlier level.

Needs to be some sort of progression of skills and moving kids up to different levels as they progress their skills

This will be a work in progress and more information will come in the offseason.

Grow The Game (Renee)

Try Hockey for Free:

Possibly do it earlier or another event before the season starts so that kids can sign up for the season

Equipment Manager (Kim)

Equipment locker is somewhat organized but need to work on permanent organization in the future. Currently Items are at least separated in different totes.

Equipment questions have quieted down

Suspensions

Steve filled everyone in on the player that was suspended from 18U level

- Dad sent Steve back an email disclosing that his child has a medical designation that he does not process things as other kids do (Mental Retardation was the term the dad used) and said that we are discriminating against him.
- Dad did not disclose this information on child's registration in the field that asks if there are any medical concerns that we/coaches should be aware of
- Steve brought this issue to the SAM board, and they were going to handle it
- SAM Board drew up a letter to send to the dad – To uphold the suspension of MEAHA of 10 games and a 5-game suspension in addition to the initial 10 games

Brandon Brewer: Ejected from 12U game in Auburn - December 13th he is suspended 30 days from all USA Hockey Events that fall under MEAHA at any arena. MEAHA emailed him the letter notifying him of this.

John Paige: Booing children of an opposing team at a 12U game in Auburn – Alex Netten (MEAHA Rep) mailed him a letter stating he was suspended 2 home games

- He reached out to Steve via email stating he didn't understand why he was getting suspended because he didn't get ejected during the game.

- Steve responded and explained to him that because the Hockey Steering Committee was notified that he was verbally abusive to officials and booing the opposing team while they were getting medals. Steve also let him know that if he would like to appeal, he can reach back out to the Hockey Steering Committee.
- We have not gotten a response yet.

MEAHA (Alex Netten): Not present but emailed Steve his updates as follows:

Referees:

Reimburse \$100 for officiating for certain things accomplished

Maine Junior Black Bears reimbursing the remainder of their fees.

Something we may want to investigate – not sure what that would cost?

Kristen reaching out to Jesse (referee head) asking when the class would be in our area

Try Hockey for free:

There is another day coming up in February

Disciplinary Actions by MEAHA so far this season:

75% of them have been parents and coaches.

Rostering:

There have been kids that have been playing for different associations (this cannot happen).

This hasn't been happening for any of our players that we know of.

Scores:

Scores are not being updated in a timely manner from other organizations (not a problem for our organization)

MEAHA tournament:

As of last night 12/18, they only had 5 organizations had responded to their request for an answer to whether their organizations are going to join the MEAHA tournament

Finance Information

Steve expressed struggle with getting financial information that he needs in a timely manner.

For Example, Past due amounts for this year?

Not sure if we should try and find another person that can put in the time needed to do this.

Closed Meeting at 7:48pm

