

**Casco Bay Hockey Association Monthly Meeting**  
**February 4, 2019**  
**Directors' Updates and Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Scott Rousseau, Scott Matusovich, Eric Turgeon,, Rachel Pargeter, Lance Becker, Matt Lambert, Mike Geoghan, Meg Swift, Ronnie Lamontagne, Matt Goodrich, Caitlin Jordan

Absent: John Veilleux, Jason Cyr, Joe Guerriero, Bryan Cheever, Melissa Riley, Tom Clifford, Nikki Doyle

Minutes from January meeting approved.

**President - Eric Turgeon**

Donations from additional Shaw's coming in. Shaw's Freeport brought \$500 to rink during practice last week and Shaw's Westgate Portland coming with \$500 this Thursday

**House Director - Pee wee and Bantam Divisions - Scott Rousseau**

Ice is set for Conference Tourneys, and schedule is just about complete for the entire year.

Teams have been very balanced, particularly at Bantam and PW levels, where Casco teams have been much stronger than Southern Conference opponents.

Scott shared a recent conversation with Lewiston friends regarding the fact that various teams (Brewer, Huskies, Maranacook) are rostering players on two teams. Needs to be addressed to MEAHA at next meeting.

**House - Squirt House Division Manager - Caitlin Jordan**

- We have balanced games, teams doing well.
- Had issue with one player getting cut on the ice, requiring stitches and players not listening when whistle is blown.
- At the LTP level we began enforcing band practice that each time the whistle blows you go to the next station and take a knee and wait for instruction. As we practice in stations most days LTP through Squirts at least I think this would be an excellent practice to encourage and develop this expectation through all these levels next season.
- Situation of one family who was released from CBHA after an infraction led to a 2 game suspension. Family asked to be released, CBHA returned money, but now family wants to return.

MEAHA is involved and CBHA working directly with SafeSport Director at MEAHA. Ronnie recommended documenting all calls and emails from this family.

- End of season gift - last year we did bracelets this season looking at wood - Casco Bay Hockey engraved mini sticks for LTP through Squirts. This was discussed as a Board and thought to be a good use of money. Caitlin has found for \$4, will purchase approximately 360 to cover the 4 divisions.

### **House - Mite Division Manager - Matt Lambert**

- Need to get board approval on number of teams, cost, and find available ice for March full ice mites prep.
- We now have new cones and practice tools with a box to store them in at TIA. Box to be placed on Friday. Equipment is available for all CB coaches and should be returned to the box post practice.
- Need to determine budget for end of season gift for mites players (planned to pool with academy and squirts to obtain a mini stick for players).
- End of the season mite tournament has been created and just need to confirm with Rachel and Scott that we are good to release it to coaches.
- Discussion of the end of season play to prepare rising Squirts for the next year. Hoping to have at least 5 hours of ice (4 games and a practice) along with jerseys. Likely have about 60 players
- Issue of the picture of Mites Assistant coach drinking a beer at the Mariner's game before taking ice with Mites. Matt to communicate with this coach.

### **Casco Bay Academy - Joe Guerriero**

Nothing to report

### **Travel Director- Matt Goodrich**

Casco Bay was denied membership to the Premiere Hockey League. This was voted down by the PHL board. A couple of the reasons were that teams would not want to travel to Maine and that we were only committing 3 teams instead of the whole travel program. It is also evident that the Wild owner has 2 votes since he owns 2 teams in the league and the Wild is looking to be the only team in Maine with access to this league. Either way, it looks like we have limited teams in MEAHA T2 and we will have to decide if the EJ is a good option for us again next season.

Currently working on scheduling tryouts for March. At meeting identified ice availability for Co-Ed and Girls Travel. Communication will go out soon.

Long conversation about the future of Travel for CBHA. Interest in sharing what we know with families so they are prepared for try-outs. Eric and Matt to draft an email and possibly include an anonymous form online for people to submit questions. Things will not look much different from this current year but

there is a great deal of speculation circling about what the travel programs will look like next year so families need to be notified.

### **Girls Director - Scott Matusovich**

Issues discussed:

Refunds for a few players. One that left the program and one that is owed this based on previous agreement of a lower tuition based on 1st year goalie.

Payment for U12 and U14 T4 to attend end of year tourney at Waterville Valley since no MEAHA Tournament.

Tryouts in March or April - discussed ice availability.

U16 and U19 have qualified for regionals March 15-17

U12 and U14 State Tourney will be hosted by CBHA Feb 29-March 3 ice is allocated.

U8 girls team has a success so far 15 girls involved, with 6-7 ice times. I have purchased jerseys though PIAS to keep for this group to be used for this purpose in the coming years.

U10 T2 team has also been a huge success in year 1 and see this continuing to grow in the future. (thoughts on hosting a New England regional tourney for U10 in the future, Currently NED does not offer this). Might fly and might be a good use of dead ice in March????

T4 U12 and U14 remain difficult in certain areas with lack of State involvement and league for them. Both teams have done well vs CBHA coed T4 teams so scheduling has been better for us, but would love to see more teams state wide.

Icicle event is good to go. 26 teams total across 3 divisions. Need feedback from other programs regarding how this impacts T4 and Coed Travel. We are about at max capacity based on our ice, but I could see this growing even more down the road as a fundraiser if we wanted to.

Rachel has been amazing with helping with this and volunteer signup is taking shape. So should be a real fun event.

### **Scheduling - Rachel Pargeter**

### **Webmaster - Rachel Pargeter:**

### **Midget Director and Referee Information - Tom Clifford**

### **Coaching Director - Bryan Cheever**

### **Treasurer - Mike Geoghan**

### **Scheduling Assistant/SafeSport Director - Ronnie Lamontagne**

### **Registrar - Melissa Riley**

Not much going on with the registrar's report.

- Meg working with TAs to collect binders to send to Sue
- 2 coaches removed from red line as credentials were updated
- Mites rosters updated with jersey numbers so game labels will be available for any tournaments

### **ACE - Jason Cyr**

Not much going on right now on the training front. I'm slowly working through the list of coaches who wanted reimbursement. I'll have that done soon. I am also in the process of identifying those coaches who will require a level 4 this off season in order to coach next season. That list should be a bit longer this year than it has in previous years.

### **Tournament Director - Caitlin Jordan**

### **Marketing/Social Media Director - Nikki Doyle**

- Announcement about calendar raffle went out on Saturday
- Paper copies handed out to LTP, BTI, Mites, Squirts, Travel at practice this week,
  - Scott and Ronnie to distribute to Girls team this week
  - Eric will distribute to Travel Peewees and Squirts this week
  - Meg will distribute to House Peewees and Bantams and Travel Bantams
- Will send one email per week to membership for next three weeks. Nikki will write them and give them to Rachel to go out Thursday
- Be positive and encouraging
- Have surprise prize – lesson or clinic with Chris Harmon
- Rachel will send report to Nikki weekly. Print those out and put them in the drawing
- Specifics of how to do drawing and managing the tickets that come in online and in-person were discussed.

### **TA Director/Secretary - Meg Swift**

- Continuing to work with all TAs to make sure they have necessary labels and score sheets for all games.
- Collecting binders for the credential process for T2 and T3 teams. Remaining binders will be going to State meeting on 2/12 to give to Sue. Squirt binders are back
- Providing assistance to Nikki regarding calendar raffle. Will help with collection of all sales on March 2nd.

### **Casco Bay Arena - John Veilleux**

Just winding down the season with 6 weeks to go. Working on budget for next season, and Sarah and I will be meeting with Eric, Mike, and Rachel on 2/11 to go over short and longer-term needs at CBA. Cash flow will be tight again this off season as we continue to clear accumulated operational debt off the books. Sarah and I are working on the plan to tackle this. All ice and pond hockey during Feb vacation is booked, and Rachel is nailing down March needs. Ice out expected to start on 3/19/19.