



MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY MONTHLY MEETING

November 6, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

The Meeting was called to order at 7:36PM

John Tobin presented his opening remarks and the recent Bruins Symposium with 400 coaches in attendance and the commitment of the Boston Bruins to youth hockey in the area. John Tobin recognized Paul Moore for his efforts on the recently concluded Level 4 coaching clinic. John Tobin introduced the members of USA Hockey in attendance and presentations ensued.

Kevin McLaughlin, USA Hockey Senior Director of Hockey Development addressed the board on matters involving coaching motivation and the passion of youth hockey players. He presented information on how USA Hockey's process in developing the ADM Model from its inception in showing numbers the declining enrollment numbers from 2002-2004 and how USA Hockey has shown tremendous growth numbers relative to other youth sports and how basketball, football and the PGA are now using variations of the concepts set forth in the ADM model in their sports.

Mark Tabrum, USA Hockey Coaching Education Director addressed the board. Mark recognized Paul Moore Level 4 coaching clinic. Mark advised the board on the USA Hockey Mobile Coaching app and its functions including the practice plan analyzer component.

Phil Oser, USA Hockey Manager Goaltending discussed USA Hockey's efforts to support coaches in the development of goaltenders and the USA Hockey goal of increasing its numbers at the NHL level from currently 20% of the rostered goalies to 50% by 2030.

Brian Eklund, Mass Hockey Goaltending Development Coordinator discussed how currently 2% of the goaltenders in the NHL are Massachusetts born and Massachusetts makes up 8-9% of USA overall numbers and the goal of the district should be to increase to its numbers at the highest level by getting more players involved and increasing the pool of goalies. Brian discussed his goals for creating a better culture for getting more players interested in playing goal, and how the quick change pads can help at the youngest levels.

A forum discussion was conducted with the USA Hockey members in attendance and the general board.

Kevin Kavanagh presented his executive directors report and introduced, Mike D'Orio as Mass Hockey new Program Coordinator. Mike addressed the general board about his role and goals for Mass Hockey. John Tobin thanked JeanAnn Nigro, Dave Moses and Bob Joyce for assisting in the interview process.

John Tobin asked for committee reports.

Jeff Brown requested that all new rules proposals be submitted by the end of January.

Christine Mayer provided safe sport updates and advised that the US Center for Safe Sport is updating the online program. She also advised that racial slurs are now a major penalty and constitute a safe sport violation as well.

Greg Sophis requested that any Hall of Fame Nominations be submitted by the end of January.

Steve Palmacci advised that there still remain 11,000 unclaimed players in Massachusetts.

Paul Moore commented on the Bruins Symposium.

Kevin Donovan advised that 20 of the 21 schedule referee clinics have been completed and the final one is scheduled for January.

Steve Fitzgerald advised that for organization which operate concession stands or skate shops they are now covered under USA Hockey insurance.

Christine Mayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11 meeting, Dennis Doherty seconded and the minutes were approved.

The next meeting was announced for Monday January 8th at 7:30pm.

A motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.