



The Massachusetts Hockey 2012 Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:32 am on Saturday, June 16, 2012, at the Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, Massachusetts, by President, Keri-Anne Allan.

**PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:** During the 2011-2012 year the focus has been on review of the 3-man roster rule, district alignment, state tournaments, communication with the New England District, and the SafeSport initiative and this review will continue into the 2012-2013 season.

Kevin Kavanagh, Massachusetts Hockey Executive Director shared the areas of focus in addition to fundraising efforts for the upcoming season: Grow the Game; 2 and 2 Challenge; development of an effective communications platform including a newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter; development of a symposium for Tier I and Tier II in late July or early August to get information and be transparent; giving updates at the Massachusetts Hockey monthly meetings.

**NATIONAL REPRESENTATION AND SPECIAL GUESTS:** Dave Ogren, USA Hockey Executive Director, spoke about SafeSport which is an initiative in draft form which focuses on the ability of kids to have fun and learn hockey better than ever in a safe environment. Screening is only one piece of the initiative which was originated by the Olympic committee. It is a multi-step program which includes education, locker room policy, monitoring and reporting abuse activities. A handbook is being worked on and feedback is welcome. The on ice component includes emphasis on the Heads Up Don't Duck program, Safety, and concussion. Emphasis is continuing on embracing Cross Ice particularly at mites. The age specific modules are being modified as a response to feedback and an Ipad application is on the way. Plans are being made for an online Parents group.

Roger Grillo, New England ADM Coordinator, USA Hockey, shared how excited he was about the Massachusetts Hockey implementation of the ADM initiatives. The body checking change was resulted in positive feedback and continues to be a focus going forward. Contact continues to be a focus and presentations can be scheduled for ADM and Checking by contacting Roger at 719-304-1884 or rogerg@usahockey.org. The Red White Blue Tournament is a great tournament and is forming the basis for others.

**USA HOCKEY MEETING REPORTS:** John Tobin reported that the age change in Section 10A of USA Hockey Rules and Regulations is mandatory. Significant focus is on the SafeSport Initiative being developed.

Mike Bonish shared that the Youth Junior Pilot Project is now USA Hockey Policy, there is no 14 camp this year, and the Tier I tournament will be expanded from 12 to 16 teams.

Judy Sheldon shared that SafeSport is the focus and will be a centerpiece going forward which emphasis that training and screening must be completed before contact with kids including on ice participation. A body checking survey is available. Ideas are being explored about better ways to work with leagues and commercial interests in sports.

Bill Graves shared that a coaching application for members only will be available in the fall. The Inteligym has been made more available and is on the website.

Rick Fask shared that a disabled module will be available in September. Funding for disabled events continues to be a challenge and new ways to support the vents are being investigated. The process for putting in a bid for the April 3-6, 2014, Tenth Annual Disabled Festival is underway. The possibility of coordinating some activities with the April 10-13, 2014, Standing Amputee World Championship at the New England Sports Center is being considered.

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Nick DeMarco shared that the redundancy has been taken out of the age specific modules. The age specific modules will be needed to be taken once for each age coached and do not be repeated yearly.

Dennis Doherty shared that there is an online game reporting system which will enable communication of out of state infractions.

Mike Bonish reported that Paul Moore, Falmouth High School, received the Thayer Tutt Award and Brian Smith was named the 2012-2013 Brian Fishman Intern.

Mark Lissner shared that the 75 Anniversary was a great success. A Play Like a Girl Blog has been developed. The Pittsburg Showcase is planning a girls division.

Christopher Gong shared that the Congress was interesting especially the Girls/Women's section and the Youth Council meetings. There is a big gap between the top districts and the rest which presents a challenge to the Girl's Women's section. A great time was had by all.

Eric Davis shared that he was able to sample a bit of everything going on at the Congress and is eager to get involved.

Don Derosia shared that it was an eventful few days.

SECRETARY: A motion by Ken Robinson and seconded by Tom Troiano to accepted the minutes of the 2011 Massachusetts Hockey Annual Meeting as amended passed.

A motion by Bill Graves and seconded by Rick Fask to accept the minutes of the Massachusetts Hockey 2012 April Monthly Meeting passed.

TREASURER: A motion by Al Wright and seconded by Don Derosia to accept the Treasurer's Report including the proposed 2012-2013 budget passed as amended including the increase from \$0.00 to \$50.00 for the Roster Change of State Championship Teams - Change/Add Bench Official.

RULES COMMITTEE: Thank you to the members of the Rules Committee for all their hard work. The following actions were taken on the Legislative Proposals:

PASSED: 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21

PASSED AS AMENDED: 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, and 13

DEFEATED: 14 and 15

WITHDRAWN: 6

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion by Felix Costanza and seconded by Bill Graves to approve the merger of Brockton Youth Hockey and Mohawks Youth Hockey to become the South East Cyclones Youth Hockey in District #3 was approved.

A motion by John Tobin and seconded by Judy Sheldon to override the vote of District #7 which prohibited the use of the name "Crusaders" in the name of any merged program passed.

SEATING OF 2012-2013 OFFICERS: All returning members of the Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board for the 2011-2012 season.



AWARDING OF TOURNAMENTS: The tournaments for the 2012-2013 season were awarded by the usual bid process.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion by John Tobin and seconded by Sarah Beguelin to pass a formal Massachusetts Hockey policy on playing up rostering of players passed and will be in the 2012-2013 Annual Guide.

Priorities for the 2012-2013 season include

Self assessment continuing

Building relationships and communication with USA Hockey

Building relationships and communication with the New England District

Improve communications with the Board of Directors, Districts, programs, and parents

Explore representation for Club teams

Improve the State and National Tournament formats

Focus on working with the local programs

Review and implement aspects of the draft SafeSport initiative

A motion by John Tobin and seconded by Christine Mayer to adjourn the 2012 Massachusetts Hockey Annual Meeting at 10:00 am passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Z. Champagne, Secretary