



A quorum being present, a Massachusetts Hockey regular monthly meeting as listed in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2013-2014 Calendar of Events, was called to order at 7:43 pm on Monday, September 9, 2013, by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts with attendance recorded by the Secretary including 48 voting members.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: Members were welcomed back after having the summer off.

SPECIAL GUESTS /REPORTS: Mike Dargin, Boston Bruins: Mini 1 on 1 finals will be held Sunday, October 13 at Boston Garden. A coaching symposium will be held Saturday, October 26 (times to be announced).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Regarding communication: we have signed another year with Touchpoint. Eighteen newsletters have been sent out. Website updates continues. Send any suggestions to the Webmaster and copy Kevin. He is requesting stories for the newsletters. Regarding sponsorship: We've signed with CCM for another year. Contact with Pure Hockey continues. A sponsorship platform is evolving. Twenty-five sets of cross-ice dividers were ordered and most have shipped.

REGISTRAR: Refer to the MA Hockey website for Invitational Tournaments – non-sanctioned events will not be listed. Full-ice Mite tournaments will not be sanctioned before January. The terms tier 1 or tier 2 are not to be used for Mite, Squirt or PeeWee teams. Use the terms Mite 1, Mite 2, etc. Issues with overdue or unpaid player bills should be worked out by the associations. Registrars can search where players have previously played.

REFEREE-IN CHIEF: Officials doing playdown or state tournament games after January 1, must have Safe Sport certification. Online game report system is up and running – Owen has the password. Officials must wear ½ shield.

COACH-IN-CHIEF: Paul Moore was introduced as the new Coach-in-chief replacing Nick DeMarco. Clinics for all levels are posted on the USA Hockey website.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

District #1: 1st meeting held September 4. All quiet.

District #2: Meeting scheduled for 9/16. All quiet.

District #3: Midget playdowns have started.

District #4: First meeting held on Thursday.

District #5: First meeting held last month. All quiet.

District #6: Bob Jaques has moved to Maine. Tim McMahon introduced as new director.

District #7: Meeting scheduled for September 10. All quiet.

District #8: First meeting September 16.

District #9: First meeting September 16. All quiet.

District #10: First meeting September 10.

Club: Receiving lots of rosters. Only 4 mite programs.

Girls/Women's: Michelle Amidon from USA Hockey running girls ADM clinics Monday 9/16 in Waltham and Tuesday 9/17 in Walpole. Try hockey being held Columbus weekend with funds received from the Cheever Grant.

High School: All quiet.

National Bound: With a potential total of 97 roster – 65 have been processed. Meeting this evening with tournament committee.

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Seniors: All quiet.

SECRETARY

A motion made by Allen Wright and seconded by Buddy Lafleur passed by a unanimous vote to accept the minutes with noted corrections of the June Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey.

GENERAL COUNSEL

CORI Screening: Over 1000 CORI screenings processed. Registrars have been given a list of programs processing their screenings.

Conflict of Interest: All quiet.

FINANCE

Audit: No report.

Finance: Report due in 2 weeks for 7/12 USA Hockey review.

Webmaster: No report.

Website: No report.

ADMINISTRATION

Association Registration: No report.

Discipline: No report.

Medical Waiver: No report.

Nomination: No report.

Roster: Advise if roster exemptions voted on at district meetings have been approved or not.

Rules: Annual guides have been distributed.

OPERATIONS

ADHOC: No report.

Disabled Hockey: No report.

Player Development: Player Development camps were successful and mostly sold-out. Boys upper and lower camp format was successful. Dates for this seasons camps pushed out due to issues with school ending late. Tryout ice is scheduled. Festival will be held the same weekend as the Disabled Festival at NESO 4/11-4/13.

Tournaments: Looking for host for Squirt Tier III, 12 team tournament on 3/7-3/9

PLANNING

American Development Model: Dividers are on their way. Trailer is here for viewing. Shelving inside is removed to store dividers. Looking into 1/2 ice Mite tournament to include MA, RI, and CT. Looking into formulating a reward for programs conforming to ADM.

Mike Cheever Grow Hockey: No report.

Long Range Planning: No report.

High School: No report.

Sportsmanship Awards: Thank you to the committee for reviewing the Sportsmanship Awards applications. The word needs to get out to more seniors to increase applications.

EVENTS

Awards: No report.

Hall of Fame: Meeting needs to be planned.

Special Events: 40th anniversary celebration needs to be planned. Christmas party will be held during a monthly meeting and will include a buffet. Sending out photos of award winners from annual meeting.

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EDUCATION

Coaching Education: No report.

Safe Sport: Requirements for concussion policy, CPR training sent out to registrars. A copy of the power point presentation is available. She will meet with programs/districts if requested. Safe Sport has a new program handbook dated 2013 which is the most up to date. Coaches must be trained by November 2014.

Safety: An International Conference on concussions is being held at the Mayo Clinic the first weekend in October.

OLD BUSINESS: Birthday wishes extended to John Tobin!

NEW BUSINESS: Keri-Anne noted that we all need to be aware of what is going on in the rinks regarding the U8 ADM requirements so that we can have informed discussions.

As committee members and board members, we have to uphold our responsibilities and take on an active role in MA Hockey's endeavors. Keep communications moving along by responding promptly to correspondence.

The next regular monthly meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be held Monday, October 7, 2013 , at 7:30 pm. as noted in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2013-2014 Calendar of Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy O'Neil
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Alan
President and Presiding Officer