



Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2014

The Executive Board of Massachusetts Hockey was called to order at 6:32 pm by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts..

Executive Board Attendees: Keri-Anne Allan, Allen Wright, Christine Mayer, Don Derosia, Phil Zona, Mike Bonish, Greg Sophis, Mindy O'Neil, John Tobin, Fred Hannon
Executive Director Attendee: Kevin Kavanagh
USA Hockey Attendees: Paul Moore, Steve Palmacci

The Finance Committee approved the expense for a review of the structure of MA Hockey by consultant Tom Osenton which was recommended from the Long Range Planning Committee.

A program that had a player that had committed to a roster space leave to play juniors in Canada and did not pay the program here (he had not been on the ice). It is our view that MA Hockey has no jurisdiction on contracts and that the program should proceed through Small Claims Court. Our only suggestion in these situations is that the new program not allow a player to play until a financial release is received from the prior program. The program that this happened to would like the floor at the General Meeting to have the subject discussed.

The submission date to run for an open position was moved to February and the election process has changed. Many current board members were not aware that they needed to submit their names again so Keri will nominate their names from the floor at the General Meeting tonight. She will explain to the general membership the changes in the rule that was voted in last June. Basically, after tonight, no one's name can be added to the ballot.

Grievance filed against Hyde Park Youth Hockey for not allowing 3 players from the same family to play due to a financial issue. Family was kicked out of association for non-payment and bounced checks. Family did make restitution on the unpaid balance before the deadline date but was still removed. Hyde Park would not issue a financial release. A letter will be drafted to Hyde Park YH President informing him that he would be subject to discipline action for not following the rule.

Discipline issue against a coach from Cape Cod Canal Youth Hockey accused of grabbing the butt of a player. The event has been reported to DCF. The coach was suspended immediately and has requested a hearing. Another discipline committee volunteer is needed.

Discipline committee volunteers are also needed for a district 4 appeal of an assault of an official.

Parkway Youth Hockey suspended a coach without a hearing. The hearing was scheduled with the knowledge that the coach was out of the country and was held without him. At the hearing he was suspended indefinitely. The suspension was then overruled. After the reversal, a parent said the coach assaulted their son. USA Hockey sent an email stating Bob Wall disclosed the name of someone who was being bullied which is against Safe Sport. Jeff suggested that someone outside of district 1 hear a new hearing. John suggested that an investigation be done. Greg, John, Don, and two non-EBoard members will hold a hearing. It will be chaired by John.



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The parents of players for the Jr. Crusaders want a coach suspended for yelling at the players. The association should hold their own hearing.

At NESCH, a Holy Name player was cross checked to the back and broke his wrist. The injured player's father physically assaulted the player who did the cross check. The injured player's mother verbally assaulted that player. The father has been charged with felony assault.

A motion to approve the February 3, 2014 E-Board minutes was made by Greg Sophis, seconded by Allen Wright, and was unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn made by Phil Zona and seconded by Kevin Kavanaugh at 7:26pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy O'Neil
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Alan
President and Presiding Officer