



Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2013

The Executive Board of Massachusetts Hockey was called to order at 6:30 pm by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts.

Executive Board Attendees: Keri-Anne Allan, Allen Wright, Phil Zona, Mike Bonish, Greg Sophis, Mindy O'Neil, John Tobin, Walter Lloyd, Fred Hannon, Dennis Doherty, Tom Troiano, Paul Moore
Executive Director Attendee: Kevin Kavanagh
USA Hockey Attendees: Steve Palmacci
Guest Attendees: Mark Lissner, Brian Donohoe

Keri-Anne presented information regarding teams from the Islanders Hockey Club not being allowed into the March 2014 State Tournament because the Islanders did not submit the proper paper work on time. A motion to hear testimony from Brian Donohoe and Mark Lissner was made by Mindy O'Neil and seconded by Greg Sophis. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Donohoe from the Islanders Hockey Club explained that he was late submitting 3 rosters for non-national bound U12 Tier 1, U12 Tier 2, and U10 girl's teams due to health issues. He explained that the rosters were 2 days late due to health issues he has with his eyes that left him unable to look at a computer screen. Mark Lissner reiterated the rules and that the Islanders were late.

In the Eboard discussion that followed, it was pointed out that there are other programs currently not in compliance with the deadline rules and that if we make an exception for one program we would have to make an exception for all of them. A motion to uphold the decision to deny the Islanders Hockey Club's teams entrance to the State Tournament was made by Tom Troiano and seconded by Phil Zona. Motion approved with 13 votes and 1 abstention.

A discussion regarding a former Assabet player who is now with the Vipers: Assabet did not charge tuition for this player because her father was running the skills sessions. Now that the player has left Assabet, Carl Gray is back charging the tuition. Carl has also posted on his website that this player has not met their financial obligations. The father of the player is asking for a discipline hearing against Carl Gray. The matter was referred to Jeff Brown and the Discipline Committee.

Keri-Anne posed the question whether we should consider developing some kind of scholarship fund for families that cannot pay their child's hockey tuition. Questions developed as to verifying the family's need and where the scholarship money should come from. It was decided to form a committee including the President, VP's, Treasurer, General Counsel, and Secretary to move forward to investigate the development of a scholarship fund.



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A discussion regarding whether Committee Chairs should be required to attend Eboard meetings to give updates, answer questions, or ask for assistance. The board agrees that on a rotating schedule, Committee Chairs should be invited to Eboard meetings.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting was made by Greg Sophis and seconded by Allen Wright. Motion approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Allen Wright and seconded by Greg Sophis.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mindy O'Neil".

Mindy O'Neil
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keri-Anne Allan".

Keri-Anne Allan
President and Presiding Officer