

NCYHA Minutes September 4th , 2024, 6:30 PM, Middletown Police department.

Attendees: Jen B, Adam, Jill, Margaret, Chris W, Erik K, Bryan M, Steve C., Chuck C., Jeff N, Aubie

BOD Vote:

Vote to approve August Minutes–approved

Action Items

#	Person/Position Responsible	Description	Status	Update/Notes
1	BOD	House costs and schedule	September meeting!!!	<p>October ice is booked, can only book a month out. Start date for house programs 10/12/24.</p> <p>House cost: \$500 (max 30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ House: 9am Saturday/Sunday front ice at St. Georges <p>MDP cost: \$630 (max 60)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MDP: 8am Saturday/Sunday (Sunday both rinks), 5:45pm Tuesday at St. Georges <p>LTS cost: \$150 (max 60)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LTS: 8am Saturday at Portsmouth Abbey, 5:45pm Wednesday at St. Georges
2	Eric Karoli		Next Month	Future conversation about developing an Elite/club level team
3	Eric Karoli, Adam Tobia, Eric Bronson	Ice cost and schedule issues with St. Georges		Meet with Allie Skelley to utilize him to work with St. Georges

Board Updates:

- President:
 - Parity schedules are out. Some games in WW are in jeopardy. Plenty of officials with full coverage - be kind.
 - Neck guards expected to be enforced
 - SCHL competition committee 9/16/24 - after parity is done, reach out to coaches and let you know their thoughts on team placements in divisions. List out elite players that are dual rosters on an SCHL B team -vote on if we are with them playing on a B team. President typically gives an excel sheet with his recommendations. - Eric Karoli will go.
 - Discussed Midget parent upset about player placement. Level director reached out to coaches, reviewed evaluations and communicated results to parent.
 - Ordered new nets that will be reimbursed by RI hockey.

- Need more support from BOD members at family events we hold like gulls and welcome back.
- Need VP, and someone to start shadowing the registrar position.
- VP: position vacant
- Registrar:
 - Good on pricing and schedule, squared away on most players - except a couple of midgets. Need coaches to be taking care of their tasks.
 - Fisher can no longer roster and register to be on the ice.
- Coach in Chief:
 - Annual coaches meeting 8/28/24. 10 coaches were represented. iPads are benign set up and issued. Parity starts this week and every coach has been given all the information they need. U10C was able to add to house players to bring the roster up and they have a 75% goalie, we have Reese available to fill the other 25%.
 - Link on SCHL on how to use the ipads for game sheet training. Has SCHL access key.
 - Sending coaches a reminder email about ipads and credentials
- Girls Program:
 - Chris is sending out registration.
 - Collaborating with SRI for a U12 and U10/8 team.
 - Will look to throw together U14's in a tournament in the spring when they are more available.
 - Sting tournament we are on the waitlist, but need to register for cranberry classic and will probably do the pot o'gold in Vermont.
- Scheduler:
 - St. Georges agreed to let us book out 1 month instead of 2 weeks. Anthony will get him more when he has it. Blocked out the following weekends Nov 8-10, Jan 24-26, and Febe 14-16. Offering more ice, but not good times.
 - Trying to book more ice for games at Driscoll and Hetland due to savings in ice cost. Games at St. Georges require booking 90 minutes of ice. Only one game at St. Georges at a time and while a game is happening they would hope that the other ice would be practice for one team.
 - St Georges would like it to be (8am Saturday/SundayMDP, then house, then LTS
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 - Sending list to coaches for blackout dates tomorrow. Only allowing two blackout weekends per team
 - All teams are expected to go to the island, if you do not go the teams will forfeit.
 - Gave the go ahead to book some games at Driscoll and Hetland.
- MDP:
 - We are currently holding the teams as is numbers wise
 - We are still looking to piece together goalie equipment for 3 of the teams (One of the C teams has a full time goalie) without spending extra money. Can we put out an email asking if anyone has access to old stuff?

MDP Update

- Still waiting to firm up the schedule when Eric is rested up. Shooting to keep it the same at Tuesday night, Sat and Sun mornings with 2 sheets needed on Sat and Sunday.
- Chuck and I have the jersey process started and should have them mid September
- Attempting to find a way to make MPD and LTS coincide and get LTS at least one skate at St. G's, but not having much success here. Not sure if Jeff N has any ideas?

Golf tournament:

Tournament will be Monday 10/28 at 10 am at Green Valley CC

- A huge thanks to Brian T. for all the work over the years in running a successful Gaslamp tourney to benefit the Whalers
- We have decided that Rebranding the tourney to the Newport Whalers Youth Hockey Golf Tournament will begin this year with the "First Annual," tournament
- Chris will be putting out an email to the masses through SE with the info and a google sheet to sign up
- We are in need of participants (\$500 per foursome)
- 18 Flag sponsors (\$300 and you get to keep a branded flag that has both NCYHA logo and your company logo on it that will fly at a hole the day of the tournament)
- Unlimited number of tee sponsors available (\$150 each)

- Raffle and live auction items
- Lunch sponsor (\$1500 includes a foursome)
- Dinner sponsor (\$2500 includes a foursome)
- Tournament day volunteers, Mark your calendar!
- All payments can either be mailed by check to NCYHA 1151 Aquidneck Ave Suit 408 Middletown RI 02842 or payments can be made through venmo @Newport-Whalers
- I will request that we black this day out for any practices if possible
- Please spread the word so we can fill this tournament up quickly and raise some money for the kids. Also coaches please reach out to your parents that own or work for private businesses to see if they will donate in any way. Feel free to send them my way to walk them through the process.
- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXUB_ahPZWrmxzd7X-tOgPMo04nnd8XDtD6wTEY2_gFWYSdA/viewform
- LTS:
 - Start date 10/12/24.
 - Communicate with families regarding schedule, equipment, volunteers on ice, warmth. Try to strongly encourage elbow and knee pads.
- Level Directors:
 - Midget: Teams selected, still looking for B level coach. Goalies - some are dual rostered and may have some issues with goalie.
- Treasurer:
 - Not present
- House League:
 - Start date 10/12/24
- Equipment Manager:
 - Extra jerseys, trying to think of what to do with them
 - Girls team taking old player jerseys
- Player safety:
 - Not present
- Travel Coordinator:
 - Teams are going out to the islands for parity.
 - Need coaches email list to start communicating about her role
- Sponsorship:
 - Sponsorship stuff sent to David G.
- Christmas Tournament:
 - 80% full for the Christmas tournament. Two teams bringing full clubs with them. A few Mite C spots open. The squirt C is a little light, last year had issues filling that.
 - Need to get a shuttle for the entire weekend. Does anyone have a connection?
 - Abbey approved the schedule, still waiting on St. Georges to approve the schedule. Sent a reminder to Anthony.
 - A few less teams than had last year so we avoid having to give out free registration.
 - Schedule is set so we can get that out ASAP and work on volunteers and raffle stuff.
- Webmaster:
 - Not present

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm.

- October 2nd.