

Minutes: February 6th , 2025, 6:30 PM, Middletown Police dept

Attendees: Stephanie, Jen B, Adam, Jill, Margaret, Eric B(phone), Chuck, Aubie, Kelly, Erik K , Jill M

BOD Vote:

Vote to approve January Minutes– Approved

Action Items

| # | Person/Position Responsible | Description | Status | Update/Notes |
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| 1 | Eric Karoli | | After xmas | Future conversation about developing an Elite/club level team |
| 2 | BOD | Parents night out | | <p>Plan Parents Night Out at Gas Lamp. Brian will donate food and find a discount “whalers drink”.</p> <p>Confirmed Friday February 28th</p> <p>Brian will donate food (if bar tab is light he may have to charge us 100.00 or so)</p> <p>Need to push advertisements. Low numbers</p> |
| 3 | BOD | Better ice prices/times for future seasons | | <p>Meet with Longplex to reserve home Ice?</p> <p>Update on meeting with St. Gs: (Erik)</p> |
| 4 | BOD | Open seats | | <p>Send out communication on open positions:</p> <p>Stepping away:</p> <p>Scheduler</p> <p>Tournament Director</p> <p>Safety Coordinator</p> <p>registrar</p> <p>Term is up</p> <p>President</p> <p>Girls</p> |

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| | | | | Coach in chief Treasurer |
| 5 | Chuck | Team photos | | Need a new person Chuck found a new photographer We need to schedule the photographer |
| 6 | | Gear swap | | Dates? |
| 7 | | fundraiser | | Belt update |
| 8 | Tryout setup | | | (Chris) 100 tryout fee/7 days to commit by paying first installment or full tuition (which will remain the same) set up on Sports engine. (Erik K will talk with Jaramiah) Get evaluators (6 evaluators per session) (Chris) needs to send out coaches evaluations asap and due by 3/11 |

Board Updates:

- President:
 - Going to lower the price/they want to work with us to have a more consistent schedule
- VP:
- Registrar:
- Coach in Chief:
 - • Player Evaluations (Tryouts) Registration Policy: Last year, when faced with players “shopping around” during tryout season, we discussed adding a commitment/season registration deadline that players would need to complete shortly after team rosters are released to secure their spot. If we move forward with this, we must decide on a specific commitment timeframe.
 - • Tryout Deposit & Season Commitment: The required tryout deposit amount (\$250 last year) will be affected if we move forward with a commitment requirement, as season commitment/registration will require an initial payment/deposit shortly after rosters are released. A review of other programs shows a trend of having a lower tryout fee and then requiring an initial season commitment/registration deposit to secure roster placement shortly after being released.
 - • Team Roster Release: I plan to host the team selection meeting as soon as possible after tryouts so rosters can be released quickly. This will align with our commitment/season registration timeline.
 - • Travel Fees: Are there any changes to the overall travel fees?
 - • Vacant Level Director Positions: U14 is still vacant. U10 is possibly vacant.
 - Girl's director will be present at placement meeting
 - 100 tryout fee/7 days to commit by paying first installment or full tuition (which will remain the same)
 - We need to get evaluators from Salve or RWU or URI
 - We need to send out coaches evaluations and get them back quickly

- Scheduler:
 - TBD games have been assigned or requested (island games are having trouble)
 - skills-19th/26th (may lose the ice to St. Gs)

- MDP:
- LTS:
- Girl's program:
 - General

- Possible U14 Girls tournament in Marlborough March 28-30th. We have 11 skates (includes 3 U12's) and 1 goalie that have confirmed. Will discuss with Jen a few more players in case the girls have other sports conflicts during game times and it'll cut down the cost per player. However, don't want to extend too far because then we'll run into a jersey issue. Need to finalize this ASAP.
- PWHL Group outing on April 26th at Tsgonas Arena, time of game is still TBD but plan to send link to all Whalers.

Narwhals

- Plan to send out a wrap up for the year and google form for tournaments (know of a lot more local ones) next year and those that plan to continue.
- Set for Pot o' Gold Tournament March 14-16 in Vermont. Added a couple of alternates to the rosters.
- Pregame skate with Providence Bruins April 6th for Narwhals. Women in sports night! Plan to offer game tickets to all Whalers when link comes out.
- 3 practices schedule at Boss for Narwhals in preparation for tournament and the April 6th game. Chris at Boss plans to add the sheets to the contract we have with them for tryouts.
- Cost break down for this years Narwhals:

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| Registration (24S, 3G) | \$8, |
| Tournament fees | -\$6 |
| Ice fees | -\$1 |
| Initial jersey cost (\$2550) | -\$8 |
| Balance | \$2 |

I won't be at the meeting unfortunately, but let me know if you have questions, concerns, or feedback.

- Level Directors:
- Treasurer:
- House League: several players will try for travel
- Equipment Manager:
 - The custom Whalers gloves have come in most parents have paid via Venmo and are in the process of picking up their gloves. I'm still chasing down a few stragglers who haven't responded to the email.
 - Jeff Nitz has what he needs for LTS jerseys and metals.

- Player safety:

- Travel Coordinator: suggestion for all levels to go to the same tournament (talk about for next season)
- Christmas Tournament: teams already blocking off hotels rooms
- Sponsorship:
- Webmaster:

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

- March 5th