



Maine Coast Storm: Annual meeting, immediately followed by May monthly meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: MRC Boardroom

Standing Agenda Topics:

Attendance

X	Kristin Falla		Melissa Nowell	X	Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin		Garth Wells	X	Jen Corbett
	Valerie Hilchey	X	Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
X	Erica Gates	X	Jessica Pearson		
X	Kristen Smith		Andrew Marshall		

Call to Order for Annual Meeting -- The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

- a. **Officer Nominations**
- a. **Officer voting**
- b. **New nominees as follows:**
 Todd Adams - Treasurer
 Ruth Thyen - Registrar
 Danielle Nelson – Secretary

Continuing Board Members:

Kristin Falla - President
 Bo Hoppin - Vice President
 Valerie Hilchey - Scheduler
 Erica Gates - Communications Director
 Kristen Smith - Fundraising Director
 Micah Kelly - Girls Program Director
 Andrew Marshall - Coaching Director
 Iride Piechoki - House Hockey Director
 Jen Corbett - Safe Sport/ Player Safety Director
 Regina Dennis - Grow the Game Coordinator

New nominees as well as present board members introduced themselves. Erica made a motion to confirm all current continuing board member positions and appoint new nominees' positions noted above. Jen made a motion to approve. All were in favor of the approval of these positions.

Adjournment of Annual Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM

Storm Regular May Monthly Meeting

Attendance

X	Kristin Falla	X	Danielle Nelson	X	Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin	X	Todd Adams	X	Jen Corbett
	Valerie Hilchey	X	Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
X	Erica Gates	X	Ruth Thyen		
X	Kristen Smith		Andrew Marshall		

Call to Order for May meeting – The meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM

Approval of April meeting minutes – Bo made a motion to approve April’s meeting minutes and Regina made a motion to approve. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.

President’s Report:

- A. New members were thanked and welcomed; Garth, Jess, and Melissa were thanked for their time given to the organization over the years
- B. Kristin shared that Jessica is finishing up her board representation by attending the MEAHA Annual Meeting this Sunday. The subject of intermediate size goals for 10U is likely going to be discussed. These goals have been receiving positive feedback and will likely come our way. A consensus was taken and no one opposed 10U-size nets. MRC Arena Director and Interim Director Jesse Simko reports that MEAHA may help with funding these nets.
- C. Erica and Kristin have been making phone calls and emailing, reaching out to parents regarding contracts, deposits, and jerseys. At this time, 10U has only turned in 12 contracts and 9 deposits. Erica will continue her efforts.
- D. A Grow the Game event was presented. The University of Maine men’s hockey team would like to offer a Skate with the Bears event with Storm next year. In the past, they have done an open practice and are looking to do that with Storm, likely in October. Regina and Jesse discussed that this would categorize as “other” in the grant application.
- E. Jesse and Kristin will meet next week to reconcile ice time from last year. It was discussed that this season, we will start with \$14,000 in the Hedstrom account, \$4,000 was added to the Hedstrom account this year – lower than in the past.
- F. Jesse presented two fundraising events for Storm in conjunction with MRC. The first one was a yard sale at the MRC along with the Rotary Club in which proceeds would be split between the MRC and the Rotary Club. Usually, the yard sale brings between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to split and would take place from around 8:00AM to 2:00 PM on a Saturday within the first couple weeks of June. Help would be needed on the Thursday and Friday leading up the Saturday, as well. Jesse would like to know if Storm was willing to help out. The second fundraising opportunity is the MRC golf tournament taking place on June 7th at Goose River. Jesse would like for Storm to help if possible (handing out waters, helping with a game at a hole, just having a presence).
- G. The possibility of a middle school co-op team was presented by Jesse. Ideally, schools would be a part of this. In order to play, kids need to be in grades 5 through 8. Games would likely be played in the southern middle school league. Let Jesse know if you want to help build this. Bo and Micah reported on their positive experiences with the Winslow-Gardiner co-op in which games were only played on Sunday with a tournament at the end. Jesse would like to start this program in the fall and as of right now, parents would have to pay to play unless schools can get on board with funding.

Treasurer’s Report – Todd will meet with Garth to get up to speed on his new role. The credit with the New Hampshire tournament was discussed. Bo wonders if the tuition increase is necessary. Arguments were made that ice cost has gone up due to there being more teams, counter-arguments were made that there are more children playing so more money coming in. Kristin recommended we look at everything once bills are paid and deposits are received, then see where we are at the next meeting.

Safety Updates (Jen) – Jen reports no safety updates. At this time, ice time was discussed. Currently, Storm is planning on there being two 10U teams, two 12U teams, and one 14U team. Iride proposed a sub-committee to take a look at this further. Kristin will come back with information regarding ice time we had last year and will report back during next month’s meeting.

Coaching Updates (Andrew) – Andrew was not present.

Program Updates (All):

1. House Hockey: Iride reports that House Hockey is quiet this time of year. Bo will take the lead on drafting a document regarding tournament structure/protocol and will bring his proposal to the next meeting. Iride will send out letters to existing sponsors asking if they are still willing to sponsor house teams.
2. Erica is working on the coach’s bios.
3. Micah reported no update for girls hockey other than the Winslow-Gardiner co-op team that is working well.

Fundraising Update -- Kristen reports that parking lots for the Blues Fest in July as well as the Lobster Festival have been very successful fundraisers and have been secured again this summer. Storm will also be doing a car wash at the Midcoast Sports Exchange on August 26th. Kristen would like to look into Storm having a float in the Thomaston 4th of July parade and will ask Nick O’Hara to provide the truck and trailer again this year. A Flatbread fundraiser will take place sometime in September. A Signup Genius link will be sent to parents to sign up for fundraisers soon.

Grow the Game Grant – There is nothing to report. Regina will contact parents of children that have not yet signed up for hockey this year this summer as part of a retention grant and hopefully gain more players. Because of Regina’s efforts, Storm was able to receive \$2,000 dollars in grant money this year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM
 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:30pm.

Board of Directors:

Maine Coast Storm Board of Directors 2023-2024 Season		
	Role	Director
1	President	Kristin Falla
2	Vice President	Bo Hoppin
3	Secretary	Danielle Nelson
4	Treasurer	Todd Adams
5	Registrar	Ruth Thyen
6	Coaching Director	Andrew Marshall
7	Fundraising and Sponsorship Director	Kristen Smith
8	Marketing and Communications Director	Erica Gates
9	Safe Sport/Player Safety Director	Jen Corbett
10	Scheduler	Valerie Hilchey
11	Girls Program Director	Micah Kelly
12	House Program Director	Iride Piechocki
13	Grow the Game Grant Coordinator	Regina Dennis