



Maine Coast Storm: January Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: MRC Boardroom & Zoom

Standing Agenda Topics:

Attendance

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Approval of December Meeting Minutes:** Regina motioned to approve December's meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Bo. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.
4. **President's Report:**
 - a. **Tom Hedstrom thank you note:** Tom made a monetary gift to the scholarship fund that Storm would like to thank him for. Ideas were discussed.
 - b. **End of season tournaments & prep:** 3 of 4 teams look like they are all set to qualify for the state tournament. A plan will be figured out for 12U Black in lieu of the state tournament.
 - c. **Planning for next season:** Having an MOU from MRC in advance as to what ice time is going to cost was discussed and agreed upon. Valerie will look into whether our ice time cost is comparable to others. A custom jersey of Theo Hedstrom in a frame with a plaque to distinguish it more was agreed upon for better visibility and to better honor Theo. The board attendance policy will be addressed at the next annual meeting. MEAHA has not yet set an official tryout date but the tentative date is March 17th. If accounts are not settled, kids cannot try out. Goalies that participate in off-season goalie training will receive discounts. Goalies will register and pay offline in order to figure out balances.

5. **Treasurer's Report (Todd):**
 - a. **Payment review & outreach:** A simple way to keep track of everything – deposits, jersey payments, raffle tickets – was discussed in order to streamline the process. Todd went over what was in the storm bank accounts.
6. **Safety Updates (Jen):** There were no safety updates.
7. **Coaching Updates (Andrew):** There were no coaching updates.
8. **Program Updates (All):**
 - a. **Creating a Storm sub-committee:** The timeline of this proposed sub-committee was discussed. The sub-committee needs to be formed and needs to meet in January, a proposal would need to be delivered at the February Storm board meeting, and the proposal would need to be voted on in the March Storm board meeting. Reviewing other comparable programs' Tier III practice schedules/tournament offerings to see if Storm could align its program to match was discussed as the purpose of this sub-committee.
 - b. **Discussing upcoming open board positions and recruitment:** Safe Sport/Player Safety Director and Grow the Game Grant Coordinator will be open. Scheduling may be opening.
 - c. **MRC Midcoast Classic:** There are enough house players for an additional 10U team for this tournament. There are concerns that a 12U goalie may be available for the tournament but there might not be enough players. Kristen proposed that the middle school girls may be interested in playing with 12U. PENQUIS has also been contacted to inquire if some players would like to join 12U.
 - d. **Update on House Hockey numbers:** 9 players joined in January during half-season enrollment – 7 of those 9 were 8U players. Ways of promoting Storm were discussed that included having a table at 8U games and providing families with the family handbook and other information.
 - e. **NYE House Hockey Round Robin success:** Thank you to all who donated food and their time!
 - f. A reminder will be sent out that players should not wear their Storm jerseys during practice. Team photos are tomorrow!
9. **Fundraising Update:** No one claimed the Maine Mariners 50/50 raffle so they said Storm could keep the 50/50 funds raised.
10. **Grow the Game Grant:**
 - a. **Rink banner – cost and final design:** A final design was voted on. This will get printed and will be hung in-house. The MEAHA Grow the Game Grant should be on its way.

Action items:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned 8:00pm.
The next meeting will be held: February 5th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

Board of Directors:

Maine Coast Storm Board of Directors 2024-2025 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