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BOARD MINUTES

October 7, 2024 - Virtual Meeting

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, November 4, 2024, virtually through Zoom.

Meeting called to order by Stephen Palmacci at 7:02 PM.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Stephen Palmacci: Welcome. Sent USA Hockey email regarding votes-based affiliate size. This is something similar to what Mass Hockey needs to represent its membership.

2. BOD COMPLIANCE

Tim McMahon: The following directors have failed to meet requirements to remain in good standing prior to Nov 1 and shall be ineligible to vote for 2024-25 season:
Kevin Parker, Joe Boyden, Jeff Uva, Pat Tabb, Paul Davey, Gary Ford, & all alternate directors.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Chris Holden: Financials will be sent next week. Audit progressing smoothly. Busy month with national tournament income.

4. SECRETARY REPORT /APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the October 7th, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved with no abstentions.

5. USA HOCKEY REPORTS

Adult, Jen Dematos: No update.

Legal Counsel, Christine Mayer & Bob Joyce: Billeting policy has been updated and will be released next week online. Discussions regarding arbitration proceedings. Lauren Hill leaving USA Hockey Legal Office after graduating Law school.

Tier 1 National Tournament, Bob Joyce: Discussions regarding residency requirements.



Girls/Womens, Mark Lissner: Participating in the committee of restructuring USAH Nationals along with Bob Joyce.

Membership, Kevin Kavanagh: No update.

Player Development, Steve Rizzo: Tom Regan stepping away and Sarah Fraser will represent New England.

Tom McGrath: Discussion regarding upcoming vote at NCAA which would allow Canadian Major Junior players to be eligible for college hockey. Mass Hockey is putting in bid for 2026 National Youth Tournament Host.

Goaltending Coordinator, Cam Earle: No update.

Risk Management, Steve Gear: Not present.

Safety, Nicole Siglin: Not present.

Officiating, Kevin Donovan: Registration completed last Thursday. Up 213 over last year. 1800+ through seminars. Working on finishing up some more seminars through December. Getting ready for State Tournaments.

Registrar, Peter Giuliano: Small issues with portal like student coaches. 2500 teams have been registered so far.

Coaching, Paul Moore: Bruins Symposium was a great event. Participation was very good.

Adaptive, Ray Leblanc: The 2024 USAH Sled Classic in Dallas Nov 7-10. Spoke at the Bruins Coaching Clinic about Adaptive Hockey. Feb 23rd will be Mass Hockey Adaptive Hockey Day to showcase all disciplines at Lovell Arena.

High School, John Murray: There is 1 boy team and 2 girls teams looking to compete in Nationals.

ADM, Jim Maimone: Met with Jason Guerriero about getting checking clinics back on schedule.

6. STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Jeremiah Tabor: Plan to submit to this group by January a proposal through the rules committee.



7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kevin Kavanagh: Fiona Doull busy with Tournament planning and preparation after the ratings were released. Jack Cohen is working on unclaimed players and following up safesport training compliance. Jen Dematos has resigned but will work part time as we seek a replacement.

Jen Dematos: New Try Hockey for Free was a success. Several programs had over 40 participants. Send ideas for newsletter to her, next publication in 2 weeks.

8. REFEREE COORDINATOR REPORT

Gene Binda: Many people outside our district are joining our seminars. Need other districts to support. We are bringing new officials on but need to do a better job getting them assigned.

9. VICE PRESIDENT REPORTS (1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH)

Jeff Brown, 1st VP, Administration

Tournaments, Peter Giuliano: Fall tournaments are just about full. Waiting on a couple of girls teams to finish.

National Tournaments, Dave Hymovitz: Youth National Bound Teams all set.

Girls Tournament, Mark Lissner: Girls National Bound Teams all set.

Christine Mayer, 2nd VP, Administration

Discipline, Christopher Gong: Working on list of suspensions for State Tournaments.

Rules, Christopher Gong: Executive Board approved several rule modification requests for increased penalties from SCHL and SSC for Fighting, Verbal Abuse, and Hits from Behind.

Steve Rizzio, 3rd VP, Operations

Player Development, Steve Rizzo: Working on teams of volunteers for camps.

Adaptive Hockey, Ray Leblanc: Feb 23rd will be Mass Hockey Adaptive Hockey Day to showcase all disciplines at Lovell Arena.

ADM, Jim Maimone: See above.

Tom McGrath, 4th VP, Events

Hall of Fame Committee, Dan Esdale: Application will be sent for candidates for the Class of 2025. It will be 1st weekend in May at the Seacrest combined with Annual Meeting.



Sportsmanship, Tom McGrath: A message will go out looking for volunteers for scholarship committee.

Christopher Gong, 5th VP, Planning

Long Range, Jeremiah Tabor: Scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks.

Diversity, Christopher Gong: Committee is reviewing several requests for grants to grow diversity in the game.

Safety, Tom Smith/Nicole Siglin: No update.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Player Movement, Mark Lissner: No update.

11. DISTRICT/SECTION REPORTS

Dist 1. 19U Girls finishing up. Mini 1-on-1

Dist 2. Looking forward to state tournament registrations.

Dist 3. Mini 1-on-1 Friday Night.

Dist 4. Mini 1on1 10/25

Dist 5. Teams registered for playdowns.

Dist 6. No update

Dist 7. No update

Dist 8. Finalize fall playdowns.

Dist 9. Playdown underway. Meeting next week.

Dist 10. Playdown games are underway. Mini 1on1 middle of month.

G/W. Playdowns for Thanksgiving Tournament.

Club. Mini 1on1 with Dist 10.

12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

13. NEW BUSINESS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT



Motion to adjourn accepted at 7:56pm.