

I. Call to order

II. Board Members in attendance:

1. President – Roger
2. VP – Beth/Rebecca
3. Secretary – David
4. Treasurer Liaison – Chris
5. Referee in Chief – Steve
6. Scheduler - Doug

III. Members/Towns in attendance (* indicates non-voting members):

Basking Ridge	Chatham	Denville	Harding/Madison
Hanover	Jefferson	Kinnelon	Morristown
Montville	Mt Lakes/Boonton	Mt Olive	Parsippany
Randolph	Rockaway	Roxbury	Long Hill
Beacon Hill Club *	West Morris	Wayne	West Orange *

IV. Consent Items

1. Approve Meeting Minutes

V. President's Report

1. Purchase of 4 small goals for Mennen for use with Mites
2. 46 teams makes us possibly the largest house league in the country
3. Need to review/update our by-laws. Will share a draft once ready.

VI. Treasurer's Report

1. Financial Status – Capture practice fees with the league fees as one bill
 - a) *Will try to get them out in the next week or two*
 - b) *Please get payment sooner as we have to pay before use or we lose the next month's ice*
2. Some towns had refunds. Will get checks issued to the 1-2 towns that are impacted.

VII. Operations Committee Report

1. On-ice official

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- a) *New rules in effect for 2021-2022*
- b) *Scrimmages require USAH certified coach to be on-ice for insurance purposes*
2. Off-ice official
 - a) *No updates for October.*
3. Scheduler
 - a) *Waiting for some teams to provide numbers of travel kids to try to schedule*
 - b) *Peewees will be challenging to avoid bye weeks.*
 - c) *Doug needs to ensure we have both sides of the ice used. He needs to know if teams have sufficient players on a team to cover both sides of the ice. Doug checked with all but Beacon Hill on specific numbers.*
 - d) *Will look to incorporate other Bantam teams from other house leagues to fill in the gaps from the lower number of teams.*
 - e) *Doug to send out first ½ of the schedule (probably ending around Xmas.)*
 - f) *We'll look to schedule time to do Mite ½ board setups.*

VIII. Old Business

1. Mite setup
 - a) *We plan to use the ½ ice boards for mite games.*
 - b) *MCYHL will be purchasing 4 smaller goals to facilitate using the smaller nets.*
2. Beacon Hill will be hosting games this year (as last year they could not due to Covid.)

IX. New Business

1. Bylaws discussion
2. Denville proposes we try (a -> d) below for the 2022-23 season. 6 towns have voted yes of 9.
 - a) *If all towns open registration at the same time, in March or April, this would give the league plenty of time to plan the season. The goal should be for each town to submit their teams to the league in July. The process of scheduling and team leveling needs to start much earlier in the summer in order to plan the divisions and the schedule in August. Board Meetings should be happening in April, June, and August to plan for the upcoming season.*
 - b) *By August 1st, all towns should submit teams and levels to the league.*
 - c) *By August 15th, the MCYHL schedule should be completed for September 10th - December 4th.*

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d) *We propose that the first 6 weeks of ice from Sept 10th - October 17th be used for shared practices (mini-clinics), shared among 4 teams at the same level. For example, Squirt A from Morristown, Randolph, Chatham, and Hanover will practice every Saturday at 9am and every Sunday at 10am for the first 6 weeks. This allows every player in the league to practice twice per weekend for 6 weeks with players of their same age and skill from other towns. This format also allows for the schedule to be done in August, so that coaches, players, and parents have their schedule a month in advance of the start of the season, in mid-August. We propose eliminating the scrimmages and eliminating the process of forcing towns to take practice ice on 1 weeks' notice. We also propose building the cost of the practice ice into the league registration fee for each team. This will balance the cost equally. There will still be a few open ice slots for sale during the first 6 weeks of practice ice, but majority of ice will be used for shared practice ice. Four teams sharing each practice slot means there should be plenty of coaches to cover the practices, and with the schedule being done in August, the towns and coaches can plan in advance.*

e) *Season goes from Sept – March. Question on whether we want Sept/Oct ice?*

f) *93 hours of ice in September.*

g) *Leveling discussion/review for all teams/levels. Will potentially update after mid-season*

h) *David to get lists of coach contacts and goalies.*

3. Additional discussion required to understand how to make the following work. We need to determine how ice time works as well as any associated fees.

a) *In the spring, there should be an open registration for individual players who don't have a home team.*

4. Becky update:

a) *The MCYHL website should be updated year round. During the season, the website should be updated every Monday with scores and player attendance from the prior weekend. Ideally someone should be entering stats and attaching PDF images of scoresheets.*

5. Doug would like to keep delayed offsides for Peewee and Bantam using our existing rules rather than the new instant offsides due to time restrictions

a) *Need Steve to update referees and coaches to share MCYHL rules..*

X. Adjourn

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Appendix:

2020/21 Meeting Dates (all meetings are at 8PM):

- September 15th 2020 - Preseason kickoff
 - Leveling discussion
- October 1st 2020 @ 9PM – second ½ of September meeting
- October 13th 2020
 - Printed USA Hockey Roster for rink
 - Electronic USAHockey Roster
 - Excel file format for player names and jersey numbers due
- November 10th 2020
 - Updates to rosters
- January 12th 2021
 - Mid-season
 - Playoff discussion
- March 9th 2021
 - End of Playoffs/feedback for next season
- April 13th 2021
 - Board elections for 2020/2021 season
 - Postseason wrap-up