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MASSACHUSETTS HOCKEY, INC.

*BOARD MINUTES*

March 4, 2024 - Sheraton Needham Boston

The meeting of the Massachusetts Hockey Board of Directors was held on Monday, February 4, 2028, at the Sheraton Needham Boston.

Meeting called to order by Stephen Palmacci at 7:03 PM.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

Stephen Palmacci: Wants to us to add an additional staff to Mass Hockey. We'll create job description to share with E-board for approval. Then share at with the Board at the Annual Meeting. After which the Finance committee will add to budget process to be funded and then the Board approves budget the annual.

USA Hockey registration opens April 1. Thanks for everyone's support for the state tournaments.

2. RULES PROPOSALS

Christopher Gong: Mark Lissner presented a rule to change the 8U waiver reducing number of players (2) to play up on girls' and youth to be equivalent for club.



2024-02 Player  
Movement Policy Disc

A motion was made to defer the rule to the Annual meeting, seconded, and approved by majority of the board.

3. FINANCE REPORT

Chris Holden: Sent financial statement year to date prior to the meeting. We are ahead of Revenue this time last year due to the fee increase. We expect funds to come in from tournaments fees and payer development. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year typically we see higher funds from license plates. For expenses in 2<sup>nd</sup> half we expect Annual meeting, support for programs from what used to be Cheever Grant, and teams to nationals. The Hall of Fame resulted in loss of 8k. Finance committee will begin process of setting budget for 2024-2025.



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Hockey Financials YTD

4. ELECTIONS NOMINATION



Tim McMahon: Announced the nominations and conducted nominations from the floor:

- 1st VP- Jeff Brown
  - No nominations from the floor.
- 2nd VP- Christine Mayer
  - No nominations from the floor.
- 4th VP- Tom McGrath
  - No nominations from the floor.
- Clerk - Tim McMahon
  - No nominations from the floor.
- Director at Large (2) -
  - Tim McMahon nominated Jerimah Tabor.
  - Chris Mayer nominated Lisa Wise.
  - Steve Rizzio nominated Frank Hart.
  - Steve Rizzio nominated Scott DeLuccia.
  - Bob Joyce nominated Ron Ayers.
- USAH Director 2027 (2) – Christine Mayer, Steve Rizzio, David Young
  - No nominations from the floor.

All nominees are members in good standing as outlined in our bylaws. Elections will take place at the annual meeting.

#### 5. CLERKS REPORT /APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the February 6, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded, and unanimously approved with no abstentions.

#### 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kevin Kavanagh: Very busy tournament season but we've had a very positive response from coaches and parents about the atmosphere around the rink. Great response about the Level 5 event at Lovell arena with the Adaptive Hockey Day. Player development is rapidly approaching. The 15-year-old age group is lower than normal. Sponsorships are still underway. The Annual Meeting will be on May 3rd and 4th at Sea Crest in Falmouth. Always looking for content to share so If you have good things going on let us know.

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

Jeff Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Administration

Tournaments, Peter Giuliano: no update.

National Tournaments, Dave Hymovitz: no update.

Girls Tournament, Mark Lissner: no update.



Christine Mayer, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Administration

Discipline, Christopher Gong: The bulk of issues have to do with parents and not on ice issues.

Rules, Christopher Gong: update above.

Parent Awareness, Dan Esdale: With video project on hold pending the possibility of USAH creating a video we've turned our focus to a parent's guide.

Steve Rizzo, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Operations

Player Development – Steve Rizzo: Trying to create regional player development camp with other districts.

Adaptive Hockey - Ray Leblanc: February 25<sup>th</sup> was the Adaptive Hockey Day, All Disciplines promoted, 150 players at Lovell rink. Great event done at the same time as State Tournament. USA Hockey sent representative to event. Wonderful support from so many Mass Hockey people from start to finish.

ADM – Jim Maimone: There have been many competitive body checking clinics scheduled with Roger Grillo across the state. This training is for coaches to learn how to teach these skills in practices.

Tom McGrath, 4<sup>th</sup> VP, Events

Hall of Fame Committee – Dan Esdale: No update.

Sportsmanship – Tom McGrath: Applications for Phil Zona Sportsmanship Awards are live.

Christopher Gong, 5<sup>th</sup> VP, Planning

Long Range – Jeremiah Tabor: Christopher Gong gave update in Jeremiah's absence. Focusing on redistricting by looking at map to create 8 districts. Looked at districts that did not have participation in the State Tournament. We want to have this completed for the April meeting.

Safety – Tom Smith/Nicole Siglin: The waiver period has started and needs to be in by April 30<sup>th</sup>. These are for unique medical conditions. Neck laceration protection is required starting August 1.

Diversity & Inclusion – Christopher Gong: no update.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

See above.



## 9. DISTRICT/SECTION REPORTS

Dist 1. Elections next week.

Dist 2. Elections next week.

Dist 3. Elections next week.

Dist 4. Elections March 14.

Dist 5. TBD

Dist 6. not present

Dist 7. not present

Dist 8. Playdowns almost complete.

Dist 9. Elections next week

Dist 10. Elections next week

G/W. Elections underway. State Tournaments this weekend.

Club. Elections next week

## 10. USA HOCKEY REPORTS

Bob Joyce: Two new committees established for Tier 1 looking at residency and .

Steve Rizzo: National Tournament for 14U Tier 1 and covering player development camps in NY.

Tom McGrath: Youth Council meeting next week to look at time between games. Must have locker room monitors on rosters for nationals

Christine Mayer: Commission reviewed review efficacy of safesport with 12 recommendations for Improvement

## 11. RISK MANAGEMENT, OFFICIATING, REGISTRAR, COACHING

Registrar - Peter Giuliano: no update.

Risk Management - Steve Gear: no present.

Officiating – Kevin Donovan: We had 2125 registered officials this year. 1940 of them completed that is 91 % of all officials and 97% of officials that went to a seminar.

Registration opens on June 1. There will be no open book test, just seminars. For level 1



there will no ice session just virtual training session. Need to work with assigners to train officials.

Coaching - Paul Moore: not present.

Goaltending - Cam Earle: Planning a Goalie Clinic for Spring. Working to add goalie training materials into coaching modules.

High School - John Murray: No update

## 12. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

Chris Mayer: What about 50th Anniversary celebration? Kevin Kavanagh and Tom McGrath will work together on a committee.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn accepted at 8:37 pm.