# Junior Crusaders

# Meeting Minutes

## December 14, 2017

## 7:00 PM

1. Roll Call – Tina Allaire; Laura Tighe; Dennis McGugan; Neal Spur; Melissa O’Brien; David Marino; Paul Melo; Kevin O’Brien; Lindsay Dupuis; Brian Coleman; Ray Zalneriatis; Peter Dolimount; Joe Strand; Wayne Penniman; Earl Corey
2. Call to order – 7:12 pm
3. Approval of minutes from November meeting – minutes revised to reflect that the board voted to pay for a tournament for the Bantam 04 team since they had already paid for their own off-ice.
4. Old business:
   * Wayne – Concussion Initiatives – Middle and High School students. Hockey is number two after football for the highest concussion rate. According to Mass State law requires all parents of kids who play for a middle school or high school to take an online course on Concussion Protocol. Youth spots are not covered by the law but should this be something we encourage/require parents and coaches to take next year. The rate is 54 concussions per 100,000 exposures. Recommendation is to have coaches do it this year and maybe require parents next year. Discussion regarding the available resources for parents through the CDC. Discussion regarding the requirement to have a Dr. note clearing them to return to play. Discussion regarding ways they can get the Heads Up protocol into the parents/coach hands.
     + Discussion of concussions during the last week at WIC and the Refs that allowed this behavior to continue without penalty.
     + Wayne will write up a formal proposal for how to implement.
5. New Business:
   * PHL v VHL –
     + update on discussion. There is a committee that is meeting to discuss the possibilities for next year. We will have a recommendation for the board for next year in the January 2018 board meeting. Options are that you can take all the kids into the VHL and there will be a place for everyone. If we go with the PHL that will only work for some teams and some would be in other leagues. There is a President’s meeting next week to discuss the future of the PeeWees with Northstars.
     + Lots of parents are asking questions about the direction of the league for the following year. Recommending that we send out a communication to the parents letting them know that the committee will make recommendations to the league.
   * Earl –
     + Schedule is up through the end of December. Still waiting for a final Northstar schedule and the midget schedule.
     + Coaches Meeting last night at Holy Cross. Earl will be setting up a mid-season coaches survey. Parents giving feed back
     + Clinics – goalie clinics scheduled another 8 weeks through stop it. Offered to the Goalies who are signed up on the website as Goalies.
     + Skill Sessions – lost a lot of Tuesday ice. Solid State Hockey is doing these going forward. Not scheduling more with Competitive Skate.
     + Disciplinary Committee – currently don’t have one but we used to. There is an outstanding issue with a Squirt Parent who got kicked out of a game. We need to get this committee put together with members of the board and non-board members. The parent has the right to the hearing.
     + Policies & Procedures Committee – Melissa will be the chair on the committee. Dave Marino will get the updates on the website. Dave Cooper is possibly interested as well.
     + PCA Workshop – do it for March and April and make it for the new parents for next year.
     + Club Excellence – USA Hockey program. You put your board on the website and it gives task lists for certain positions within the organization. Earl will add everyone for this year but we should be implementing it for next season.
   * Joe Stand - Request for a refund adjustment for Lucas Stand
     + Lucas is not skating with the 2004 per Tony’s request the family is requesting a refund of an additional $188.50. motion passed to refund the additional $188.50
   * Paul Melo –
     + actual vs. budgeted comparison – discussion of revenue vs. expenses. Several midgets still need to pay for tuition. We did not charge Midget tryout fees. $2,000 discount to head coaches of the AAA teams; tuition reimbursements are higher than expected due to the Bantam situation; we are close to being on budget and we had projected a 40,000 loss
     + Open to answer audit questions -
   * Dave Cooper – Equipment Update – unable to attend but Kevin told us that there will be one more order for this year.
   * Dennis –
     + Reminder to turn in Raffle Tickets by 12/31. Will send an email out to the league with reminder of when to turn them in and who can collect them. Form is on the website for the sizing.
     + Team went to Union to watch a game and that coach talked to his team about how the student is the first part. Suggestion to reward the kids who play hockey and still make the honor roll. Dennis will come up with some ideas on what we can offer the kids.
6. Around the Table for Reports from all other Members.
   * + Ray - Learn to play and Learn to skate are doing really well. The program is much stronger this year than previously. Brad and Joe are providing a great program and they are ready for the next level. Brad asked about doing a Crusaders night at Worcester State.
     + Laura - has the flyers ready to go for learn to skate and out to the schools. Needs help distributing to the schools.
     + Melissa – discussion about Team Packages available for the teams. Communication to the team managers forthcoming
7. Adjournment -8:40 pm- next meeting will be January 11, 2018 6 pm at Auburn