

CHA BoD Meeting #10: 3/9/16, 7pm – 10:45pm

Location: President's House

Attendees: Shawn Crowley, Zach Maybury, Joe Caruso, Mike Boucher, Brad Marmo, Tony Sabetti, Bill Hogan, Mike Nickerson, Cody Hoffman, Steve McMillan, Brian Macallister

Meeting Minutes

I. New Action Items:

*****Shawn to send out email to IH & LTP communicating that the next step is Mites and reminding them about tryouts for Mites.**

*****Shawn to send out a final reminder to all of CHA about upcoming tryouts.**

II. Business Updates (7:10pm)

Registration update: A little low at this point in comparison to previous years. Only 10 Mites registered, for example.

Point brought up asking if In-House and LTP know that Mites is the next step.

Talked about how many full-time goalies are registered.

Shawn going to send out a final reminder email closer to start of tryouts.

Hearing for PeeWee coach that was recently assessed a match penalty:

Coach received an automatic suspension pending a hearing due to his conduct during a game at a tournament. Hearing is on Monday.

Consensus approach appears to be to in (to hearing) and apologize and "take lumps."

Lots of mitigating circumstances leading up to coach's reaction. Issues with and conduct of refs, injured Chelmsford player, (long) response time of ambulance, no EMT at tournament.

Talked about approach of accepting suspension but advocating for incident to be stricken from record given the mitigating circumstance.

Uniforms for next year:

Actively shopping vendors and getting quotes.

FMC/Chelmsford status:

FMC seems to think VHL will buy "the Chelmsford ice" next year and upon CHA calling VHL they seemed to indicate that this would be okay for next year.

Talked about setting up future meetings with Town Manager and/or BoD with all parties involved – FMC, VHL, CHA.

Shawn sent email to FMC and to Town Manager with feedback from survey regarding conditions of Forum. Feedback was very negative and lots of complaints about the poor conditions of the rink and how unclean it is.

Valley League Ice Update:

Joe Caruso reports that Valley (VHL) is going to buy all ice offered up to them that we have left over towards the end of the season.

Misc:

Tabling discussing about Revolution Skills for a future session, but also highlighted the aspect of how important it is to connect up with the HS level (Revolution coach is asst coach on girls HS) and connect the dots on the perception, wrong or right, of what the path to HS hockey looks like. Aka, many parents believe that in order to make HS their kids have to go club.

Some talk about goalies and what the plan looks like for next year and all the variations of part-time vs. full-time and all that.

III. Alternates:

Currently ALTs are 50% of whatever general tuition is at that time.

ALTs are, in theory, not covering as much as they should given the amount of practices and Skill sessions they take part in, as well as the games. Talked about if it makes sense that they are paying the half rate or if they should pay more.

In short, we need to make sure they are carrying their proportionate share of the cost.

The intent is for them to only play in half of the games, but then the discussion comes to practices. Many don't come to practices but show up to games.

Shouldn't they supplement the roster when short as opposed to coming whenever they want and messing up the rosters?

Talked about timing and when an ALT needs to declare.

We can't cater to alternates at the expense of our full-time players.

Another factor, CHA doesn't have a clear mechanism for moving players up mid-season. So, are ALTs really preventing kids from moving up?

Exist ALT policies shown below, motions for modification to existing policy shown in red:

4.3.1. The use of Alternate Players will be evaluated by the BOD on an annual basis

Proposed – Add policy 4.3.1.1: The BOD will approve all alternate player requests. Shawn, motions, Joe seconds, unanimously approved.

4.3.2. When authorized by the BOD, alternate players will be allowed to play on CHA Travel Teams under the following conditions:

4.3.2.1. Requests for alternate player status must be submitted in Chelmsford Hockey Association Policy CHA-03 Page 3 of 8 writing by a parent or guardian using the CHA registration process

Proposed – Requests for alternate player status must be submitted in writing by a parent or guardian to CHA President or a Coaching Director by no later than 4/1 prior to the upcoming season. Shawn motions, Bill seconds, unanimously approved.

4.3.2.2. Requests will only be considered if the Team's permanent roster is equal to or greater than (13) skaters. Each Team may only have a maximum of two alternate players on the roster

Proposed – Strike the above policy and change 4.3.2.2 to: Alternate player placement will be considered following that of full-time players. Shawn motions, Brian seconds, unanimously approved.

4.3.2.3. Players whose registration request is approved will be added to the Team roster and will be offered the following consideration

4.3.2.3.1. Alternate players will commit to paying 50% of the Team's prescribed dues for the season and payment will follow the same terms and conditions of full time players

4.3.2.3.2. Alternate players will be eligible to attend all of the Team's scheduled practices and invited to participate in games at the Coach's discretion with the restrictions set forth in section 4.3.2.3.3

4.3.2.3.3. Alternate players are permitted to play in up to 50% of games. Deviations to this requirement must be approved by the Coaching Director

Proposed – Change first sentence of 4.3.2.3.3 to: Alternate players are not guaranteed gameplay and will be capped to a maximum of 50% of games. Shawn motions, Bill seconds, unanimously approved.

Cost of ALTs:

Talked about if we want to do anything around pricing? Practice plus Skills plus CHA overhead for ALTs; does that equal 50% of FT tuition? It must be considered if the ALTs are actually covering their fare.

Show of hands for moving ALT cost from 50% of FT player cost to 60% or 65%: 60% won by a vote of 7 to 3.

Proposed -- Change % in ALT policy 4.3.2.3.1 from 50% to 60%. Mike Nickerson motions, Boucher seconds, unanimously approved.

Shawn motions to adjourn, Brad seconds. Unanimously approved.

IV. Off-cycle Email Activity:

February 22nd, 2016:

Hi Guys,

I want to purchase 10 lawn signs that will cost us \$120.00. I know that we did not budget for the signs but I really think they would help to get the word out about our girls program. These signs can be reused next year with a slight modification on the dates. I have attached what it will be a word document of what will be written on the sign. I would like to get these in the ground by March 1st.

I believe I will need approval from the board to make this purchase so I am putting it out to vote.

Mike Boucher

Approved – Zach Maybury, Bill Hogan, Steve McMillan, John Robinson, Tony Sabetti, Cody Hoffman, Joe Caruso, Brad Marmo

No – Shawn Crowley on grounds of questioning how this will attract new players