

Hyde Park Youth Hockey Board Meeting Minutes

General Board Meeting, Monday, April 12, 2010, Start time 6:34pm; Adjourned 7:35pm
The Bocci Club, 2nd Floor, 65 Danny Road, Hyde Park, MA

Present Board Members: *Bill Dunn, Rick Brinker, Dennis O'Brien, Lynn McNamee, Dan Tyszka, Joe O'Brien, Tanya Peckham, Larry Kenney, John Crowley, Steve Roe, Jay Moccia,*

Absent Board Members: *Marianne Martin, Jim O'Neill, Bobby Peckham*

Present other Business Members: *Jim Cahill, Danny Connell, John Kelleher, Alan Lightfoot, Brian McA'Nulty, John McKay, Richard McKenna, Mike Murphy, Chris Oser, Stephanie Spunt, Ed Warley, Tom Wood*

Absent (or not signed in) other Business Members: *Chuck Allen, Jason Ball, Mark DeLosh, Brian Hart, Don Johnson, Brian Kearney, Dave Lewis, Joe McCarthy, Kevin Peckham, Peter Sebo, Lucas Taxter*

Present General Membership: *At least 15 General members signed in*

In order to have a Quorum for voting at the General Meeting, attendance of 19 Business Members was required (over ½). 23 were in attendance. All voting met validity requirements set forth by HPYH's Bylaws.

- Minutes of March Meeting – accepted unanimously
- President Bill Dunn's Recap of 2009/10 Season – see attached
- Cheevers Grant Presentation – Hyde Park Youth Hockey was awarded \$2,100 from the Cheevers Grant to grow our House programs. Bill Dunn was on hand April 1, 2010 at the Bruins game to receive.
- 09/10 Financials Presentation – HPYH is digging out of a \$35K deficit. 09/10 saw initiatives taken (reduction of credits issued/inside run skills sessions/reselling unused ice) and a new fundraiser that brought in more than expected (winner donated back all of prize). This has helped turn a 3 year plan to break even into an 'almost there' plan. Moving forward, the same responsible decisions need to be made that increase membership, and spend and plan wisely, and make every effort to keep HPYH affordable for it's membership.
- Trustee Joe O'Brien's State of the Club Address – see attached
- Vote for Open Board Positions – ALL Members of Hyde Park Youth Hockey in Good Standing are Eligible to Run and Vote:

President: Bill Dunn, Term 2 Years

Vice President: Steve Roe, Term 2 Years

Treasurer: Tina Cole, Term 2 Years

Registrar: Bob Mortensen, Term 1 Year

Secretary: Kristin Hurst, Term 1 Year

Trustee: Joe O'Brien, Term 1 Year

Fund Raising Director: Larry Kenny, Term 1 Year

Snack Bar Director: Tanya Peckham, Term 1 Year

Midget/Bantam/Peewee Director: John Crowley, Term 1 Year

Squirt/Mite Director: Alan Lightfoot, Term 1 Year

House Director: Jim O'Neil, Term 1 Year (Jim accepted via phone/unable to be present)

Intro to Hockey Director: Jay Moccia, Term 1 Year

Learn to Skate Director: TBD, Term 1 Year

Past Vice President: Rick Brinker, Term 2 Years

- Other Business

Jay Moccia announced the Bavis Foundation will be again donating to the program.

Alan Lightfoot suggested looking into the feasibility of an all girls team or house league.

Lynn McNamee reported the GBYHL is looking to form a full season Midget League.

Alan Lightfoot wondered if assessments were changing for 10/11 Season. New board to determine.

President Bill Dunn's 09/10 Season Recap:

6 out of 10 eligible teams made the GBL playoffs:

Bantam:

Gold Lost in Finals

Maroon: Lost in Semi's

Peewee:

Gold: Lost in Finals

Squirts:

Gold: Lost in Semi's

Mites:

Gold – Won GBYHL

Maroon- Won GBYHL

Mite Gold won the following:

District Tournament

GBYHL

Mayor's Cup and Lobster Trap

Peewee Gold

Won at the Lobster Trap Tournament

HPYH won a Cheever Grant Award for \$2100

Grew the House /Learn to Skate and Intro program by 37 skaters. We believe this is attributed through aggressive advertising and the One Goal free equipment program.

Date: 4/9/2010

To: Hyde Park Youth Hockey

From: Trustee, Joe O'Brien

Subject: Trustee's Report

Dear Members of HPYH Board,

After assuming the role of Trustee, I was astounded at the state of finances which fell upon the League. I am not here to find fault but to offer several recommendations, based upon my observations and experience.

With the unknown cost of ice and GBYHL fees, I propose the following, keeping in mind the By-Laws of Hyde Park Youth Hockey:

1. Collection of all assessments of players should be done in a timely manner. The league must collect the \$3,970 in outstanding dues. Also it needs to collect the \$2,350 that is owed by Parkway for sold ice. If not sanctions should be applied. (i.e. No participation in District Playdowns and future bans from using HPYH ice.)
2. The Snack Bar has been a valuable asset to the League with the collection \$9,135. However improvements should be made to increase its potential. For example, making sure the snack bar is open at optimal times. We need to make sure the members of HPYH understand that working the snack bar is not a burden but an opportunity to put the League in a better monetary situation.
3. Fundraising has also been a great benefit to HPYH, raising over \$46,878 the past year. But as a League we must make sure to get more people and business involved, through participation of Parent Socials, Calendar Fundraising, and Team Sponsorships.
4. The League needs to make sure that all teams are self-sufficient. Therefore this means if a team requires 15 players in order to cover cost of ice and fees, it should not only have 12 players on the team.
5. Due to the rise in fees associated with the "Small Rink" I propose combining Learn-to-Skate and Intro hockey programs. Also, I believe we should drop the "House" league because it is not sustainable. We should adopt and copy the "ADM" Model for this lower level.
6. There should only be one Mite Travel made up of players that are "age and skill level appropriate." There is no need to assume the cost of a second team if players are unable to compete at a certain skill level. They should stay in the Intro Program until they develop further skills.
7. We should not contract out "skill" sessions to be run by outside league sources. Instead, keep skills run by HPYH coaches. Also keeping in mind HPYH By-Laws states all sessions should be offered to all teams, even Midgets.

In closing, we have achieved much in shrinking the debt of the League. These are just some of my suggestions to help improve the sustainability of the League. Praise can be given to Marianne for keeping track of the books, Larry with his fundraising efforts, and Tanya with her management of the snack bar.

At this time I would also like to give thanks to: Bill Dunn in obtaining the Cheevers Grant, Jay Moccia and the Bavis Tournament, Jim O'Neill and the Intro Program, Steve Roe and the coaches that developed the skills program, Dennis O'Brien and Rick Brinker who represented us at the State and District meetings, Lynn McNamee who maintained the HPYH website and all the coaches that have dedicated their time.

Respectfully

Joseph K. O'Brien