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2015 New England Hockey District Summer Meeting  
May 8 & 9, 2015  
Crowne Plaza, Nashua, NH

Attendee:

Brian Evans-Mongeon	NED Secretary
Mike Meakem	Managing Director
Maurice Rosales	Observer
John Cioffi	Vermont President
Sue McCullough	NED Registrar
Bill Leidt	District Women's and Girls Coordinator
Bob Larence	Rhode Island President
Richard Oliver	Director
Keith Barrett	Director
Tom Regan	Director
Jarry Rasmussen	CT President
Mike McCullough	Observer
Kevin Kavanagh	MA President
Tom Rogers	NH President
Ray St Pierre	District Festival Coordinator
Chris Washburn	ME President
Jen Holsten	Boys Development Camp Director
Cheri Bonawitz	Director
Dave Vandetti	Girls Development Camp Director

Festival Debrief

1. Managing Director Meakem called the meeting at 8:36 AM. Introductions were made.
2. Host Maine President Chris Washburn presented financial statements for this year's Festival. With all income not yet received, the Festival expects to clear around \$25,000.
3. President Washburn offered Maine's thoughts on how the Festival went. There seemed to be one issue with the RI high school players but the outcome has worked out.
  - a. One comment was about the placement of the player numbers on the jerseys. It was encouraged that the jerseys have numbers on the shoulder or sleeve.
  - b. See pictures of easels and posted comments
4. It was decided that the group would wait for the Player Development staffs to get back on suggestions offered. Those comments are expected in the next couple of weeks.

Tournament Debrief

1. Director Richard Oliver presented the highlights of this year's regional and sectional tournaments.
2. There were discussions on the website, credentials, and trophies.
3. There was a review of the tournament rotation for the coming year.

Presidents and Directors

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Cheri Bonawitz	Director
Kevin Kavanagh	MA Executive Director
John Tobin	MA President
Ron DeGregorio	Guest

1. Managing Director Mike Meakem called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM and reviewed the agenda.
2. There was a discussion about upcoming elections at the USAH meeting in June.
3. With Massachusetts Hockey, there was a discussion about disabled hockey programs and seeing if there are opportunities for combining efforts.
4. Meakem reported that there will not be a financial report at this meeting due to changes with the District's accounting firm. David Fontaine will be preparing a report shortly and will distribute it when he can.
5. Bonawitz shared what is going on in Juniors (NA2 and NA3 teams). She reported that she is awaiting information and will be passing it along when she can.
6. Kavanagh and Tobin shared changes in the Board at MA Hockey. Both expressed interest in strengthening relationships between NED and MA Hockey.
7. Evans-Mongeon reported as Nominating Chair on the upcoming elections.
8. There were discussions on Risk Management and SafeSport items.
9. Barrett reported that Youth Council is in the middle of strategic planning exercise. The plan is scheduled to be brought out at the upcoming Congress.
10. DeGregorio led a discussion on USAH means of communication and other aspects of interests of USAH.
11. Rosales brought up a point on district decision-making in between meetings. The Presidents indicated that the District should look into setting some guidelines on how to conduct voting in between meetings. Tom Regan will take a look at the By Laws, Chris Washburn will take a look at policies, and Maurice Rosales will take an overall look.
12. There was a discussion on the tournament rotations and prospective choices for the individual states.
13. Meakem updated his earlier statement on financial statements in that David Fontaine will be present this evening and will have statements to provide.
14. Barrett led a conversation on leadership within the District.

#### 2015 Summer General Meeting

##### Attendees:

Mike Meakem	Managing Director
Brian Evans-Mongeon	District Secretary & Nominating Chair
John Cioffi	VT President
Chris Washburn	ME President
Jeff Thompson	Maine Tournament Director
Mike McCullough	CT Registrar
Bob Greemore	VT Registrar

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Bob Larence	RI President
Jarry Rasmussen	CT President
Ron DeGregorio	USA Hockey President
Scott Gardner	RI Girls/Womens Director
Bill Leidt	District Women's/Girls Coordinator
Kevin Kavanagh	MA Hockey Executive Director
John Tobin	MA President
Sue Hamlin	Maine Registrar
Matt Daigle	District Referee in Chief
Jess Leclerc	Maine Referee in Chief
Barry Zalcris	CT Referee in Chief
Tom Regan	NE District Director
Richard Oliver	NE District Director
Keith Barrett	NE District Director
Ray Morgan	RI Tournament Director
Dave Fontaine	District Treasurer
Mary Turner	CT Registrar elect
Sharon Serio	RI Registrar
Sue McCullough	District Registrar
Deb Powell	NH Registrar
Bobby Rodrigue	HS Director
Tom Rogers	NH President
Chris Benoit	NH Women's VP
Maurice Rosales	Observer
Ray St Pierre	District Festival Coordinator

1. Managing Director Meakem called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. MA Hockey – MA Hockey Executive Director Kavanagh introduced newly elected President John Tobin. Mr. Tobin talked about how he would like to see a deeper integration and cooperation with NED going forward. He also highlighted some of the changes he is looking to bring to MA Hockey.
3. Matt Daigle District Referee in Chief talked about some of the programs he is implementing within the District. He mentioned payments to referees becoming more consistent, battling a big decline in the ref numbers, and some other efforts to be addressed this year.
4. Rodrigue provided some insight on the high school front.
5. USAH Ron DeGregorio, who is stepping down as USAH President, talked about changes and influences that came about as a result of being involved with NED. A question about USAH's look up line was brought up and DeGregorio mentioned that USAH is still investigating the value and need of this item. USAH has not made or determined a recommendation at this time. DeGregorio responded to a question on the helmet announcement made recently by stating that USAH is reviewing the circumstances around the report and doesn't have a response at this point.
6. Barrett presented some highlights of major points of discussion on conducting the Festival.
7. Washburn thanked the group for the support for the 2015 Festival specifically mentioning Jeff Thompson and David Weatherbee as leader and support from Ray St Pierre, Sue McCullough, and the state registrars.
8. Treasurer Fontaine presented an abbreviated financial statement through April 30, 2015. Right now, revenue appears to be approximately \$30,000 over last year.
9. Leidt reported on the girls activities from this year. He stated that there are 4 girls going to the 66 Camp and possibly have 3 more. He highlighted some of the upcoming activities.
10. Mike McCullough talked about some changes to the district website. He also mentioned that the district is moving from One Drive to Office 365.

11. Barrett shared some of the recent activities of Youth Council.
12. Regan, for Director Bonawitz, provided some insights on discussions in Junior Council, specifically talking about some movement of some of the junior leagues coming into the Northeast.
13. St Pierre passed along some changes on SafeSport which include a revised certification renewal process that is shorter than before. There was some discussion on how SS will be applied to referees.
14. Nominating Chair Evans-Mongeon presented the positions to be elected this year. They are: Managing Director, NE District Director, District Women's/Girls Coordinator, and High School Director. Email nominations were received for Maurice Rosales for Managing Director. Richard Oliver indicated he was running for re-election as NE District Director, Bill Leidt indicated that he was running for re-election as District Women's/Girls Coordinator, and Bobby Rodrigue indicated that he was interested in running for re-election as HS Director. The floor was opened for nominations. No floor nominations were made for any of the positions. Washburn made a motion to have the District Secretary cast one vote for the slate of candidates and declared them elected to their respective positions. Larence seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
15. The meeting was recessed at 8:45 PM until 9:30 AM Saturday May 9, 2015.

#### Presidents and Directors 8 AM Meeting

Attendees: Managing Director Rosales, Keith Barrett, Tom Regan, Richard Oliver, Chris Washburn, Bob Larence, Tom Rogers, Jarry Rasmussen, John Cioffi, Dave Fontaine, Larry Rocha, Matt Daigle

1. Matt Daigle reminded the Presidents/Directors that this coming year we had all decided that officiating scheduling was going to be done using Arbiter and payment via RefPay. That we were working that getting a status from the RIC but may need this group to help. Matt was not going to be able to attend Congress (unsure if a replacement would go)..
2. Roger Grillo provided a summary of the Symposium for U14 and above coaches this year as well as the NARS meeting ( see general meeting notes).
3. Fall Presidents/Directors Meeting - looking at 10/16-10/17 – Maurice to check with the hotel.
4. Richard Oliver joined the meeting following the completion of the Tournament Directors meeting. The Tournament Directors made the following recommendations:
  - a. Tournament weekends (requested based upon the unknown dates for Festival) would March 11 through 13, 2016 for the Squirt and Pee Wee tournaments and all other tournaments on the weekend of March 18 through 20.
  - b. Dropping the Women's tournaments from the District rotation.
  - c. Adding a 12/14 Tier 2 Sectional for Girls
  - d. Increasing the tournament fee for the fall Midget tournaments to \$1750 per team.
  - e. Oliver announced that changes to the trophies (going to banners), hats (instead of the individual medals, and lanyard bagtags instead of the pins.
  - f. The presidents and Directors took the tournament dates under advisement.
  - g. They considered the elimination of the Women's tournaments but made no decision.
  - h. Regan made a motion to accept the recommendation for increasing the fall Midget tournament fee to \$1750. Rogers seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - i. Following discussion on the availability of girls teams at the 12 and 14 levels, the presidents and directors gave the tournament directors permission to move forward with adding the tournament to the rotation recognizing that MA Hockey will be included in the tournament.
5. The Presidents and Directors meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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General Meeting (continued)

Attendees: Jeff Thompson, Chris Washburn, Keith Barrett, Mike McCullough, Ray St. Pierre, Richard Oliver, Bob Larence, John Cioffi, Bob Greemore, Tom Regan, Jarry Rasmussen, Ray Morgan, Dave Fontaine, Larry Rocha, Roger Grillo, Sharon Serio, Sue Hamlin, Joe Dymarczyk, Bill Leidt, Scott Gardner, Mary Turner, Sue McCullough, Deb Powell, Chris Benoit, Tom Rogers, Charles Fortier

16. Managing Director Rosales opened the recessed meeting at 9:50 AM, delayed start to the morning's other committees meeting taking longer than expected.
17. Sue McCullough passed along some topics from the Registrars meeting. Topics include fees for for-profit tournaments and to set up an online application form for tournaments.
  - a. Washburn made a motion to accept the Registrar's recommendation on changes to the fees for for-profit tournaments. Larence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
18. Roger Grillo shared with the group the ADM efforts that occurred in New Hampshire. He commented that the events were successful including discussions with parents. He talked about a two week trip to Finland to share ideas on ADM. They will be coming to USA this fall. He offered to help coaches and teams on how to conduct body contact/checking clinics. There were discussions about how to make sure the referees are involved in this point.
19. There was a discussion on coaching credentials when coaches are looking to participate in spring/summer/fall programs. There was a question on the treatment of high school and college players who want to give back in the youth programs. Roger Grillo highlighted what he has been able to get in place with USAH.
20. Charlie Fortier talked about risk management within the district. He noted the situation of where an incident report was not filed. He reported that everyone should try to report quickly as it is fresh in everyone's mind. He commented on another incident of donated ice and there was an incident. He offered that no one should donate it as it is likely your liability will otherwise be retained.
21. Larry Rocha, Coach in Chief, announced the Level 4 clinics in June 20/21 in NH and August 8/9 in CT. He highlighted that in the system if the person unsubscribes, it will have an impact on all subscriptions. He is working to get this changed. He briefed everyone on the coaching tracking process. He encouraged everyone to get the word out on the coaching clinics. Deadline is 12/31. He commented that 4 of the 5 states had a changeover in the CICs. The National CEP is being held on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hartford CT. He talked about what is the definition of a "Rec" coach and led a conversation on the merits and issues.
22. Richard Oliver presented the recommendations for tournaments.
23. There was a discussion on 3 and 4 man referee systems and the possibility of integrating these systems in to the states, regionals, and sectionals.
24. Joe Dymarczyk informed the group on the schedule for girls development camp.
25. Winter meeting date will be around the end of January 2016.
26. Motion to adjourn, at 11:35. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully;

Brian Evans-Mongeon

District Secretary