

Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting June 9, 2015

Location: BPD Community Room, 1708 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA

Call to Order at 7:18pm

Members Present: Michael O'Brien, President
Conal Barbuto, 2nd VP
John Gallagher, Secretary

Niall Carney, Member
Joe Donahue, Member (arrived 7:32pm)
Paul Conneely, Member
Jim Keenan, Member
John Tobin, Member
Kevin Parker, Member
Lisa Berlucchi, Member
Tab Brown, Member (arrived 7:31pm)

Members Absent: Ross Birch, Mike McCarthy, Nick Favorito, Joe Finn,

Review of Minutes from the May 12, 2015 Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes by Niall Carney, 2nd by John Tobin
All in Favor

Public Comment: No one was in attendance to address the BOD.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising

Mike O'Brien stated that PYH sold a total of 133 tickets (of the allotted 200 tickets) for the Corrib Charitable Trust. (Corrib Road Race)
Mike O'Brien suggested that the Fundraising Committee explore the idea of having corporate/business sponsors for individual PYH team.
John Tobin Suggested adding sponsor's names to shirts, similar to other programs.
Kevin Parker suggested the idea of incorporating an advertisement board to the back wall of the Rocch Rink. PYH sponsors name's could be prominently displayed.

Grievance

Grievance Committee has nothing to report.

Skills 7:22PM—7:53PM

Niall Carney suggested the elimination of the traditional skills program, and to replace it with a format where PYH would have specialists/coaches instruct on checking, goalie skills, shooting etc... The skills program cost PYH roughly \$19,000 for the 2014-2015 season, the thinking is that players would be more enthusiastic about the various instruction, at the same time PYH would save money on a new format.

Kevin Parker & Jim Keenan agreed. **Kevin P.** suggested that players would develop more, and better develop with an ad hoc approach to skills vs the traditional skills format.

Jim Keenan suggested Mikey Getchell conduct a checking clinic.

(www.compassice.com)

Paul Conneely suggested that PYH look into Mass Crease to help foster and develop our goalies. Also, in the interest of cutting the cost of the skills program, **Paul Conneely**, suggested that PYH bring in other towns to participate in skills.

John Tobin suggested that skills be optional, and that PYH should charge players to participate per skills session.

Conal Barbuto, countered that to be more competitive, PYH needs stronger coaching. PYH should invest money into coaching clinics to further strengthen the PYH coaching staff.

Kevin Parker followed Conal Barbuto, with the idea of inviting other programs to participate, jointly, in coaching clinics, thus reducing the clinic cost to PYH.

Jim Keenan suggested to the PYH Board that our program should have a dedicated Skills coordinator.

Conal Barbuto is in favor of keeping the Wednesday 5-9PM time slot dedicated to the skills program.

Mike O'Brien is in favor of exploring the idea of using the small rink , located in Hyde Park, to compliment our current skills program.

Tab Brown suggests that the PYH BOD, prioritize goalie skills development.

Niall Carney has agreed to head up the Skills Committee. Niall will coordinate with **Paul Conneely** on exploring the suggestions made by the members of the BOD. Niall and Paul to reach out to another PYH coach to participate with the Skills Development of PYH. Niall & Paul will report back to the board with any further developments.

Treasurers' Report: 7:53PM-8:03PM

Nick Favorito was not present for the meeting. Nick emailed the treasurer's report to the members of the BOD, prior to the meeting.

Conal Barbuto voiced concern that there was no recent communication with regard to the GBYHL dissolution, and the disbursement of funds back to PYH.

Conal Barbuto suggest that PYH continue to monitor the PYH members who are on tuition payment plans.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Joe Donahue, 2nd by Kevin Parker.
All in Favor

Cybersport: Nothing to Report

Coaching:

Mike O'Brien communicates that PYH is still in need of 2 head coaches. (Peewee C and the Bantam B teams)

John Gallagher agrees to email the PYH membership announcing the coaching vacancies. John will update the BOD of any communication received expressing interest in the vacancies.

Kevin Parker suggested an active PYH coach help run the Bantam B practices, with hope that a parent can volunteer to bench coach during Bantam B games.

Jim Keenan was going to reach out to a former PYH coach to see if he may be interested in coaching the Bantam B team.

Joe Donahue agreed to put the Peewee B coaching vacancy on the PYH Facebook page.

VHL:

John Tobin indicated that there were no developments to report.

John Tobin and members of the Executive Board are to meet with Paul Gilmartin, of the VHL, on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015**. VHL has expressed interest in buying more ice from PYH this coming season. VHL is also looking for feedback from PYH with regard to our experience

since joining the VHL. Details of this meeting to be discussed at the PYH July meeting.

District 1:

Joe Donahue to be PYH Safe Sport Coordinator.

John Tobin to be MA Hockey Registration Coordinator, also to serve as a District 1 representative for PYH.

Mass Hockey:

No items or developments to report

Equipment: 8:19PM -8:57PM

Kevin Parker presented various samples of shirts to the PYH BOD. Kevin Parker solicited proposal bids from 3 different uniform supply companies. A fourth vendor did not return an estimate. Kevin suggests that the PYH player to pay for the individual shirt, and keep it. With players having to purchase a new shirt upon advancing to the next playing level, (ie; squirt to peewee).

Paul Conneely motioned that the PYH BOD move forward with the purchase of the **MENACE PRO HEAVYWEIGHT SHIRT**.
Tab Brown with the 2nd.

In the interest of players keeping these shirts for at least 2 consecutive seasons, Conal Barbuto requested an addendum to Paul C's motion:

Odd birth years to receive Odd numbered shirts
Even birth years to receive Even numbered shirts.

This addendum will enable 2nd year players to keep their shirt next year when they are 1st year players onto the next level. Keeping parents from purchasing a new shirt after 1 season.

Paul Conneely with the 2nd on Conal Barbuto's addendum request.

The Board voted in Favor 9-0, Kevin Parker abstaining

Paul Conneely motioned that PYH to wear the white NY Ranger Style Jersey (PARKWAY on the diagonal) as the home jersey for the upcoming season(s); and to have an E-Vote on the selection of the PYH away jersey.
Joe Donahue with the 2nd.

The Board voted in Favor 9-0, Kevin Parker abstaining

New Business: 8:58PM-9:22PM

Parent Request on Pee wee Player

Joe Donahue addressed the BOD on the parent request to move their son from the Pee wee A team, to the Pee wee B team.

Niall Carney and John Tobin, who have coached the player in the past agreed that the player would make a better fit on the Pee wee B team.

Joe Donahue made the motion to move the rostered player from the Pee wee A team to the Pee wee B team.

Conal Barbuto with the 2nd.

Kevin Parker requested an addendum to Joe D's motion be added. " PYH BOD to consider, going forward, moving any player to A from B (C to B) with coach's input"
Conal Barbuto with the 2nd

The Board voted in favor 10-0

Mike O'Brien suggested that the PYH BOD table Ross Birch's concern about the balance of roster sizes on the Pee wee level. To be taken up at the July meeting.

Squirt Level Cross Ice League/McLaughlin League

Mike O'Brien informed the BOD of a meeting, that he attended, which took place with other town programs (Norwood, Westwood, Dedham, Hyde Park, and Brookline)

The meeting discussed the possible formation of a cross ice / Town Line League format for the squirt level players. Should PYH choose to become involved, in all likelihood it would sunset the Friday Night McLaughlin League.

The general sentiment of the BOD members was to maintain the McLaughlin League in its current format and explore expanding the McLaughlin League to include other towns. Also utilize the Hyde Park rink with an expansion of McLaughlin League.

Jim Keenan and Niall Carney suggest that this topic be tabled for another meeting.
Conal Barbuto with the 2nd.
All in Favor

Marketing Committee

The board discussed the need to create a Marketing Committee. To help further advance the PYH program throughout the community.

The following BOD members volunteered for the committee:
Niall Carney, Jim Keenan, Kevin Parker, and John Tobin.

Motion to adjourn by Conal Barbuto (9:23PM)
2nd by Lisa Berlucchi
All in Favor

Submitted by

John Gallagher
Secretary
6/17/2015