

# **Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting July 14, 2015**

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

## **Call to Order at 7:12pm**

**Members Present:** Michael O'Brien, President  
Conal Barbuto, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Nick Favorito, Treasurer  
John Gallagher, Secretary

Lisa Berlucchi, Member  
Ross Birch, Member  
Tab Brown, Member (arrived 7:21pm)  
Joe Donahue, Member  
Kevin Parker, Member  
John Tobin, Member

**Members Absent:** Niall Carney, Paul Conneely, Joe Finn, Jim Keenan Mike McCarthy

## **Review of Minutes from the May 12, 2015 Meeting**

Motion to Approve Minutes by **Joe Donahue**, 2nd by **Kevin Parker**  
All in Favor

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

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Fundraising**

Prior to tonight's meeting, **Mike O'Brien** sent a mailing out to several local merchants soliciting advertising for PYH.

**Joe Donahue** suggested that PYH enhance and add more content to the website in order to incentivize and capture more sponsorship/advertisement revenue. **Joe D.** suggested that PYH have a "Sponsor of the Week" increasing exposure for advertisers.

### **Grievance**

Grievance Committee has nothing to report.

**Skills 7:18PM—7:24PM**

In Niall Carney's absence (Skills Coordinator), **Mike O'Brien** reiterated Niall's email from the afternoon of 7/14:

*As far as skills is concerned, Paul and I have looked at the schedule and are in the process of reaching out to some other towns to have joint scrimmages during some of the Wednesday hours. Paul and I are also looking at bringing in specific goalie coaches for some of the skill nights as well. Additionally, I have started to reach out to individuals like Jaime Rice to see if he could possibly come once in September and again in October. He would run the practices those nights, which would be great for the kids and coaches.*

**Treasurers' Report: 7:24PM-7:43PM**

**Nick Favorito** presented his report and advised the board as to the financial well being of PYH. PYH received the 1<sup>st</sup> VHL invoice for the upcoming season. (\$45K) Also received was the uniform invoice from Menace Sportswear (\$33K)

**Nick Favorito** researched the issue, and advised the BOD that per the Mass Attorney General's Office, PYH can pursue outstanding balances owed via a collection agency.

Motion made by **Conal Barbuto**:

*To send outstanding tuition balances prior to the 2014-2015 seasons to collection agency. And with regard to outstanding balances owed from the 2014-2015 season, those individuals to receive a demand email for payment of hockey tuition owed. (individual abiding by their agreed upon payment plan will not receive a demand email)*

*The BOD will revisit the results of the collection efforts, and determine further action, if needed, at the December 2015 BOD meeting.*

**Ross Birch** with the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion passes 8-1

**John Gallagher** agreed to prepare a rough draft of the demand email and present to **Conal Barbuto** for review.

**John Gallagher** to explore the collection agency process, and report back to the board.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by **Mike O'Brien**, 2nd by **Lisa Berlucchi**.

All in Favor

**Cybersport:** Nothing to Report  
**Mike McCarthy** not present

**Skills:**

For budgeting purposes, **Nick Favorito** requested that the Skills Committee advise him as to how many town programs are willing to participate, and share the cost of the skills program for the upcoming season. (2015-2016)

**Mike O'Brien** and **Conal Barbuto** suggest that the upcoming budget should reflect skills expenditure to be at about 25% of last year's cost. On average there will be a skills session about once a month during the season

**Coaching:**

**Mike O'Brien** advised the BOD that there is still a need for a Pee wee C Head Coach. **Mike O'Brien** has been in communication with members of the Pee wee C team and has enlisted the help of some fathers to help out on the ice and bench. Both **Paul Conneely** and **Mike O'Brien** are working on a resolution to secure adequate coaching staff for the Pee wee C team. **Mike O'Brien** to reach out to Jack McCarthy about coaching the team.

**VHL:**

**John Tobin** indicated that there were no significant developments to report.

**Conal Barbuto** informed the BOD that he along with **John Tobin** and members of the Executive Board met with **Paul Gilmartin**, of the VHL, on **Wednesday, June 10, 2015**. VHL has agreed to purchase a large bulk of ice time for the upcoming season. (2015-2016)

**MIDDLESEX:**

**John Gallagher** relayed to the BOD that the **Middlesex League** would prefer to have an A & B team at the U10 level.

The U12 team is still in need of a goalie. **John Gallagher** to touch base with head coach **Terry Steele**.

**District 1:**

**John Tobin** stated there was no developments to report on with regard to District 1.

**John Tobin** indicated that **Nick McCummings** had inquired about available ice time for the Mini 1-1 program. There is little to no ice available to host the program.

**Mass Hockey:**

No items or developments to report. No Meetings.

**Equipment:**

**Kevin Parker** informed the BOD that the uniform order was due for delivery mid-late August.

**Kevin Parker** is going to explore purchasing intermediate nets for the House Program.

**Mike O'Brien** is going to inquire with the rink manager about additional storage for PYH.

**Mike O'Brien** would like to see separate storage containers for the House and Travel programs. (in order to help eliminate equipment loss)

**House Programs:** LTS, Instructional, Mite House, McLaughlin

**Conal Barbuto** informed the BOD that the House Program season would start on 11/7/2015 and go until 3/13/ 2016. The McLaughlin League 1<sup>st</sup> practice on 11/8 and the McLaughlin Season Opener is scheduled for 11/14/2015.

**Mike O'Brien** would like to start the Friday night McLaughlin League earlier this year. Mike O'Brien would also like to advertise the McLaughlin League to generate more player numbers for the program.

**Pictures:**

**Lisa Berlucchi** to explore options for a photographer. She will report back to the board with her findings.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**House League Fees**

**Conal Barbuto** suggested that the BOD open up house registration for the upcoming season as soon as possible.

**Lisa Berlucchi** made a motion to increase the house program tuition \$25.00 per program for the entire House Program. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Ross Birch**.

The motion passed 9-0

## House League Fees continued

After debate and discussion the BOD has opted to allow the following with regard to registration for the PYH House Programs:

- A) Early Bird Registration up until Sept 1 for **PYH Members** only who could register/pay at the 2014-2015 Rate.
- B) Registration from 9/1-9/15 would be open to **ALL** allowing registration at the 2014-2015 rate.
- C) Registration after 9/15/2015 all registrations for the House Programs would be required to **pay at the new rate**. (\$25.00 increase)

## Travel Fees

**Conal Barbuto** walked the BOD members through the ice schedule that he prepared for the upcoming 2015-2016 season.

PYH practices to begin on 8/31/2015.

Wednesday night will remain the dedicated skills/group practice night.

VHL Mite travel team will have practice time at the small rink in Hyde Park, **Conal Barbuto** to reach out to the Hyde Park program.

VHL Playdowns to occur in January 2016, during MLK week  
Bantam Playdowns to occur sometime in the Fall. (Date TBD)

The PYH BOD agreed to hold a special meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>, to formally determine and set the program tuition for the upcoming 2015-2016 season.

## Website Future

**Conal Barbuto** suggests that the PYH BOD have a calendar, or manual, in order to properly maintain operations and obligations set forth in the PYH Bylaws. (ie; better manage election announcements etc..)

**Ross Birch** to reach out to **Jim O'Shea** with regard to website and technical operations going forward.

## Bantam B Coaching Position

**Mike O'Brien** has had a conversation(s) with **Dan Mount** with regard to coaching the Bantam B team for the upcoming season (2015-2016)

Former PYH Coach, **Mike Magee** expressed interest in the position via email.

**Lisa Berlucchi** motioned for an E-Vote to decide the matter of Bantam B Coach. The motion was withdrawn due to a lack of support.

**Conal Barbuto** motioned for a standard vote on the Bantam B coach. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Berlucchi.

By a margin of 5-4 the PYH BOD voted to name **Dan Mount** head coach of the Bantam B team for the 2015-2016 season.

At 9:18PM , **Mike O'Brien** motioned to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Kevin Parker**.

Submitted by

John Gallagher  
Secretary  
7/24/2015