

# **Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting November 10, 2015**

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

**Call to Order at 7:21pm**

**Members Present:** Michael O'Brien, President  
Mike McCarthy, Vice President  
Conal Barbuto, Vice President  
Nick Favorito, Treasurer  
John Gallagher, Secretary

Lisa Berlucchi, Member (left 8:50pm)  
Ross Birch, Member  
Niall Carney, Member  
Paul Conneely, Member (left 9:50pm)  
Joe Donahue, Member  
Joe Finn, Member  
Jim Keenan, Member  
John Tobin, Member  
Kevin Parker, Member

**Members Absent:**

## **Review of Minutes from the October 13, 2015 Meeting**

Motion to Approve Minutes by **Conal Barbuto**, 2nd by **Ross Birch**.  
All in Favor

**Public Comment:** Robert Wall was in attendance.

## **Christmas Party Update/Discussion:** ( )

**Joe Donahue** advised the BOD that the PYH Christmas Party/Fundraiser is booked at the Irish Social Club for Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. 5-9pm Joe Donahue announced that this year's annual PYH raffle ticket fundraiser will be a "Bobby Orr" themed raffle. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$4444, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prizes at \$444 each. Raffle tickets selling for \$50 per ticket.

DJ services have been donated for the party. Clix Photography to provide a Photo Booth, with 2 weeks' notice.

**Kevin Parker** inquired if there was another venue available for the PYH Christmas Party. **Nick Favorito** and **John Gallagher** inquired if an adult party would be more cost effective for the PYH program. **Joe Donahue** informed the BOD that a PYH adult/pub night could take place in March 2016, to close out the hockey season.

**John Gallagher** expressed concern that PYH raffle tickets had not yet been ordered, potentially impacting the amount of time BOD members and coaches would have to sell tickets.

**Joe Donahue** will update the BOD on any further developments regarding the Christmas Party and fundraising efforts.

The **PYH Midget fundraiser** will be at the rink on Friday December, 18<sup>th</sup>. There will not be any McLaughlin League games on 12/18.

### **Grievance** ()

**Mike O'Brien** updated the BOD on the Bantam B team. Both **Mike O'Brien** and **Paul Conneely** have met with Coaches Walsh and Stowe, the Bantam player, and parent. The meeting outcome was the agreement that an adult is to accompany the bantam player at all games and practices, at all times. Per **Mike O'Brien** there have been no issues since the meeting took place.

### **Marketing:** ()

No Updates

### **Treasurers Report:** ()

Treasurer **Nick Favorito** presented his report to the BOD.

Tuition revenue has dropped off some, since the October meeting. **Nick Favorito** recommended a payment reminder email be sent out to the membership. Overall the program is in financially good shape.

The PYH BOD agreed with **Nick Favorito** on setting the full season midget at \$825.00

**Kevin Parker** to forward **Nick Favorito** the invoices for new shirts purchased for the Midget team.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report made by **Mike O'Brien**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Jim Keenan**.  
All in Favor

### **Cybersport:** ()

Mike McCarthy has reached out to PYH coaches for assistance in ensuring the last remaining PYH players register with USA Hockey.

### Skills ()

**Niall Carney** and **Paul Conneely** updated the BOD with the Wednesday night skills session.

**Paul Conneely** informed the BOD that goalie attendance has been strong. Roughly 11 goalies from the mites, squirts, and U10 and U12 teams. And about 9 goalies from the pee wee, bantams, and midget teams. **Jim Keenan** applauded the success of the program. He would like to see PYH retain the goalies for the future, rather than see goalies develop and move to an area select team.

**Niall Carney** and **Paul Conneely** would like to have 2 goalie sessions moving forward. **Niall Carney** suggesting a goalie clinic every 2 weeks. **Conal Barbuto** advised for careful planning due to the due to the imminent schedule change.

**Niall Carney** motioned for a goalie clinic twice per month, 7-8pm & 8-9pm, for 9 session total. @ \$300 per session, for a total allotment of \$2700.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> by **Conal Barbuto**

All in Favor

### Open BOD Seat: ()

**Mike O'Brien** informed the BOD that all remaining members of the 2015 election ballot (except Jim Gallagher) had been contacted. **Kevin Parker** voiced his opinion that the fairest avenue is to follow the results of the election, and select the next candidate on the ballot. **Joe Donahue** stated that the Board knows the program's strengths and weaknesses, the BOD is capable of selecting the next BOD member.

**Kevin Parker** motioned for the next person in, voting order, be made BOD member. **Nick Favorito** with the 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
The motion failed by a vote of 5 to 8.

**Bob Wall** offered his opinion on creating language, in the by-laws that better clarify BOD member replacement. **John Tobin** requested that **Paul Conneely** read aloud the PYH by-laws regarding BOD member replacement. Upon conclusion of **Conneely** reading the by-law, **John Tobin** told the BOD to vote on the next candidate. **Kevin Parker** informed the BOD that the PYH membership has voted, and that the BOD should not overstep the memberships vote, and choose another candidate as a BOD member. **Nick Favorito** expressed his desire to see the BOD add a more definitive mechanism in the by-laws, for BOD member replacement. **Conal Barbuto** agreed, that the by-law is vague, and needs

to be addressed. **Mike O'Brien** wants a committed volunteer to fill the open BOD seat.

**Conal Barbuto** motioned that the BOD vote on a candidate, for the open BOD seat, based on the remaining candidates from the April 2015 PYH election. **Mike McCarthy** with the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed by vote of 11-2.

A paper ballot vote was taken, with ballots collected by **John Gallagher**. **Keith Chan** received 6 votes, **Bob Wall** received 5 votes, and **Mark Fallon** received 2 votes. **Keith Chan** will occupy the remainder of former member **Tab Brown's** PYH BOD term. (April 2016)

### VHL: ()

There are still continuing issues with referees not showing up for scheduled games. PYH to explore the VHL contract regarding the amount of referees per game.

### Middlesex Girls Conference: ()

**John Gallagher** informed the BOD that there were no major updates, or developments with the Middlesex League. Parents and Coaches have provided positive feedback with the transition from the SSC.

### District 1/ Mass Hockey: ()

**John Tobin** advised the BOD that the U19 coach withdrew the team from playdowns, due to shortage of players. The BOD added **Jim Keenan** to the U19 coaching staff.

### Equipment:

**Kevin Parker** will supply PYH coaches with keys to the storage boxes at the rink. Also, new medium gauge nets have been ordered for PYH use at the rink. **Conal Barbuto** made a request that **Kevin Parker** inquire with **Menace Sportswear** about donating raffle item(s).

### McLaughlin/House Programs: ()

**Conal Barbuto** informed the BOD that the sign-up #'s were strong across the board for all of the PYH house programs. **Mike O'Brien** also indicated that there was strong demand for **McLaughlin League** signups. **Mike O'Brien** also mentioned that **McLaughlin Coaches** had been selected, and that the draft would be held in the coming days.

### New Business: ()

**Joe Donahue** informed the BOD that the Squirt Cs, Girls U14/16/18 and the Midgets are missing three Thursday practice sessions over a five week period due to Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. **Conal Barbuto** informed the BOD that all teams receive an equal amount of ice. (54 sheets) **Conal Barbuto** indicated that there was some ice available the morning after Thanksgiving.

**Mike O'Brien** motioned for the purchase of 2 hours of ice on Friday morning, 11/27, for the Squirt C's, and any other PYH team to use.

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Niall Carney**

All in Favor

The BOD agreed to **Jim Keenan's** request, and donated a PYH House Program tuition to the Parkway Girls Softball program, for their fundraiser.

The BOD discussed **Conal Barbuto's** concern on some of the solutions to sell off the excess ice remaining at seasons end. (Approximately 116 hours in March and April) Boston Police Commissioners Cup, Jr Bruins Program, Brookline Youth Hockey are some of the programs that will purchase available ice hours. PYH BOD to solicit others programs to purchase remaining ice hours.

The BOD discussed the addition of possibly 2 former PYH players to the current peewee A roster. The BOD was agreeable to the move, as long as the parents of current peewee A players were OK with the player addition(s) to the roster. The BOD agreed that any added player(s) to pay a pro-rated tuition based on the amount of games left in season.

At 9:57PM, **Niall Carney** motioned to adjourn. **2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike McCarthy.**

All in Favor

Submitted by

John Gallagher

Secretary

11/17/2015