



TYSA General Meeting
October 4, 2011 - Open Meeting
7:00p East St. Baseball Building
Web: <http://www.tysaredmen.com/>

Attendance

Herb Post, David Williams, Anthony Grieco, John Sutherland, Rich Zampitella, Cindy Paolillo, Joe Breen, Diane Morris, Mark Duquette

General Agenda

Approval of October Minutes

Midget team size

A parent from the midget team brought some comments and questions to the board regarding team size and program cost. There is the impression that while the cost of the program has stayed the same, the team is no longer getting shirts and are seeing reduced ice time related to the number of practices.

This season, the association was not able to purchase shirts specifically for the team as there were only 8 registered players prior to the first practice. All other registrations came in on the last day of registration. Players were all provided with unworn jerseys that the association had previously purchased. Players are also encouraged to attend skills and power skate sessions.

To better communicate and handle registration issues, the board will look into the following for next season:

- Setting a maximum roster size of 15 players, to be enforced during registration
- Holding tryouts for midget players
- Closing registration at a date well in advance of the first practice so that the association can properly plan
- Ensuring clear communication of what the program offers

For this season, the board will do the following

- Formally include skills on the Midget schedule
- Discuss a shirt credit for Midget players for this season only

Motion: Provide a shirt credit of \$50 to Midget players at the end of the season if their tuition is paid in full and the shirt is returned in good, usable condition at the end of the Midget season. **Motion Passes**

Ed Walsh Skills

Herb has been speaking with Ed Walsh regarding skills clinics for goalies. Based on the information provided, the cost per session would be approximately \$210. There would be 3 sessions with approximately 3 goalies per session for a total cost of \$630.

The board discussed the free tuition that goalies currently receive and how this would affect the ability to provide these sessions. Some ideas discussed were to hold the first at no cost. Subsequent sessions

would be paid for by the goalies. Overall, there was agreement that there should be something offered. It was suggested that a workgroup be formed to discuss goalie skills and provide options and suggestions to the board.

Herb will discuss other options for goalie skills with Ed Walsh which may include holding the sessions in conjunction with another team's practice; split ice. Herb will create a questionnaire for goalies to be sent to the association to assist with the decision.

CORI process for Mass Hockey

Mass Hockey changed the process related to handling CORI forms and will not perform any CORI checks as they had done in the past. The board is concerned with some of the liability of handling personal information regarding our membership as well as the increased responsibility and work expected of volunteer board members.

Though Mass Hockey indicated that any member of the organization could perform this function, the board agreed that it would have to be a member of the board.

Rich will request additional information from Mass Hockey and include our concerns over this action by Mass Hockey. Additionally Rich will include in his email alternatives to the process which could be pursued by TYSA.

Roundtable

President – Joe Breen

- Asked that a representative from Mass Hockey be placed on the November agenda to discuss the grant process, progress made by TYSA, improvements to the Grow Hockey organization.

VP/Finance Committee – Anthony Grieco

- Received an invoice from the Flynn Rink
- Indicated that the association investigate how to best accommodate players who join the organization at a later age but have never played hockey before. The association wants to ensure they have a good experience but are concerned at times for the safety of the players on the ice.

Treasurer – Cindy Paolillo

- Inquired about W-9 filings to our vendors. Will initiate the process to ensure TYSA has all the proper documentation in place.

League Rep – David Williams

- Valley League website has been updated with all rosters and coaches information

Coaching – Herb Post

- Bill Gosse will be an additional I-Mite coach
- LTS starts this weekend and there will be a need for additional help to
- Register and check in players
- Provide information to new parents for equipment
- Help keep team benches and boards clear as this is a distraction to the new skaters

Player Agent – Rich Zampitella

- Nothing Additional

Learn to Skate – Marty Kusmaul

- Not in attendance

Equipment – John Sutherland

- All I-Mite jerseys have been received

- LTS shirts will be ready for Saturday as they need to be completed

Events Coordinator – Kristen Andrea (via Anthony)

- Received a late sponsor check for the golf tournament. Sponsor name will be listed on the website
- Contacted New England Sports Photo regarding pictures as we have used them in the past and are generally pleased with their work. Possible dates are 11/12 and 11/19
- Looking to see if it's possible to put together books of action photos
- Board agreed that Kristen can independently pick a vendor for pictures.

Tournaments – Diane Morris

- Nothing at this time

Fundraising – Julie Erbetta

- Not in attendance

Correspondence – Mark Duquette

- Nothing at this time