



TYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

November 05, 2013 - BOD Meeting

7:00p East St. Baseball Building

Web: <http://www.tysaredmen.com/>

PRESENT: Joe Breen, John Shreenan, David Williams, Dan Griffin, Pina Pescatore, Sean Sweeney, Sean O'Keefe, Andrea Cooke, Anthony Grieco, Herb Post, Christine Cremin.

- General Members - Kristen Ryder, Wendy Fontaine, Michele Lindsey, Jen Tingtella, Jessica Aguiar, Melissa LeGrand, Jason LeGrand, Dan Wentzell, Bill Osborn, Steve Lindsey, Dianne Morris, Brian Kierce, Brian Capistran, Paul Morris

NOT PRESENT: Marty Kusmal

General Business:

- Motion made by Anthony to open up discussion to the floor. Second by Joe. No objections.

Discussion on Name Tags for game jerseys. Joe gave a history of discussions and correspondence that the BOD (old & new) has had on the matter since August of 2012.

Several points were made in favor and against the use of Name Tags on game jerseys. These ranged from cutting cost for members, collecting additional money from members when name tags were not paid for, jersey's being damaged by the removal of tags, the ownership of the jerseys and teams voting tags/no tags. Comparisons were also made to other sports programs in town.

A vote was taken and passed at the October BOD meeting to discontinue the use of Name Tags. Further discussion ensued about that vote. Members voiced their concern and opinion about how the lack of communication to the General Membership and this decision was relayed to them.

Motion by Andrea to allow teams to continue to use Name Tags for the remainder of the year (all players per team must have tags or no tags will be used) with the subject to be voted on for a "Rule" change by the General membership at the January General Meeting. Second Christine. Passed by majority. Two abstentions.

- Minutes were approved for the October 2013 BOD Meeting.
- Neck Guards: Request by Bantam coach (via email) to have neck guards optional for Bantam level teams. Joe read the email from the coach which described his reasons for the request. Discussion about pros & cons and USA Hockey's "recommendation" to wear them. Joe spoke against this request and described a recent incident at a local rink in which he responded to a 7 year old who had his neck cut by a skate blade. Three General Members in attendance also spoke against this request by describing graphic details of similar incidents that they had witnessed in their lives. No motion was made for optional use of neck guards. TYSA rules concerning the use of neck guards will remain the same and shall be enforced.

General Roundtable

- President – Joe
 - 7-9 PM ice for Christmas Eve has been cancelled.
 - No off-ice training for the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and February vacation.
 - Need to send payment for off-ice training. Proposed off-ice invoice for 131 players, \$20,280.
 - Email needs to be sent for outstanding Midget tuitions (Dan).
 - Morris family is requesting refund due to injury. Amount will be discussed in Executive session.
 - Member contacted Joe about a donation to the Tewksbury Education Foundation. Suggestion was made for 4 LTS tuitions, 2 Plunkett night tickets and some apparel
 - Team rosters for MA Hockey: use A,B & C not A, AA & AAA.
 - TYSA needs to prepare for the it's Semi-Annual meeting.
 - Make matter of record that an email poll of tghе BOD approved a roster swap of two brothers for the Midget team.

- Vice-President – Anthony
 - Received an email from MA Hockey about two Squirt players that should be rostered on the Mite ADM team based on year of birth. Original roster was submitted in error. Updated roster will be resubmitted. Squirt coach will present both rosters at all games in which these players play for him.

- Treasurer - Dan
 - TYSA Financial Report - \$190,000 in Checking Account, \$75,000 in Money Market Accounts
 - Working to clean up outstanding tuition owed from past seasons.
 - Ice Time: \$25,000 to Valley League. \$16,000 to North Shore Runk Management (Janis). North Shore is requesting payment for December (60 days in advance).
 - Will explore ice offerings in Salem NH.
 - Billing is squared away. Will send out reminder emails to members before the weekend.
 - Herb: Inquired about previously approved refunds for girls who cannot play. Dan will follow up.
 - Herb: Need to pay for skill sessions. Invoices have been sent.
 - Herb: Informed that an I-Mite player will no longer be playing.

- League Rep – David
 - Inquired with Sean O. about the status of rosters with MA Hockey. Sean hopes to have approval by the end of week.
 - Off-ice training schedule will be posted through January

- Head Coach - Herb
 - Received a donation request for the Franklin Pierce Girls Hockey team. Discussion about where to draw the line on donation requests. After careful consideration no motion was made.
 - Practice times will remain the same for all teams.
 - I-Mites will be split into two teams. Some LTS player will be moved up to I-Mites to fill out rosters. Game shirts will be issued to I-Mites before first game.
 - There is a very strong turnout for Skill Sessions. However, there has been considerable no-shows for Pee Wee and Bantams. Email will be sent to coaches about attendance at skill sessions.
 - Member (coach) reported that he has received positive feedback about off-ice training for Squirts.

- Events - Christine
 - Schedule has been made for TYSA Picture Day. Email needs to be sent (Sean S)
 - O'Connor Studios will mail forms to members before picture day.
 - Completed orders will be mailed to members by O'Connor's.

- Equipment – John
 - Question about fittings for kids who missed fitting night for apparel. Follow up with

Dynamik about scheduling.

- Registrar - Pina
 - First batch of CORI's have been processed. Need to follow up with Team Moms and LTS volunteers.

- Fundraising – Andrea
 - Vendors Night Fundraiser is all set. All vendors will kick back to TYSA.
 - Approximately 150 kids registered for LTS. One family is looking for a refund. (3 children in program. Looking for 1 refund). Refund will be issued.

- Player Agent – Sean O
 - 125 players have cleared through USA hockey.
 - First batch of Player Awards are in.
 - TYSA needs a Safe Sport Coordinator by November 15. Brian Kierce volunteered and was approved.

- Secretary – Sean S.
 - Two tabled items remaining from the September BOD meeting. Request for no practice ice time on Jim Plunkett Night (2/7). Herb will look at date and schedule.
 - Proposal for a tuition raffle. Proposal dropped.

- Executive Session
 - Inquiry about whether bill reminders are being sent out. A TYSA coach has reported that he has not received any communication for balance owed. A Bantam player is still not properly rostered and has not been billed. Dan will review billing for both members.

 - Payment plans need to be reviewed. One family still owes \$1,000 and is over two years old. Discussion about legal action against family.

 - Need to action with delinquent accounts. 114 families owe monies due. Most are under \$100. TYSA owes 5 families money.

 - Dan inquired about a new lap top computer for TYSA business. Dave will explore options.
 - Discussion on refund for Bantam player (injury). Tuition will be prorated at 50%.

- Motion to Adjourn: Christine, Second: Joe, Approved: Unanimous.