



TYSA BOD Meeting Minutes

January 07, 2014 - General Membership Meeting

7:00p East St. Baseball Building

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

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

- General Members - Michael Macaуда, Wendy Fontaine, Michele Lindsey, Jen Tingtella, Jessica Aguiar, Dianne Morris

NOT PRESENT: Dan Griffin

Meeting was Called to Order by President Joe Breen at 7:07 PM.

General Business:

- Minutes were approved for the December 2013 BOD Meeting.
- Motion to approve the TYSA "Name Tag" Policy submitted by Member Paul Morris as amended by the TYSA Admin Committee (See Attached): Joe Breen. Second: Anthony Grieco. Motion approved by majority vote of the General Membership present.
- ***Motion to amend the TYSA By-Laws as proposed (See Attached): Joe Breen. Second: Herb Post.

Discussion: Motion by Herb Post for a friendly amendment to the proposed changes of Article 1. Change proposal from "*18 and Under Boys and Girls*" to "*19 and Under Boys and Girls*". Second: Anthony Grieco. Amendment approved unanimously.

After no further discussion original motion, as amended, to amend the TYSA By-Laws a passed unanimously by the General Members in Attendance.

General Roundtable

- President – Joe
 - Need to solicit Coaching Applications for 2014/15 season.
 - Coaches should be starting to do Player Evaluations.
 - There have been several coaches who are not adhering to the USA Hockey rule of wearing helmets. Coaches set an example for the kids and need to follow the rule. Any further infractions will be put before the TYSA Discipline Committee. Herb will follow up with an email to all coaches.
- Vice-President – Anthony
 - During the Bruins Holiday Tournament Anthony was approached by one of the referees about the conduct of some Tewksbury parents during a previous game played that same day.

The referee informed Anthony that during the game he was berated by comments that were directed at him for most of the game by parents of the Tewksbury team. These comments could have disqualified the Tewksbury team from further participation in the tournament but the referee did not want the players to be penalized for these actions. It should also be noted that this referee was 14 years old.

TYSA also received an email from the coach of the TYSA team about other incidents in the same game concerning the conduct of parents from both teams. The TYSA coach took a pro-active approach in handling the conduct of his team & parents and notified Anthony and TYSA Head Coach Herb Post about his corrective actions. The coach of the opposing team also sent an email apologizing for the conduct of his team/parents and the matter is resolved for now.

This type of conduct will not be tolerated by TYSA. Board members as well as parents need to take note of these things and report them to the TYSA BOD.

- Head Coach - Herb
 - Coach Evaluations are being received and reviewed. Over all response has been good.
 - Need to get Coaching applications and Player Evaluations out soon.
 - Would like to expand the AAA level of teams to Pee Wee for next season and continue the selection process similar to other AAA programs.
 - Would like to see more participation from Wilmington with the Girls program.
 - All other teams are doing well.
 - I-Mite schedule will be out soon.
 - Coaching CEP is just about done and updated.

- Events - Christine
 - A date for the 2014 TYSA Golf Tournament has been tentatively book.
 - Jim Plunkett Night Fundraiser: Police detail has been scheduled at a cost of \$180. Jim Plunkett will receive \$5 per ticket sold for his cost of playing. Raffles will include a 50/50 and a Door Prize. Team Moms have been helping with sales and coordinating basket donations from each team.

- League Rep – David
 - LTS schedule reminders have been turned off. Parents were getting confused as to which session to attend.
 - Valley League has blacked out schedule to accommodate the Jim Plunkett night fundraiser.
 - Cookes Skate Shop is interested with supplying apparel for the 2014/15 season.
 - There was some confusion over ice cancellation at Breakaway Ice Center concerning a recent snow storm. Joe will now be a direct contact for any cancelations at Breakaway.

- LTS - Marty
 - LTS sessions have been going well but could you some coaching help with the sessions. The help from coaches has lessened the past month.
 - Reported that the 6:30 sheet of ice after LTS has been light with kids skating on it. Herb reported that the trouble is with kids playing for the middle school teams not showing up.

- Equipment – John
 - Nothing

- Registrar - Pina
 - Nothing

- Fundraising – Andrea

- Working Jimbo's for a "Dine Out" night. TYSA would get 20% of all sales for the evening. Possibly on January 30.
 - Another option to explore would be a "Pancake Breakfast" held at Applebees on a Sunday (8-10 AM)
- Player Agent – Sean O
 - Play downs will start on the MLK Holiday weekend. Format will be Single Elimination. All 3 TYSA Squirt teams will be participating.
 - Rosters for I-Mites and LTS have been submitted to USA Hockey. 170 kids total.
- Secretary – Sean S.
 - Nothing
- ***Vote held on By-Law Changes as noted above.
- Motion by Joe to move meeting to Executive Session. Second by Anthony. Approved Unanimously.
- Executive Session
 - Discussion about the conduct of TYSA parents at TYSA related events.
- Motion to Adjourn: Joe, Second: Dave, Approved: Unanimous.

PROPOSED TYSA NAME TAG POLICY

TYSA Uniform Name Tag Policy

On or before the first game of the season the team head coach shall poll all parent/guardians of rostered players to decide if a particular Team in its entirety shall wear name tags on the players uniforms or not.

There shall be one vote per child rostered on the team. Tie break votes shall be cast by the head coach of the team.

Name plates or tags shall be placed on both red and white jerseys as per instructions on the TYSA website. Name tags shall display last name only.

Cost of name tags and attachment to or removal from the jersey is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Not TYSA.

Teams shall wear name tags or not in its entirety. TYSA promotes a team approach and compliance with this rule is just a start.

Installing or removing of name tags shall be completed by the end of parity or the tenth game of the season, whichever comes first.

Players playing up from another team are not required to comply with new team vote unless moved up permanently.

Display or not of name tags is on a team by team basis.

Policy is effective for the 2014-15 season.

*The TYSA Board of Directors and/or Administrative Committee reserves the right to amend this policy.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Proposals:

(***Emphasis*** is added to proposals for clarification purposes only)

Article 1:

Remove language: *Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget*.

Add in place of removed language: ***age 18 and Under Boys and Girls***.

Purpose: To diversify the description of teams and levels offered by TYSA.

Article 3.1 (Paragraph 1)

Remove language: ***Communication and*** from "Director of Communication and Fundraising".

Purpose: Communication is now part of the Secretary's duties.

Article 3.1 (Paragraph 2)

Remove language: ***June*** from "Annual June General Meeting".

Add in place of removed language: ***April***.

Purpose: To be consistent with a previous amendment concerning elections.

Article 3.1 (Paragraph 9)

Add _ (Period) after "June general meeting", remove the word ***when*** and capitalize letter ***T*** "the Board".

Purpose: To be consistent with a previous amendment concerning elections.

Article 3.1 (Paragraph 9)

At the end of paragraph remove the period and add language: ***at the April general meeting***.

Purpose: To be consistent with a previous amendment concerning elections.

Article 4 (Paragraph 1)

At the end of paragraph remove _ (Period) and add language: ***, except as otherwise noted within these by-laws***.

Purpose: To clarify already existing language within the TYSA by-laws.

Article 8.6

Remove language: ***/REGISTRAR*** from the title of Director "PLAYER AGENT / REGISTRAR".

Purpose: Registration is now part of the Registrar's duties.

Article 8.6 (First Bullet)

Add language: ***with USA Hockey***

Purpose: To clarify registration duties from the duties of the Registrar.