



TYSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2017, 7:30 PM
East St. Baseball Building, Tewksbury, MA
[TYSA Hockey](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE

PRESENT:

Joe Connors, President
Yvette Story, Treasurer
Mike Daniel, Secretary
Sean McDonough, Registrar
Mike Chapman, League Representative

Herb Post, Head Coach
Jennifer DiFranco, Player Agent
Kevin Andriolo, Learn To Skate
Jen Sovie, Fundraising

NOT PRESENT:

Brian Kierce, Vice President
Christine Cremin, Event

BJ Doherty, Equipment

GENERAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Maura Mann
Melissa Bourque
Michelle Feudo
Rick Westhaver

Colin McGuinness
Vic Pacheco
Laurie Rzepka
Jessica MacKeen

MA Hockey Delegates

Peter Guiliano

Steve Palmacci

QUORUM?

Yes / No

GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

February 2017 meeting minutes not yet ratified; Secretary needs meeting notes from President, others to consolidate & distribute.

NOTES FROM GENERAL MEMBERS SESSION

- MA Hockey (Peter Guiliano, Steve Palmacci)
 - Full-ice Mites requires new Board, different team / jersey, independent insurance with no affiliation to USAH
 - Other conferences started separate business unit (i.e., VHL's Tri-State Mites); MA Hockey can help
 - Club teams often “dangle the carrot,” put on the hard sell, but wind up with kids “riding the pine” for \$1800 / year; 3rd, 4th tier teams little more than money-makers for Club
 - Seeing good progress with cross-ice programs
 - Small-area drills encouraged for all levels, unlikely to extend (game-wise) beyond Mites
 - [USAH ADM flyer](#) shared, will be posted with notes
 - Helps to foster interaction with HS coaches to promote value of playing together as they come up through programs leading up to HS
 - Association Leadership forum will help invigorate programs
 - Newly-elected Board Members eligible to attend
 - Consider promoting thru schools, Chamber of Commerce, etc. It all comes down to how good a product you put out
 - There will always be attrition, but success should entice skaters to come back
 - MA Hockey points out that TYSA seen as high-performing in state
 - USAH Club Excellence can help reinforce best practices, identify new ones
 - **Parent participation / involvement key to program success**
- No additional feedback from General Members
- No traction with Wilmington Girls' Team
 - Wilmington reached out to start U12 team for girls (with TYSA); nothing since January 2017
- **Useful Links:**
 - [Hockey for Life](#) explains USA Hockey's developmental philosophy from ADM thru College
 - [ADM Kids](#)
 - [Info for New Hockey Parents](#)
 - [USA Hockey Parent Handbook](#)

ROUNDTABLE

Joe Connors, President

- Board of Directors Elections coming up in April meeting
 - Several positions up for election
 - Some for 1-year terms, others for 2-year terms
 - All members in good standing eligible to run (aside from spouses of elected members)
- Tryouts moved to after playoffs / States to accommodate coaches running the programs
 - Corrosive effect of players finishing season and comparing where they landed for coming year has on playoffs, team morale
- Open Skates yielded mixed attendance; better attendance at younger levels
 - Mites included kids from other programs considering return to TYSA
- MA Hockey delegates in attendance; numbers issues not a TYSA phenomenon – crunch being felt state-wide
 - Part-time participation and conflicting Club interests hard to mitigate
- Putting plans together for next-year fundraising to target corporate sponsors (rather than continuing to hit up parents of players); all ideas welcome

Brian Kierce, Vice President

- Not present

Yvette Story, Treasurer

- Balances
 - Checking: \$20, 290.11
 - Savings: \$34,622.47
- Payables:
 - Janas – April: \$705
 - BIC – March: \$11,841.68
 - BIC – April: TBD
 - VHL Playoffs: TBD
- Outstanding Tuition Balances to be addressed during executive session

Mike Daniel, Secretary

- February 2017 Meeting Notes not yet ratified
 - Still need raw notes from President, others
- Considering creating a TYSA Handbook for upcoming season, to address:
 - Codes of Conduct (Skater, Parent)
 - How we fit into USAH, MA Hockey
 - Policies / Procedures
 - Explanations of recreational, State tourneys, etc.
- **ACTION:** Need to update site to state cash **and** check
- **ACTION:** Send out reminders ahead of practices

Sean McDonough, Registrar

- Currently compiling spreadsheets for all tryouts; numbers not overwhelming
 - Will need TYSA help sign-in, register

Mike Chapman, League Representative

- Valley bridge schedule sent out
- All make-up games must be completed by March 23rd
- Playoffs start week of 27th
 - Latest championship is April 9th
 - Mites done by March 26th
- Skills done; all ice used for practices here on out

Herb Post, Head Coach

- All coaches notified, should be watching players for upcoming season

Jennifer DiFranco, Player Agent

- 3 Teams going to States this weekend

Kevin Andriolo, Learn to Skate

- Learn to Play at half-ice (35 players / 4 teams)
- Significant progress made in short time
- 3-4 teams could compete at Mites level
 - High volume of 6-year old's trying out for Mites
 - 23 2012-year skaters in system
 - Considering offering 1 night of practice toward end of season (next year)
- Family Skate on March 18th

Jen Sovie, Fundraising

- Nothing to report

Christine Cremin, Events

- Not present

BJ Doherty, Equipment

- Not present

Motion to move to Executive Session made by Mike Daniel at 8:15 PM.

- Seconded by Mike Chapman
- Motion approve unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mike Daniel at 9:30 PM

- Seconded by Joe Connors
- Motion approved unanimously.