

Milton Youth Hockey

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of: March (March 15), 2016

In Attendance: Bennett, Feloney, Haddad, Sweeney, Zona, Keating, Mullen, Vaughan, Lovett, Naughton, Skillin.

Members' Speak

- NTR

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting were submitted.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2016 meeting by Phil Zona and second by Bill Bennett.
- The minutes were accepted unanimously with no changes.

Ulin Rink Report:

- NTR

Treasurer's Report:

- Mr. Zona presented a profit and loss statement from May 1, 2015 to March 14, 2016, which was used in formation of the proposed budget by the Finance Committee
- Mr. Zona reported to the Board that the Finance Committee is recommending a \$30 increase in tuition for the 2016-2017 season, from \$1,095 to \$1,125 for all full-season travel teams. Midget and half-season teams to be increased \$15 from \$595 to \$610. House League, Learn to Skate and goalie tuitions will remain the same. These increases are necessitated primarily by increases in the cost of ice time and league fees. The changes in tuition still make MYH one of the most price competitive programs in the area.
- On motion was made by Bob Sweeney and duly seconded by Kevin Keating, the Committee unanimously agreed to increase tuition consistent with the Finance Committee's recommendation.
- The Finance Committee is recommending that MYH offer an installment plan to members for payment of tuition. Details of the installment plan and any implementation thereof will be reported at the next meeting, however, the proposal assumes \$509 to be paid by April 1st, and monthly payments thereafter for up to five months, by August 1st, but each month thereafter April 1, there will be accompanied by an extra \$10.00 per installment charge. On-line registration will be determined as well regarding an installment plan.
- On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Zona presented information with respect to O'Sullivan Hockey to run MYH skills for the next two years at a cost that will be a 2% increase over the last contract, including Tryouts \$275 per hour; House League \$250 per

hour; and Travel Teams \$265 per hour. On motion made by Mr. Zona and duly seconded by Mr. Sweeney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the O'Sullivan Hockey contract.

- Peter Mullen reported that to date, 23 of 26 travel teams have used the fundraising stipend offered earlier in the year to all travel teams. More details on this program will be presented at a future meeting, with the remaining teams knowing that the pending deadline of April 30, 2016 to utilize this stipend is fast approaching.

South Shore Conference:

- Bill Bennett reported that playoff schedules are being released now to all Milton players and all Milton players are eligible to participate.
- For next season, MYH is committing to the SSC for 24 teams, up two teams over last year, which takes into account a U-19 team and a Mite B2 team.

Girls Program:

- Mr. Mullen indicated the U-10 and Y-12 teams will be playing in a St. Patrick's Day game series at Ulin Rink. This will include 30 Milton girls divided into two teams, white and green, to play a three game series.

Yankee Conference:

- NTR

District Meeting:

- Dave Young reported that he will serve as the District 3 Director for Bantam and Midget playdown games.
- Mr. Young indicated that the District had much discussion on the Mite program and that playdown games were down 11% from last year in participation. The District will be addressing possible new bylaws and policies at the August meeting.
- All team coaches must complete CEP and Safe Sport certification by the first playdown game or the coach will be barred from the bench. This is of immediate importance to Midget coaches, whose playdowns start early in the fall.

House League:

- Mr. Feloney commended Kevin Keating, Pat Lovett and Bob Doak for running such an excellent program this past season. There were many favorable comments received by the Board in connection with the positive experience enjoyed by many MYH families who participated in the program.

Learn To Skate:

- NTR

Ice Chairman:

- NTR

Equipment Committee:

- Mr. Bennett presented initial jersey options to the Board and gave some general sense of the costs and best approaches. He is finalizing additional cost quotes and will report with more details and the final recommended costs at the next meeting.

Coaches Committee:

- NTR

Communications:

- NTR

Fundraising:

- NTR

Evaluation Committee

- Mollie Naughton and Pat Lovett presented new proposed policies and procedures for the upcoming evaluations. The Board spent time discussing the wording and intent of various sections of the proposed policies. Ms. Naughton and Mr. Lovett will redraft and finalize the policies and procedures for final review, in the hoping of presenting same to the MYH members before the evaluations.

Old Business:

- NTR

New Business:

- After presentation of a video about former MYH player Justin Lloyd and his plight with a rare form of cancer, Mr. Haddad asked the Board to consider making a donation to the LloydStrong Medical Trust. Donations to this trust are being solicited to assist Justin and his family in defraying the costs of medical treatment for his extremely rare form of cancer, which in some cases can cost as much as \$150,000.00 per treatment. Justin is a former MYH player, and he and his family, have been significant MYH and other Milton town and sports supporters over the years. Despite his dreadful disease, Justin is trying his best to go forward with an ordinary life. Justin was a key member of the first ever MYH Bantam A Massachusetts State Championship team about six years ago. Justin went on to play hockey and baseball at Thayer Academy, and then to Union College where he was a member of the men's varsity baseball team. Due to his illness, he was forced last year to give up baseball

and transferred to Boston College so he can be closer to his medical care providers. Justin, a junior at BC now, is a mature, respectful and outstanding young man in every respect who makes MYH, and the entire town of Milton, proud he is one of our own. Accordingly, on motion made by Mr. Haddad and duly seconded by Mr. Zona, the Board unanimously agreed to donate \$250.00 to the LloydStrong Medical Trust. The Board also consented to post information about the LloydStrong Medical Trust to the MYH website and to encourage other members of MYH to consider donating to this important, and potentially life-saving, cause. The LloydStrong Medical Trust video can be found at <https://goo.gl/1LExd6>

- Mr. Haddad also announced to the Board that he would be stepping down as a Board member effective after the May, 2016 annual meeting. Mr. Haddad reminded the Board that a new Secretary would have to be elected by the Board and that the Board would have to hold an open election for the members of MYH to fill his empty seat, at a time to be determined and duly announced in the future. Finally, Mr. Haddad thanked each of the members of the Board for the opportunity to work closely with them over the last six years and for his extremely positive and satisfying experience of promoting MYH and serving the youth of the town of Milton.

Next Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. at the Milton Police Station. **Motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark E. Haddad
Secretary
Milton Youth Hockey