

Milton Youth Hockey

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of: November (November 17), 2015

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

Members' Speak

- A member raised an issue concerning possible inappropriate competition for MYH girls U-14B team. It was reported that a neighboring program is playing a team in the B level, and that team really should be in the A level. The Girls Coordinator, Phil Zona, will review this issue and attempt to address with the SSC and future scheduling.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting were submitted.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting by Kevin Keating and second by Bob Sweeney.
- The minutes were accepted unanimously with no changes.

Ulin Rink Report:

- Peter Mullen reported that a study was commissioned by the town concerning 25 years of use for the rink, and the Town's appointed Ulin Committee will be reviewing and discussing the report in December, 2015.
- The concession stand will be opened soon by the operators of the Ponkapoag Rink, as a private entity, since the Ponkapoag Rink is closed due to roof damage from the 2015 snow storms.

Treasurer's Report:

- Clare Keating provided a detailed accounting report on the Bruins Alumni Game held on October 24, 2015. A summary of expenses, revenue and net proceeds was prepared and distributed to the Board and explained in detail by Ms. Keating. In total, the event netted to MYH, subject to final payment of a couple of small receivables, \$24,292.11. Peter Feloney, on behalf of the Board, expressed his thanks to all those involved in making the fundraiser a success and especially to Ms. Keating for the time and expertise she provided for the record-keeping and accounting aspects tied to the event.
- Mr. Zona presented a new Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss statement for the MYH program that will be used going forward.
- Mr. Zona, after discussion with the Board, sought approval for opening a second MYH checking account with Citizen's Bank, which account will be separate and distinct from the MYH general operating account, and will be properly identified and used as a "fundraising" account. A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney to open such an account, second by Greg McManus, and unanimously approved by the Board.

South Shore Conference:

- Bill Bennett reported that the SSC Mite program will change in the future, requiring that town programs offer a Mite A team if they want a Mite B team to participate in the SSC.
- The SSC began a discussion of doing away with ADM model of allowing full ice games in the second half of the season at the Mite level, requiring small ice games for an entire season. The SSC, however, is concerned that the elimination of the Mite full ice games will result in the loss of players. Further discussion and evaluation of this proposal is underway.
- Next season there will be a “short season” category for Bantams.
- The SSC season will be extended one week to April 10, 2016, due to the late Labor Day and start to the season this last fall.

Girls Program:

- Dave Young reported that on December 8, 2015, the Curry College Girls Hockey team will be participating with the MYH Girls U-12 team at practice.

Yankee Conference:

- NTR

District Meeting:

- Mr. Young reported that a Milton Bantam B team failed to properly register for State playdowns, and he and others are working to rectify the situation.

House League:

- Mr. Keating reported that there are 102 players this year in the House League and the programs are up and running in full and things are going well. The numbers for the program, year over year, are down only approximately by six players.

Learn To Skate:

- NTR

Ice Chairman:

- Mr. Mullen discussed the fact that the Curry College games starting in November cause conflicts and other scheduling issues with MYH skills sessions, and the Board needs to ensure better communication to the MYH community concerning any and all conflicts. He is coordinating with Mollie Naughton on this communications issue.
- Mr. Mullen is looking for extra ice throughout the season to ensure proper allocation of ice time to all teams, given the unavoidable conflicts that arise due to Curry College and Milton High School games.
- Mr. Mullen updated the Board on the power skating program, discussed at the last meeting, which started Thanksgiving holiday weekend at Milton Academy

Equipment Committee:

- NTR

Coaches Committee:

- NTR

MYH Web Site:

- NTR

MYH Sponsorship Program:

- Mr. Vaughan posed to the Board the question of lowering the sponsorship amount to encourage and increase potential sponsorships in the future. Mr. Vaughan recommended that the sponsorship amount be set at least \$200.00.

Old Business:

- Mr. Feloney, on behalf of the Board and all members of MYH, expressed his appreciation to Mr. Vaughan, Mr. Keating, Ms. Naughton, Mr. Bennett, and other members of the Committee who actively put together the Boston Bruins Alumni game, running a first rate event for the program and generating positive and significant proceeds for the benefit of MYH and the kids of Milton. The Board, after receiving input from the Committee, will decide on ways to ensure proceeds from the event are appropriately spent to benefit the MYH players and program.

New Business:

- Mr. Feloney requested more input from the members of the Board on MYH Committees that they would like to join before additional assignments are made. It was noted that non-board members are welcome and encouraged to join various MYH Committees.
- Mr. Feloney did announce the following new appointments: Mollie Naughton - Chair of the Web Site Committee and the Communication Committee; David Skillen - Chair of the Skills Committee; Pat Lovett - a member of the Policy/Rules Committee.
- Mr. Feloney asked the members of the Board for recommendations for a Chairman of the Try-Out Committee. This new Committee, subject to Board approval and input as appropriate, will have complete control of the try-out process for MYH, and its Chairman will become the point person for information to and addressing questions from the MYH members concerning try-outs, player evaluation and team composition.

Next Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Milton Police Station. **Motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark E. Haddad
Secretary
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