

An Amherst Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting was held December 10, 2012 at Howard Johnsons.

A quorum was called at 7:18 pm. The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Bachand, Cristoforo, Deres, Elson, Feldman, Holmberg, Kang, Lanzafame, Mileski, Motyka, Oulundsen, Peritz-Smith, and Sullivan. Dan Chumbley, Coach-in-Chief, attended the meeting.

Dan Feldman, President of AHA, acted as chairperson and moderator.

1. The November 12, 2012 Board of Directors minutes were approved.
2. Nonotuck/AHA Merge discussion. Nonotuck Valley Hockey Association (NVHA) approached Dan Feldman regarding a possible merger. NVHA is currently facing multiple obstacles that put their viability as an organization at risk. Representatives from Nonotuck met with Dan Feldman and Dave Sullivan to hear Nontock's concerns.

Motion by Holmberg to keep AHA name as is with any future merger with NVHA approved.

Motion by Kang to allow Dan Feldman and Dave Sullivan to resume further discussions with NVHA and to begin future negotiations (if necessary) with NVHA approved.

3. Matt Motyka provided a brief update on the AHA budget. Reconciliations of previous accounts are continuing. Six financial aid applications are still being processed. Outstanding player accounts are unchanged. Family discounts are still being worked out due to quirkiness with the website. These will be reconciled manually.

Motion by Holmberg to place an AHA Hockey advertisement in the Belchertown Hockey paper approved.

4. AHA Hockey Association 2012-13 Operating Rules revision passed out to the Board for review.

Motion by Holmberg to approve 2012-13 Operating Rules (with possible minor edits)

5. Practice Schedule. Dan Feldman will attempt to have a minimum of 2 practices per week with the goal of providing 3 practices/week.

The limitations of the 3-team practices in the Squirt Division were discussed.

6. Tournament Participation was discussed. Bantam White is the only team that has not registered for a tournament. Squirt Red will be provided with \$800 to be applied to a tournament fee in lieu of 4 extra independent games (to make up the difference of 18 games for Squirt Red versus 22 for Squirt White/Blue).
7. Spring evaluations processes were reviewed and discussed.
8. LTS/LTP. AHA has opted out of the cross-ice GSL games, and in house games will be held on Sundays.
9. Clinics Review. UMASS Coaches clinics, Chabot goalie clinics, and now Chabot power skating clinics.
10. Western Mass Freeze-Out Update. 6 Tier 3 and 8 Tier 4 teams are registered. Gary Elson has finalized the game schedules and skill competition.
11. Amherst College Coffee Table is up and running. Donations should be coming in by January 1.
12. Pants Shells/Uniform Review.
13. Banquet Planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.