

An Amherst Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting was held January 14, 2013 at Howard Johnsons.

A quorum was called at 7:25 pm. The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Bachand, Deres, Elson, Feldman, Kang, Lanzafame, Mileski, Motyka, Oulundsen, Peritz-Smith, Scott, and Sullivan. Dan Chumbley, Greg Hanscom, Tom Beckwith, and Peter Stoneham attended the meeting.

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

1. The December 10, 2012 Board of Directors minutes were approved.
2. The Spring Evaluations will be moved back approximately one week as Squirt Red advanced to the State Play Down scheduled for March 15-17, 2013, which was the originally scheduled evaluation week.
3. The Annual Meeting and Board Elections were discussed. The Annual Meeting and Elections will be held March 25, 2013 at 7:15 pm at Howard Johnsons. Dan Feldman will book the conference room. The first 2013-14 Board meeting will be held April 8, 2013 per AHA by-laws.
4. GSL Update by Dave Sullivan. A potential zero tolerance policy for the 2013-14 season for fighting will be voted upon at a future GSL meeting. Mass Hockey is now wavering in its full commitment to the ADM. The GSL will review and decide upon the depth of future ADM implementation.

Mite In-House League discussion. Differing viewpoints and the pros and cons of in house games were expressed and heard by the Board. AHA will need to follow the guidelines from the GSL, but due to the uncertainty of the direction of the GSL, the Association will need to develop contingency plans for next year.

5. AHA will submit an ADM grant application.
6. Hockey Operations Update. Skaters in the LTP group are being identified for possible future placement on Mite teams.
7. Financial Update. Matt Motyka is still working on reconciling family discounts independent of the AHA website. Three financial aid requests were granted, and the families will be notified shortly. Second half dues collections are proceeding. The full dues deadline will be set February 1, 2013. Accounts will be monitored for possible off-ice suspension.
8. Nonotuck/AHA Merger. Nonotuck has withdrawn its request to discuss a merger.

9. Memory Book. Pictures are needed. AHA sells approximately 20 Memory Books a year at a cost of approximately \$650.
10. Practice Schedule and Chabot Clinic.
11. Ice procurement for the 2013-14 season will be an HIGH PRIORITY. AHA will attend the FMC scheduling meeting in April. Board members stressed the need to address this priority early due to competition for ice time.
12. The evaluation fee for the 2013-14 season will be \$100. A motion was made (Feldman) which was unanimously approved.
13. Gary Elson provided a Western Mass Freeze Out update.
14. A Banquet Committee will be formed, and all interested are welcomed to participate.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.