

An Amherst Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting was held November 12, 2013 at Howard Johnsons.

A quorum was called at 7:22 pm. The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Bachand, Coughlin, Deres, Elson, Feldman, Kang, Mileski, Smith, and Stoneham. David Schein arrived at 7:59 pm. Jayme Parro and Tom Beckwith attended the meeting.

Jeff Smith moderated the meeting.

1. The October 8, 2013 AHA Board Minutes were approved.
2. Jayme Parro has assumed the role of the AHA Safesport Coordinator as required by USA Hockey. Jayme introduced himself to the Board and provided a concise description of the position and its responsibilities. The Board asked Hockey Operations to begin drafting an AHA Locker Room Policy.

MOTION: (Kang): Board Members and Non-Board Members of Hockey Operations will complete the USA Hockey Safesport Online Module by the December 12, 2013 board meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

3. Dan Feldman provided a review of the AHA Team Representative Meeting, AHA Gear Sale and Exchange, and Try Hockey for Free Day. Nearly \$1400 was raised during the Sale and Exchange. This is nearly double the previous year. Approximately 22 individuals who participated in Try Hockey for Free Day have signed up for LTS/LTP. Kari Bachand announced December 7, 2013 as the LTP/LTS Photo Date. Ryan Scott has agreed to assist Dan Feldman to create a Memory Book for the 2013-14 season.
4. Gary Elson provided updates for the Western Mass Freeze Out (WMFO) and Mullins Mite Madness Tournament (MMMT). Sixteen teams are registered for the WMFO. Teams are still signing up for the MMT.
5. Hockey Operations Review. David Sullivan submitted a draft of the 2013-14 Hockey Operations rules to the Board for review.

MOTION (Feldman): A vote to approve the Operations rules will be deferred until the December 7, 2013 meeting. Board members will review the draft and submit comments to David Sullivan by the next meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

State Playdowns and team tournaments were discussed.

6. GSL Meeting Update. David Schein attended the latest GSL Meeting and provided a summary to the Board prior to the meeting by email. The contents of the meeting will be attached to the November 12, 2013 minutes. The Board discussed the merits and limitations of the current GSL team evaluation process.

MOTION (Feldman): At the next GSL meeting, AHA will recommend to the GSL the elimination of evaluation rounds with the GSL retaining the ability to adjust teams as needed. MOTION APPROVED.

7. LTS/LTP Update. Dan Feldman reported approximately 64 skaters in the LTS program. LTP reported approximately 24 skaters. Jim Capistran has stepped down as the LTS Head Coach. The Board extends its thanks to Jim Capistran for his efforts. The Head Coach for LTS is now Pete Zajicek. Dan Chumbley will continue to serve as the LTP Head Coach. The Board asked the Hockey Operations Committee to review the LTP program. Potential future changes discussed included the following: increasing the number of practices; indoctrinating the LTP coaches to the ADM practice philosophy; and having the LTP coaches attend several Mite programs. The goal is to prepare better the LTP skater for Mites.
8. Old Business. The Board discussed Blazing Speed Power Skating. The Mite through Peewee division sessions have been positively received. Feedback from Bantam coaches suggests that BSPS focus more on technique, edge work, and backwards skating.

Meeting adjourned at 922 p.m.