

An Amherst Hockey Association Board of Directors meeting was held December 10, 2013 at Howard Johnsons.

A quorum was called at 7:20 pm. The following members of the Board of Directors were present: Coughlin, Elson, Feldman, Kang, Lanzafame, Motyka, Schein, Smith, and Sullivan. Tom Beckwith also attended the meeting.

Jeff Smith moderated the meeting.

1. The Minutes from the 11-12-13 Board of Directors Meeting were approved.
2. Dan Feldman provided a review of the AHA Gear Sale/Exchange, AHA Apparel Sale, and Player Pictures. Over \$2000 of apparel orders were processed. Dave Sullivan suggested that the Apparel sale be organized at an earlier date next year. The Boston Bruins also contacted Dan Feldman to schedule a practice run by Bruins.
3. Dan Feldman also provided a LTS/LTP update, and LTP/Novice games commenced Sunday December 8, 2013. AHA has committed 4 Novice teams to the GSL. Players will be permitted to play multiple games in order to fill roster spots.

David Sullivan stated the Hockey Operations will review the AHA LTS/LTP model seeking to effect future improvements.

MOTION (Feldman): Provide \$50 Gift Certificate to Jim Capistran as a show of appreciation for his service to Learn to Play. APPROVED.

4. Dan Feldman provided brief Gear/Equipment update.
5. Hockey Operations Review. The Board will approve by email vote the 2013-14 Hockey Operations manual after final review. State Playdown participation decreased this year over last year. Hockey Operations will work to reverse this next year by improving communication with the teams and the GSL and having a stronger voice at the GSL and GSL Registrar meetings. The Board members also discussed the inconsistency and quality of referees this year, which was also reviewed at the December 4, 2013 GSL meeting.
6. Tournament Update (Elson) There are 16 teams scheduled for the 2014 Western Mass Freeze-Out. Vendors are being finalized, but the tournament still needs an emcee. The Mullins Mite Madness Tournament preparations are proceeding smoothly.

7. GSL Update. Brian Coughlin updated the proceedings of the December 2013 GSL meeting. This included playoff scheduling, the process of evaluations, and missing game sheets.
8. Financial Review. Matt Motyka is working on year-end ice sheet reconciliations for the Association.

MOTION (Sullivan): Teams not participating in this year's State playdowns be allowed to apply the \$200 fee to a substitute (not already scheduled) tournament. APPROVED.

David Sullivan recommended that the Board utilize the full line items already budgeted for the 2013-2014 season. David Sullivan also reminded the Board members that unilateral decisions should not be made without consultation with appropriate hockey operations members or Association directors.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.