



AHA Board Meeting Agenda

October 7, 2014

Eugene Kang, Dan Feldman, Tom Beckwith, Jayme Payro, Teri Larkin, Peter Stoneham, Bryan Coughlin, Jeff Smith, Eliot Deres, Jim Mileski, Dave Sullivan,

Gary Elson(arrived after quorum established).

Guest visitor Emily Cook from the Springfield Falcons. Discussed partnership with AHA. She is now the point of contact for interactions with the Falcons.

June 9 2014 Review of Minutes, motion by D. Feldman to accept, seconded by D. Sullivan. Passed unanimously

September 2014 Minutes review, motion by D. Feldman to accept seconded by J. Parro. Passed unanimously

First alternate Jayme Parro elevated to membership on the board due to Joe Lanzafame's resignations. J. Parrao will serve in this capacity for the 14/15 season.

Mite Teams Request for Tournament Subsidy (David Schein and Dan Feldman) Association currently offers 5 full ice independent games with the expectation that 5 reciprocal games are also played. Discussion mentioned staying within budget at \$200 per game for independent game. Discussion ensued on the possibility of trading independent game, or games, for funds to be applied to tournament play. Value of team bonding at a tournament was brought up for discussion. Budgetary considerations were brought up, as the cost of Mites registration is lower than that of Squirts and higher levels. Motion put forth, that a tournament for mite would be subsidized at 30% of tournament fee, Beckwith motionwith second by Sullivan. Discussion ensued. Call of the questions, 7 in favor 3 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion Passed.

Eliot Deres, coaches apparel on order and is coming (someday). Gear sale update by P. Stoneham, Mantis Graphics will be offering adult champion heavy weight hoodies, youth will be not heavy weight hoodies. Nike jackets for kids are also being explored. Posting on the web site for a sizing fit out day,

Feldman brought up a ball cap in colors with logo. Waiting on graphic logo to be e-mailed to board for approval. T-shirt short and long sleeve version are also being considered for sale.

Used gear sale Thursday night (October 9) 6 to 8 (ish) at Mullins. Accumulated used adult gear will be taken to Bertelli's for sale. Tom Beckwith makes drying rack. He will have a display model, with an order sheet at the gear sale. Sale price of the drying rack will cover cost and extra funds will be given as a donation to AHA.

Hockey Ops Review; Outcome of the evaluation games is that there will be no movement for any AHA teams. GSL considering a set-up with North South East and West levels, with a split of the upper and lower B-level teams at the PeeWee level. GSL meeting on October 8th to discuss of number of teams in divisions. AHA strongly in favor of not having C teams play against B teams. Sub-Group review of hockey ops manual identified then need for a locker room policy to be added. This policy addition will be reviewed by same sub-committee (Sullivan, Coughlin, Scott, Stoneham) and the fully revised document presented to the Board for Review and Approval.

Saturday November 12 ice rentals will start at Orr rink, 70 minutes of ice for a PeeWee/Squirt games on Saturday's starting at 8:00 a.m.

GSL Update no interest from FHA or Nonotuck for 7:00 a.m. at Mullins for Mite Games with the cross ice boards.

Registrars meeting to discuss Play-downs, Jim Mileski at the Bantam level teams are to give a sheet of ice for each team that is playing in the playdowns. Majority of GSL team playing down one tier, this pushes out the C teams. All AHA rosters are vetted.

Try hockey for free day. Feldman needs lots of volunteers, will get free gear from USA hockey on an every other year basis. \$1000 gift from Hampshire Hospitality Group. Ice costs is \$600. Motion of spending up to the \$1k on the event was put forth, seconded, and passed. One vote was registered against this motion. UMass Men's Ice Hockey team will be in attendance at the try hockey for free day.

Safe-Sports, Jayme Parro. Conflicting information as to what date coaches are to have done training, assuming November 1st. Jayme to circulate e-mail to coaches and team representative advising them of their Safe-Sport certification responsibilities

Coaches Registration/CORI/Roster Regulation it discussed by Jim Milesk and Eugene Kang. Discussion of student coaches was referred to the policies in place in the hockey operations manual.

2014-2015 Tournament Preparations. (Gary and Teri)

Squirts C and B registrations are full, A needs one more team. 23 teams out of 24 for the Freeze Out to be held on MLK weekend.

Bantam no one has signed up for Thanksgiving. Bundling of mini-tournament games with attendance at the UMass game on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend was suggested by . Smith and B. Coughlin

Peewee a couple of teams have signed up for the end of year time tournament

Mites 3 of the 8 teams needed are registered.

Sponsorship from Dick's sporting goods is being explored

Fund raising Teri and Dan. Selling ad space on the cross ice boards, need to understand the ramifications of selling advertising within the Mullins Center per UMass policies. Calendar raffle now requires that the \$100 minimum be per player not per family. Dan Feldman to take over fund raising from Teri

No Old Business

New Business, Storage of the black bumpers at Mullins. A shed for storage is a possibility, cost being investigated by J. Smith. Fire hazard in terms of blocking egress a major issue.

UMass coaches and players are willing to volunteer their time for practices at Mullins.

Adjourned at 9:12 p.m