



AHA Board Meeting Minutes 9/6/16

Attendees: Mike Loudon, Bryan Burke, David Sullivan, Karen Skolfield, Jody Wallace, Matt Motyka, Alyssa Mandeville, Tom Beckwith, Patrick Arguin, Dan Feldman, Rai Daley, Ryan Scott, Vincent Sarno, Stephen Rich.

UMass Hockey

Coach Carvel, Allie Levine, and Jeff Smith discussed community outreach, youth hockey nights, and group ticket sales. Looking forward to building relationship with AHA.

First game of the season is Oct. 7th at 7pm.

Reviewed Aug. 2016 board meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes Dan Feldman, second Bryan Burke. Approved Unanimously.

Presidents Report

-Unfortunately was unable to obtain more Mullins Center practice rink ice on Tuesdays. AHA is the largest purchaser of Mullins Center ice in 2015-2016. Next year will negotiate to obtain more ice on Tuesday nights which will reduce our need to go to Greenfield or Holyoke.

VP Hockey Ops

Coaching Assignments

Some people are unhappy with the coaching assignment for Pee wee Blue. Rai Daley stated that as a parent she is concerned for the safety of her child since there have been issues with the locker room and the coach in the past. Rai read an anonymous letter written by a player who had this coach in the past. The player wrote that there were a few incidents last season where players were shoved in lockers, bullied, and exposed to inappropriate language. Based upon the letter and her own feelings, Rai is asking that the coach be removed.

Hockey Ops will investigate the claims. The letter was not presented to Hockey Ops or Safesport coordinator prior to the meeting. Hockey Ops and the Safesport coordinator will disseminate the Safesport travel, locker room, electronic communications, and bullying policies.

VP of Association Activities

-Team Reps have been assigned. Created team rep. responsibility document.

-Working on coffee table inventory and purchase list. Change to \$25 reimbursement policy. \$25 per session worked.

-AHA night at Antonio's in Belchertown. Monday, Sept. 19th.

Treasurer

-Proposed hiring a bookkeeper. Recommended by finance committee. 8 hours at \$35 to start. 4 to 6 hours of reconciling accounts throughout the year. Mike made a motion to hire a book keeper, Rai second. Motion approved.

-20k of 50k of past ice balances has been received. Ludlow, Holy Name, Pioneer Valley, and FCHA still have outstanding ice balances.

Girls Division Coordinator

- GTHFF is Sat., Oct. 8 at the Mullins practice rink. Still waiting on sign-up portal to be created.
- THFF Nov. 12th.
- Girls league will start after power skating sessions have finished. 1 practice per week Oct.-Nov. 2 times per week Dec.-March. Proposed cost \$300 for non-travel, \$100 for travel players. Fees include jersey. Game cost will be paid for by funds from Cheever grant. Motion to approve new fees made by Patrick, 2nd by Tom. Approved

Equipment Coordinator

- Working on quotes for socks, pucks and other equipment. Requesting quotes from Pure Hockey and DK. Haven't heard back from either company.
- Jersey orders no longer handled by Pure Hockey. Working directly with Rebirth. Jerseys will be available 5 weeks from today.

Tournament Director

- Mite Madness March 18&19.

GSL Report

- New game sheets handed out to GSL reps.

Public Relation

- Local papers will publish article and photo of AHA teams that finish first in a tournament. Please provide a photo of the team taken on the ice, score, and roster info to Karen Skolfield within 24 hours of the victory.

New Business

- Kim Pacheco resigned. Eliot as first alternate will be serve out the remainder of Kim's term.
- AHA participating in Belchertown youth sports night on 9/9/16. Looking to collect items for fundraising auction.
- Walmart donation request must be made before 1/10/17
- Hiring new time keepers. Time keepers must be 13 yrs old and older. Contact Naoko Ishida for more details.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.