



AHA Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: 01/03/17

Attendees: Tom Beckwith, Karen Skolfield, Julie O'Brien, Mike Loudon, Emily Moreau, David Sullivan, Bryan Coughlin, Dan Feldman, Jody Wallace, Alyssa Mandeville, Bryan Burke

Reviewed December 2016 AHA Board meeting minutes. Motion to accept minutes made by David Sullivan, 2nd Mike Loudon. Minutes approved.

President

- **LTS/LTP Update**
 - 80 kids are participating; things are going well. Four (4) children on LTS want to be switched to LTP. Discussed having a novice game and Dan is going to send a message to all players about sticks and pucks. The number of teams will be reevaluated for 3rd session of LTP.
- **Status RE: Dismissal of Family**
 - Jeff Brown shared that a summary suspension will not hold this year. AHA will send the family a letter discontinuing the relationship between them and AHA. They will be sent a refund for the amount of money owed to them for this year.
- **UMASS Intermission Shoot Out**
 - Discussed holding this on Feb 18th. Once the date is confirmed Emily Moreau will provide Tom Beckwith with information so that he can contact coaches for help and skater nominations. Game plan is to have four (4) goalies (Mites-PeeWees). We will have shooters from PeeWee Red to LTS.
- **USA Hockey Article**
 - Dan Feldman received a call that an article will be in the next addition about AHA.

Vice President of Hockey Associations

- **Evaluations**
 - Working on setting up a schedule for Evaluations. If the Board knows of individuals willing to help have them contact Tom Beckwith. Mid-season evaluations went out to the coaching staff and Ryan Scott is collecting the data. David Sullivan will be send out a communication about completing them.
- **State Playdowns**
 - Coaches should expect that this will happen during practices. Volunteers will be needed (expected date the last week of February) for a 3-hour time span and three (3) families will be needed to help. The date will be provided to us approximately a week in advance.

Vice President of Association Activities

- **Banquet**
 - Planning will begin soon for the banquet scheduled for April 1 at the Log Cabin. Dan Feldman will recommend names for Banquet Committee. Current committee members are: Alyssa Mandeville, Julie O'Brien, Mike Loudon, Dan Feldman, and Ryan Scott. Registration should be available to families at the beginning of February. The cost will be \$25 per person. It was suggested that next year the banquet fees should be included in

the registration costs so it is not an additional expense for our families. It was suggested that the Finance Committee discuss this at their next meeting.

Treasurer

- Green B. Williams Scholarship deadline discussed. It is currently March 1 and should be moved to February 15th. This year due to amount of money in the account there will be only one (1) family that will receive this scholarship. The Board will need to confirm with family that it is okay to announce winner at the banquet.
- No additional treasurer update provided, Alyssa Mandeville will provide financials via email next week.
- Bruce Collins account is officially closed.
- The annual calendar raffle brought in \$13,305. Those families that sold above the minimum amount and were due a credit have received it.
- RE: Small Claims Count Update – One account has been paid in full and the other has a plan for payment.
- RE: update on ice receivables – Two (2) teams still have an outstanding balance which is \$14787.50. Teams are: WTM and Ludlow.

Scheduler

- There is minimal chance that Amherst Skating Club will negotiate ice time with AHA.
- February schedules have been added to the website.
- Bryan Coughlin and Tom Beckwith will connect to discuss ice needed for Evaluations.
- There is a need for ice for March independent games. If coaches have requests they should contact Bryan Coughlin first about ice and then Alyssa Mandeville and Tom Beckwith.

Girls Division Coordinator

- Girls practice with the Amherst College Women's Team had 25 participants.
- Games are being setup and there is a need for ice.
- Discussed having a game Girls vs. Mites.

Equipment Coordinator

- Exploring moving the storage shed to a more convenient location.

Tournament Coordinator

- Western Mass Freezeout Tournament scheduled for January 13th. There are 23 teams registered and paid in full. Volunteer signups are being worked on and it will be a required for Squirt families to volunteer. Mike Loudon and Ryan Scott working on schedule and communication to families. There are some ice concerns. Lossone Rink is being used heavily for this tournament and we are exploring making some changes with the Bantam A game going on at the same time to clear this up.

GSL Report

- No GSL update to report.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Discussed ice time allotments for next year- Mites schedule is overloaded with 7 AM games and timing should be considered for next year.
- Julie O'Brien gave an update on Coffee Table Signups. There are six (6) slots still available for families.

Motion to adjourn made by Dan Feldman. 2nd by Mike Loudon. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.