



## **Board Meeting** **September 5, 2017**

AHA Board of Directors 2017-2018 Season

Dan Feldman, Tom Beckwith, Julie O'Brien, Alyssa Mandeville, Bryan Coughlin, Ryan Scott, Karen Skolfield, David Sullivan, Bryan Burke, Mike Loudon, Jason Carlson, David Schein, Stephen Rich, Nicole Heroux, Steve Markey, Michelle Kendall, Naoko Ishida

### 1. Approval of August Minutes

Head Coach of Umass Men's Hockey Greg Carvel spoke with board. Pledged to be more involved with AHA. Also wanted to thank the board for the support

Umass Event Sales spoke to us about group ticket pricing. Ask about working with us on some group pricing

### **President**

Spoke about challenges on advertising for AHA in local schools this season. Much is digital which makes it difficult. Dan will be working with the schools to see what other marketing options are available. Looking to attract 100 kids.

Dasher Ads ( No Comment)

### **VP Hockey Ops**

Registrations look good peewee 44 skaters,

Goalie clinics started tonight 8 weeks scheduled

Coach Caz scheduled 1st week in October 4 times and the 4 times in December for Power Skating

No goalie for the bantam team at this time still looking to find someone

### **Vice President of Association Activities**

Team Picture schedule still being worked on in regards to logistics

Coach and rep meeting had good turn-out, information was relayed to them by Hockey Ops.

Holiday apparel sales still looking at timing. Board suggested have up prior to Thanksgiving.

## **Appointment reports**

### 2. Executive Board Reports

- a. President
  - i. LTS/LTP
  - ii. Dasher Ads
- b. Vice President of Hockey Operations
  - i. Registrations
  - ii. State Playdowns
- c. Vice President of Association Activities
  - i. Picture Night
  - ii. Coach/Team Rep. Meeting
  - iii. Family Apparel
- d. Treasurer

Account summary distributed by A. Mandeville. On track for filing of tax returns, working with book keeper

### 3. Appointment Reports

- a. Scheduler
  - i. Evaluation schedule posted
  - ii. Practice schedule being developed now that GSL evaluations are posted. Working with UMass for ice sheets at Mullins. Ice at Orr is now listed
  - iii. FMC contract at Holyoke for Sundays at 3:00 to 4:00 for duration of the season.
  - iv. After GSL games are scheduled any available ice will be posted for teams to look at for setting up independent games
- b. Registrar
  - i. Coaches need to complete modules and safe sport by evaluation dates in order to have team roster completed with USA Hockey.
- c. Special Projects
  - i. Hockey for Children With Special Needs
    - 1. Examine doing 4 sessions, get feedback from families. Safety equipment needed. Will circulate to Special Needs teachers at various school district. Would need to determine the possible number of attendees, and their level of interest and ability to commit.
    - 2. Insurance costs, logistics, what age group(s) timing.
    - 3. Sub-committee of Hockey Ops Rep., Treasurer, AHA President, Specialists from the community. Expertise in Boston? Minnesota where else are there resources that we can tap?
    - 4. Look into Special Olympics

5. Cheever Grant Application at some point in the future?
  6. Special Projects fund set aside from AHA Budget. How to fund this account.
- d. Equipment Coordinator
- i. Status of 2016-2017 Coaches Gear
    1. Jersey Fitting is Thursday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, payment due at time of order.
    2. Coaches Jersey, 4-5 in the AHA storage locker.
    3. Only replace those jackets that are very worn, or for new coaches.
    4. No full warm up suit for head coach.
    5. B. Burke to put out request to coaches for minimum order.
  - ii. Player Equipment/Jerseys & Socks
    1. First aid kits need supplementation
    2. Goalie Equipment at a cross road. Need to inventory team equipment; Squirt Blue, PeeWee White,
    3. Set up a purchase plan for future equipment.
    4. Get quotes from local vendors
    5. Hockey Socks, need to review inventory
- e. GSL Representative
- i. Evaluation Dates, why so early this year?
- f. Girls' Hockey
- i. GTHFF
    1. October 8 11:00 to 1:20 Girls Hockey Weekend. Will be on the USA Hockey Portal
    2. Equipment needed helmets
    3. Volunteer Sign Up page for help on and off the ice.
  - ii. 10U/12U Teams
    1. Two viable teams 10 U 12 skaters, 12/14 U 14 Skaters.
    2. Practice over Labor Day weekend, Coaches and Team Reps in place.
    3. Independent games are being scheduled.
  - iii. House Team
    1. 8 skaters, 7 non AHA girls, signed up. Session beginning in November.
4. Old Business PAC training sessions, email from Dave Schein. AHA the only association in GSL with this training

5. New Business Fundraising, \$70 from Antonios, Belchertown Fundraiser, AHA to benefit from sales and a share of the proceeds from the door.
  - a. Dryland practices location now that three racquet ball courts are being removed from use.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54