

**Meeting of the Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors  
December 8, 2015  
Corrib Restaurant**

**Board Members present:** Lisa Berlucchi, Ross Birch, Paul Conneely, Niall Carney, Joe Donahue, Nick Favorito, Joe Finn, Jim Keenan, Mike McCarthy, Mike O'Brien, John Tobin

**Board Members absent:** Conal Barbuto, Keith Chan, John Gallagher, Kevin Parker

**Meeting Called to Order:** There being a quorum present the meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes / (November 10, 2015)**

Mike O'Brien noted that some board members had mentioned a concern to him over the format and content of recent meeting minutes including the last meeting. Board members indicated there seemed to be a lack of context in certain instances or that the minutes at times did not contain full summaries of discussions that took place so as to leave the content incomplete in their opinion. A discussion then ensued about how the minutes should be formatted and how much detail should be reflected. It was noted that no issues had been raised when minutes were reviewed and approved at recent Board meetings. Those present agreed to continue the discussion when the full board would have an opportunity to comment on the matter.

On a motion by Ross Birch, seconded by Joe Donahue, the Board voted to table its review of the minutes of the regular Board meeting of November 10, 2015.

**Public Comment**

No comments were offered

**Fundraising**

Joe Donahue summarized the ongoing preparations for the fundraising event and raffle at the Irish Social Club on Friday December 18, 2015 from 6-9:00 p.m. An update on raffle ticket sales was provided. This year's tickets were \$50.00 each and the payouts were modified from previous years with a main prize of \$4,444.00 and three prizes of \$444.00. The goal was to have more than 250 tickets sold and augment the proceeds with individual raffles that evening for donated items.

The Board was reminded that the Midget fundraiser for their Montreal trip was also taking place that evening from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Roche Rink and it was hoped there could be some "cross selling" within the two events. Mike O'Brien noted, that despite being the same evening each event was attracting different segments PYH and offered

different activities such as an alumni game with the midget fundraiser. The goal was that the entire program would benefit from a "Hockey Night in West Roxbury".

Niall Carney, Joe Finn and Joe Donahue offered various suggestions to improve the turnout at both events including selling of raffle tickets.

On a motion by Ross Birch and seconded by Mike O'Brien the Board authorized a raffle prize for the Midget fundraiser of the cost of a Learn to Skate Tuition (\$300.00) and a raffle prize with a \$20 ticket for the main fundraiser equivalent to the cost of a travel tuition for the 2016-2017 season.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Nick Favorito reported that as of November 30, 2015 funds on account stood at \$95,901.65. Significant outstanding payments that had yet to be cashed included payments to FMC for Roche Rink October and November ice costs totaling approximately \$60k.

Nick noted that the Board's fiscal 2015 tax return had been filed with the IRS and State Attorney General's Office and copies of it along with the PYH financial statements for the 2014 & 2015 fiscal years had been completed and were available for review. On a motion by John Tobin seconded by Joe Finn the Board voted to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Nick noted the Board had received a donation request from the Boston Junior Bruins related to their annual Pee Wee trip to Montreal on behalf of the six participants on that team from West Roxbury. Nick indicated that the request historically had occurred annually and donations had been made but the Board had not received a request over the past two years. A discussion ensued as to whether a donation should be made. A motion was made by John Tobin seconded by Ross Birch to make a \$100 donation. The motion failed.

### **Cybersport / Registrations**

Mike McCarthy reported that about 99% of participants had been registered.

The Board then took up a registration matter related to adding a player to the Girls U10 Black team. Lisa Berlucchi recused herself for this discussion. Mike O'Brien summarized that the player was currently registered to the VHL Mite Travel team and the coaches of the Girls U10 team had inquired about the player also playing on that team with the understanding that she would not be responsible for practices if the conflict was too severe.

The concept of designating the player an “alternate” was brought up although historically that designation was for skaters who did not qualify for a travel team but were allowed to practice with the team and be called up for games when the team was short-handed. Such players were charged a reduced annual cost.

There was a concern raised and discussion about the practice of PYH coaches soliciting players for their teams from both inside and outside the program, and how that differed from families who sought to return to PYH after skating with select or other teams and how these players would be rostered. Several Board members noted that this practice could lead to a negative perception among families when / if a new player is added to a team mid-season despite the careful efforts of the Board around the try out process and team selection.

Nick Favorito noted that if the Board was going to adopt this practice, tuition costs would have to be addressed where a player from within the program was taking two roster spots on two different teams. Coaches of the U10 team had indicated that they could bring up the issue with parents to address any questions that may arise.

On a motion by Paul Conneely and seconded by Joe Finn the Board authorized a pro-rated tuition cost for the player in question of \$400.00 for the remainder of the season. The Board agreed that the practice would require further discussion and similar requests would need to be reviewed individually until a formal policy was adopted.

## **Skills**

The Board reviewed the ongoing scheduling conflict for the Girls U10 & U12 teams with the Wednesday night goalie clinics due to there being two U10 teams on the ice. After discussion and at the suggestion of Jim Keenan the Board agreed to evaluate the following temporary schedule change: moving the Girls U10 teams to the 7-8 p.m. hour and switching the Pee Wees to 6-7 p.m. The Board would review the change at the next meeting.

## **Coaching**

No report.

## **Valley League**

No report.

## **Middlesex Yankee Conference**

No report.

## **District 1**

No report

## **Mass Hockey**

No report

## **Equipment**

The Board discussed the continuing trend of missing items from the Roche Rink lock boxes and whether to approach FMC again about a more permanent solution within the rink.

## **House Programs**

The Board discussed the feasibility of re-opening the House programs for second round of registrations for the January-March time period. On a motion by Paul Conneely and seconded by Lisa Berlucchi the Board voted to authorize Conal Barbuto to allow registrations subject to program capacities.

## **Pictures**

Lisa Berlucchi reported that she had agreed subject to Board approval to a two year contract with. PYH will also receive a \$600.00 donation

## **New Business**

- The Mayor's Cup tournament will start on December 20, 2015
- Mike O'Brien asked the Board to approve the purchase of a gift card for Caroline Smith who had assisted with the set-up of the VHL cross ice sessions during the fall. The request was approved.
- A Family Skate was going to be scheduled during the Christmas vacation period

On a motion by Joe Donahue seconded by Mike McCarthy the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.