

Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting May 10, 2016

Location: BPD Community Room, 1708 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA

Call to Order at 7:16pm

Members Present: Kevin Parker, President
Andrew Kefalis, Vice President
Conal Barbuto, Vice President
Nick Favorito, Treasurer
John Gallagher, Secretary

Lisa Berlucchi, Member
Niall Carney, Member
Keith Chan, Member
Paul Conneely, Member
Joe Donahue, Member
Mark Fallon, Member
Jim Keenan, Member
Victor Li, Member
Mike O'Brien, Member
John Tobin, Member

Members Absent:

Review of Minutes from the April 12, 2016 Meeting

Motion by Niall Carney to accept the minutes. 2nd Conal Barbuto. All in Favor

Executive Board Election

At 7:22pm the BOD moved to conduct the annual election of officers.

President

Joe Donahue nominated Michael O'Brien (i)
2nd by Paul Conneely

John Gallagher nominated Kevin Parker
2nd by Jim Keenan

Kevin Parker was elected PYH President by a vote of 8-7

1st Vice President

John Gallagher nominated Andrew Kefalis
2nd by Conal Barbuto

Mike O'Brien nominated Paul Conneely
2nd by John Tobin

Andrew Kefalis was elected by a vote of 8-7

2nd Vice President

Mike O'Brien nominated Conal Barbuto (i)
2nd by Lisa Berlucchi

This seat was uncontested.

Conal Barbuto retains the 2nd VP Position

Treasurer

Mike O'Brien nominated Nick Favorito (i)
2nd by Jim Keenan

This seat was uncontested.

Nick Favorito to retain the position of Treasurer.

Secretary

Jim Keenan nominated John Gallagher (i)
2nd by Kevin Parker

Joe Donahue nominated Lisa Berlucchi
2nd by Niall Carney

John Gallagher was re-elected Secretary by a vote of 8-7.

Newly elected PYH President Kevin Parker openly thanked Mike O'Brien for his years of service as PYH President and acknowledged his work and efforts as a PYH Board member, coach, and volunteer.

Public Comment:

Kate and Declan Smyth were present. Travis Dolson was present. Matt Kelly and Mike Donovan were also present.

Kate Smyth addressed the BOD regarding the tryout process, specifically the formula and scoring methodology used to determine a players rating. **John Tobin** explained the tryout

process, and touched on how player determinations are calculated. **James Keenan** explained the evaluation score sheet used by PYH evaluators. **Niall Carney** addressed how the tryout coordinators manage the process, and oversee the tryout sessions(s). **Kevin Parker** explained how the automatic picks are derived, as well as the reason why there are a select number of coach picks. **Kate Smyth** inquired as to why the two C teams are not balanced, in terms of splitting player talent. **Mike O'Brien** explained how that was the practice of choice when PYH participated in the now defunct GBYHL. But, that with a large program such as the VHL, there are more teams involved thus supporting a better parity for lower rated teams. **Mark Fallon** also suggesting that the VHL is a better fit for split talent due to the parity available with the VHL. **Andrew Kefalis** agreed that there is always room for improvement with the tryout process. Although, not perfect the tryout process is a fair one. **Niall Carney** closed the conversation explaining his 5 year involvement with the tryouts, and agreed that there is no perfect way to run a tryout, but the objective is to keep it a fair process.

U10 Discussion

Assistant Coach Mike Donovan addressed the board regarding his concern that some of the girls are in need of further development, and may be better suited with an additional year in the mite house or town line program vs being on a Middlesex travel team. Mike Donovan is also concerned about efficient practices and ice time with a roster of 19 players. Coach Matt Kelly expressed his concern to the board about the skating ability of some of the girls as he witnessed in the 2 tryout sessions. **Andrew Kefalis** agreeing that further development in the mite house or TLL may be more beneficial to some members of the U10 pool of players. **John Tobin** is concerned about girls leaving the PYH program should some of them not be rostered on a U10 team. **Lisa Berlucchi** adding that All PYH teams should have been posted at the same time, including the girls; further adding that in the past, teams were posted with a coach TBD at a later date. This could have worked with splitting the U10 girls and reaching out to find a coach for the second team. Lisa B continued that in the past PYH would not cut boys from teams at levels that they tried out for, these players would be rostered on the lower team and develop accordingly. **Mike O'Brien** indicated that many of the U10 players have other commitments (Irish Step etc...) and may miss several games throughout the season, thus making a roster of 19 manageable. **Mark Fallon** suggested that some of the U10 players could opt to play for one of the Squirt C teams in order to alleviate the U10 roster size. **Andrew Kefalis** stressed to some concerned members that players who aren't rostered are provided with an option to skate within the PYH program with a different team or program such as mite house, TLLL, or McLaughlin League. **Kevin Parker** is concerned about the girls developing skills on a team with a roster size of 19. At the suggestion of **Niall Carney**, the BOD agreed via a vote that what may be the best option, to provide a manageable game roster, is to have 19 players on the U10 team play on a rotating basis. With a player maybe missing 3-4 games per season. PYH to adjust tuition accordingly. **John Gallagher** to draft letter to advise the 2016-17 U10 parents of the roster situation.

Tryouts: ()

Kevin Parker to have tryout committee solidified by the June meeting.

Grievance ()

Nothing to report

Marketing: ()

Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report: ()

Nick Favorito presented, and discussed his prepared financial report to the BOD. The treasurer also received an invoice for \$1800 for McLaughlin League sweatshirts from Superflash. **Mike O'Brien** stated that \$500 of the invoice was offset by a Shaw's Supermarket donation. **Nick Favorito** also advised the BOD that there was a slight improvement over the last month with Accounts Receivable. **Andrew Kefalis** offered to work with **Nick Favorito** on exploring an ACH, or auto-pay method similar to what other programs use for tuition management.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by **John Gallagher**, 2nd by **Niall Carney**. All in favor.

Cybersport: ()

Andrew Kefalis to assume role of cybersport duties. Otherwise no updates.

Skills ()

Kevin Parker is in favor of continuing the goalie clinic, however in order for it to be feasible going forward, PYH will need to secure additional ice time. **Niall Carney** reviewed the Wednesday night skills session with the 3 newly seated board members. Skills clinic management, and goalie cliinc were covered in the conversation. Also suggested that PYH add in a 3x3 game night in lieu of a regular skis session on occasion. **Paul Conneely** informed the BOD that he will continue to scrimmage Norwood on the bantam level for the 2016-17 season. Norwood to share the cost of the ice. **Mark Fallon** suggesting that a power skating clinic be rotated in to the Wednesday night skills session. **Kevin Parker** informed the BOD that he will reach out to Brian Straub to coordinate the on ice drills for the Wednesday night skills session.

VHL: ()

John Tobin to submit 2016-17 teams to the VHL this week.

Middlesex Girls Conference: ()

John Gallagher has been in contact with Middlesex director. Waiting on reply email from Kathy Cincotta of the Middlesex.

District 1/ Mass Hockey: ()

John Tobin advised that the Mass Hockey President to attend meeting May 11th 7pm in Dorchester.

Equipment:

Kevin Parker expects coaches' gifts to arrive in the coming days. Sponsored practice shirts to be ordered in June. Game jerseys for new travel players to be ordered June. Two pairs of game socks to be ordered for all travel players, as well. Water bottles to be ordered for all teams for the upcoming season. **Kevin Parker** has also obtained pricing for an additional storage box for the rink. (if needed)

McLaughlin/House Programs: ()

Conal Barbuto is in need of a LTS co-lead instructor. An Instructional Co-Head Coach has been secured, along with a Mite House Head Coach.

New Business: ()

John Gallagher updated the BOD with regard to a shortage of registered players thus far for the Middlesex U18/16 team. Working with coach Bill Smith, to secure some additional players.

John Gallagher updated the BOD on the latest communication with Roxbury Latin. Hopeful for the rink to be online in January 2017. Will meet with RL in the coming months.

John Gallagher asked the BOD, and received permission to add a player to the U12 roster for the 2016-17 season.

John Tobin brought forth the topic of adding an alternate player to the Pee wee A team for the upcoming season. The board debated the issue and a Motion was made by **Kevin Parker**, 2nd by **Conal Barbuto**.

The motion to allow for a Pee wee A player to be an alternate for the upcoming season was denied by 13 nay votes.

With the **Corrib Road Race** approaching, **Kevin Parker** stressed to the BOD the importance of BOD members and PYH coaches helping out with the efforts to assist in helping out at this year's road race. Along with the Midgets it is asked that the Bantam players assist with the cleanup efforts this year. **John Gallagher** to continue to work with **Kevin Parker** and **Jim Keenan** as liaison with the Corrib Charitable Trust.

Tuition/Hardship

The board voted in favor to grant a full scholarship to a PYH midget player who recently lost a parent. (Motion by **Mike O'Brien** 2nd by **Jim Keenan**)

Kevin Parker made an additional motion that the 6 players who have recently lost a parent receive a full scholarship for the upcoming season. Making the total number of recipients 7 individuals. **Mike O'Brien** with the 2nd. All in Favor

Niall Carney motioned to add one of the above individuals to the Squirt C roster. **Mike O'Brien** with the 2nd. All in Favor

Shamrock Shootout Donation

After debating the issue and request at hand. The Board voted all in favor of supporting **Keith Chan's** motion to donate \$500 to help the Shamrock Shootout. **Lisa Berlucchi** with the 2nd. (noted that **Mike O'Brien** abstained from voting)

At 9:48PM, **Kevin Parker** motioned to adjourn. 2nd by **Mark Fallon**.
All in Favor

Submitted by

John Gallagher
Secretary
05/20/2016