

Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting October 11, 2016

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

Call to Order at 7:15pm

Members Present: Kevin Parker, President
Andrew Kefalis, 1st Vice President
Conal Barbuto, 2nd Vice President
John Gallagher, Secretary
Nick Favorito, Treasurer

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

Members Absent: Victor Li

Review of Minutes from the September 13, 2016 Meeting

The BOD reviewed the meeting notes prepared by **Andrew Kefalis**. With the agreed upon changes/edits to be made prior to posting to website, **Jim Keenan** motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd by **Kevin Parker**. Motion passes 12-0-2.

Public Comment:

Peter Lewis was in attendance.

Roxbury Latin Proposal:

The BOD reviewed the written proposal, including hourly rate (\$215/hour), along with weekly ice time hours made available to PYH (5 hours per week). The BOD was advised by **Kevin Parker** and **John Gallagher** as to the lengths of communication that took place since the September meeting with representatives from Roxbury Latin. PYH will commence using the RL ice starting 1/16/2017, until 2/25/2017. After some further light discussion, a motion was put forth by **Conal Barbuto**, 2nd by **Andrew Kefalis** to accept the Roxbury Latin offer to purchase ice hours.

The BOD voted in favor of the motion 13-0-0.

Follow Up from October 5th Ice Meeting:

Conal Barbuto recapped the discussion (from 10/5 meeting) with regard to the shortage of ice hours facing PYH.

9 Week period of ice shortage
19 teams + McLaughlin League
18 Hours are needed. Currently 16.5 are available.

(**Paul Conneely** left meeting at 7:40pm to coach the Bantam practice)

The agreement with Roxbury Latin, along with the ½ season Midget & U18 teams coming to a close at Thanksgiving. Still leaves PYH with a sizable ice shortage. **Conal Barbuto** furnished a proposed practice schedule for the BOD to review. Covering from mid-November until mid-January. Conal explained to the BOD his process and methodology for determining the upcoming practice schedule.

Peter Lewis was recognized, and voiced concern to the BOD, based on his observance of the overall amount of players on the ice during practice hours. His primary concern is that parents may grow frustrated with the crowded practice and skills sessions, leaving PYH vulnerable to losing players to competing programs.

During the course of conversation, some BOD members expressed concern with PYH teams sharing the ice with another town program. With some BOD members looking for clarification on the payment arrangement, if any, with Norwood Youth Hockey. The BOD moved to revisit the matter at the November meeting.

Grievance ()

Per **Niall Carney**, there are no updates outside of the refund request made by a former U10 player's family.

Mike O'Brien motioned to issue the tryout refund. **Niall Carney** with the 2nd. Motion passes 13 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining. (11-2-0)

Marketing: ()

No update at this time.

Fundraising

Joe Donahue expressed his concern about competing with other PYH programs on fundraising efforts. Particular concern with the Midget fundraising efforts. **Kevin Parker** addressed Joe's concern openly to the BOD. **Conal Barbuto** countered with the question of the objective of PYH fundraising. **Andrew Kefalis** is in favor of corporate sponsors to help sustain fundraising efforts. **Kevin Parker** would like for the Fundraising Committee/ BOD to re-think the usual holiday party that takes place in December. Fundraising Committee to meet and advise the BOD as to a solution/proposal(s) at the November meeting.

Kevin Parker is coordinating with the Corrib Charitable Trust on the sale of raffle tickets for the 2017 road race.

Treasurers Report: ()

Nick Favorito reported to the BOD that there was approximately \$124,000 on hand. With invoices due to the VHL \$30K, and the Middlesex League \$25K.

John Tobin to change membership invoice due date to 11/1.

Cybersport: ()

Andrew Kefalis to reach out to last few registration holdouts. Otherwise, no major items to report on.

Skills:

Given the large amount of players on the ice during skills sessions, **Andrew Kefalis** is looking for better coordination from the skills committee on the management of the PYH Skills sessions. Per Peter Lewis, the Squirt skills session has reached a saturation point. **Mark Fallon** would like to have a Squirt coaches meeting to coordinate the skills sessions. **Conal Barbuto** will look into reworking the Squirt practice in order to spread out some of the teams. However, any solution on this issue will only be in place until Thanksgiving time.

Tryouts

Per **Conal Barbuto**, tryouts have been tentatively scheduled for Feb 27th 2017---March 6th 2017. Tryout committee to meet at some point in the near future to coordinate and plan for the tryout sessions.

Coaching

With the upcoming deadlines approaching for Safesport, Module completion, and USA Hockey required coaching seminars (Levels 1/2/3/4) Coordinators and Members were reminded to communicate this to PYH coaches.

John Tobin motioned for E-Vote on adding Squirt Coaches. 2nd by **Keith Chan**. Motion passes with all in favor.

Kevin Parker to follow up with **Paul Conneely** regarding a status update on CORI reports.

VHL: ()

John Tobin reported no major updates to report.

Middlesex Girls Conference: ()

John Gallagher reported that there were no major updates to report. The upcoming Middlesex game schedule to be released in the coming days.

District 1/ Mass Hockey: ()

State play-down schedule scheduled for the week of 3/05/2017.
Midget program scheduled for the week of 11/19/2016.

Equipment:

Kevin Parker reported that goalie equipment was purchased for some of the PYH teams. Also games socks, and practice jerseys are in. Will coordinate delivery with coaches.

McLaughlin/House Programs: ()

After the BOD discussed the issue at hand, **Mike O'Brien** Motioned to make the 2016-2017 McLaughlin League tuition \$205.00. **Conal Barbuto** with the 2nd. Motion passes 12-0, with 1 abstaining member.

New Business: ()

Kevin Parker discussed with the BOD on making a donation on behalf of long time PYH volunteer Nick McCummings, to the Sled Hockey Program.

Kevin Parker motioned for a \$500 donation. 2nd by **John Gallagher**. Motion carries 13-0-0.

Joe Donahue requested to use the 6AM ice hour on Sunday mornings for a couple week trial period. Joe will coordinate a skills hour open to PYH VHL and Middlesex players. The BOD granted Joe his request.

Due to the holiday week, **Joe Donahue** asked the BOD to purchase the 9-11AM ice hours on Friday 11/25. **Joe Donahue** with the motion, 2nd by **Mike O'Brien**. Motion passes. All in favor.

At 9:42 PM, **Lisa Berlucchi** motioned to adjourn. 2nd by **Kevin Parker**.
All in Favor

Submitted by

John Gallagher
Secretary
11/04/2016