

Parkway Youth Hockey Board of Directors Meeting December 13, 2016

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

Call to Order at 7:12pm

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

Lisa Berlucchi, Member
Keith Chan, Member
Niall Carney, Member
Paul Conneely, Member
Joe Donahue, Member
Mark Fallon, Member
Jim Keenan, Member
Victor Li, Member (left 8:20pm, Midget Practice)
Mike O'Brien, Member
John Tobin, Member

Members Absent: Conal Barbuto

Review of Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Meeting

Mark Fallon motioned to accept the minutes, 2nd by **Jim Keenan**. Motion passes 13-1-0.

Public Comment:

N/A

Tryouts:

Mark Fallon updated the BOD on the planning of tryouts for the 17/18 season. Suggests that the PYH program retain an outside group to conduct tryout evaluations. Also, looking to have current coaches complete evaluations of players, prior to tryouts. **Jim Keenan** agreed that each coach should complete an evaluation of their players. Further adding, that evaluation would provide further, additional knowledge for reference purposes for a new coach, who maybe unfamiliar with a player.

The BOD members discussed the pros and cons of coaching evaluations VS traditional tryout score results. Including further debate as to the best ratio of using both methods to place a player on a PYH team.

Paul Conneely would like to see the PYH program avoid paying an outside group to conduct tryouts. Look at using CM, or college players. **John Gallagher** offered to contact the hockey staff at Roxbury Latin, to assist with evaluations. **John Tobin** suggesting that tryouts be moved to mid-February. Helping to expedite team commitment to meet the VHL deadline. **Andrew Kefalis** stressed the urgency to have a firm plan in place for tryouts. Discussion to resume at January meeting.

Fundraising

Nick Favorito advised that the “buy a sheet of ice” effort led by **Joe Donahue** has raised \$4250.00 thus far. Approximately 19 entities have donated to the effort.

Mark Fallon informed the BOD, that he has been in contact with Verizon FIOS on coordination a signup taking place at the rink. PYH to receive a portion of proceeds with member sign-ups. **Kevin Parker** to seek OK (on the use of rink lobby area, for Verizon) with FMC.

The BOD discussed the idea of conducting a fundraising party event in 2017, prior to the end of season.

Mike O'Brien would like to coordinate a Holiday Party for PYH travel teams on the Wednesday before Christmas, at the rink. Open skate, pizza & soda, raffle tickets sales to benefit PYH.

Kevin Parker motioned to authorize up to \$1500 for a holiday party for the travel teams. **Andrew Kefalis** with the 2nd. Motion approved 14/0/0.

Grievance ()

N/A

Marketing: ()

John Gallagher reminded the BOD that there is a PYH twitter account available to publicize team news and pictures etc...

Treasurers Report: ()

Nick Favorito supplied his treasurer's report to the BOD. Items of note: Cash on hand approximately \$98K. Approximately \$23K in A/R from VHL & Middlesex League. Currently \$119.5K in outstanding membership receivables. Upcoming A/P of approximately \$95.8K

Nick Favorito is working with Sage ACH services to help automate and streamline future membership payments. Advised the BOD that PYH tax return has been filed, **Nick Favorito**, further advised that all annual corporate filings have been completed, and filed with the MASS Attorney General's office, along with those filings required by the MASS Secretary of State's office.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report by **John Tobin, Kevin Parker** with the 2nd. All in favor.

Cybersport: ()

Andrew Kefalis is still waiting on a few coaching certifications in order to meet the 12/31 deadline.

Skills:

No significant updates to report.

Coaching

Paul Conneely suggests the PYH program offer tuition breaks for head and assistant coaches. Offering such, may help attract and/or retain coaching talent. Common practice with club teams, and some town programs as well.

Andrew Kefalis suggests that PYH help strengthen the program by naming head coaches as early as possible. With delays often leading some players to look to other programs.

VHL: ()

John Tobin reported that roughly 95% of the VHL required registration have been completed by parents thus far. **John Tobin** to continue assist those who have trouble navigating the VHL registration process.

Middlesex Girls Conference: ()

John Gallagher informed the BOD that the U12 & U14 team coaches are discussing the idea of combining practices, at least for the next month.

District 1/ Mass Hockey: ()

Kevin Parker informed the BOD that Mass Hockey is looking for any rule changes or implementation ideas, due to district registrar by 2/8/17.

District 1 meeting taking place tonight (12/13/2016) with **Bob Wall** in attendance for PYH. **Kevin Parker** to discuss with **Bob Wall** the meeting items of discussion.

Equipment:

Kevin Parker reported that some additional shirts have been purchased to outfit recent late registered players. The BOD acknowledged the fact that the shirts have held up well since acquired, concurring that membership can purchase replacement shirts, if needed, going forward.

Kevin Parker is assembling a 1st year coach's manual, to help assist, and guide new coaches to the PYH program on acquiring equipment, PYH contacts, and general processes and responsibilities etc...

Pictures

Lisa Berluchi plans to schedule this year's PYH photo session the week after Martin Luther King Day. PYH is in the final year of a 2 year agreement with the photography vendor.

McLaughlin/House Programs: ()

No update on House programs. (**Conal Barbuto** out)

Mike O'Brien informed the BOD that the McLaughlin season has gone well thus far, Friday night games have been competitive and close scoring. No issues to report.

New Business: ()

Kevin Parker to discuss with **Ilene D'Angelo**, her use of PYH website going forward. Needs to seek BOD permission to utilize website for wreath and blanket sales etc...

Joe Donahue motioned for the purchase of 3 morning hours of ice time at Roche during the school vacation week. **Mike O'Brien** with the 2nd. All in Favor 13/0/0

Andrew Kefalis distributed a copy of a public comment policy proposal that he drafted. Andrew K. to email BOD members an electronic copy, as well, in order to provide BOD members time to review and offer suggestions and/or changes to this draft policy. Looking to vote on policy proposal at January BOD meeting.

John Tobin introduced the idea of recording how all board members vote on all PYH related motions, coach selections, as well as executive board elections. The members of the BOD discussed the merits and downfalls of recording votes in this manner. **Jim Keenan** motioned to table the matter. **Nick Favorito** with the 2nd. Motion carries 8/5/0.

John Tobin brought forward the discussion on not allowing non-PYH players to participate on PYH teams during the Mayors Cup, as well as regular season PYH games.

Also discussed, was the U12 team's request to add non-PYH players for the upcoming Mayors Cup. **Jim Keenan** suggesting that U12 coach Terry Steele be involved with this discussion. The idea of adopting an alternate player tuition was brought up, as other town programs seem to have success with it.

Kevin Parker motioned for PYH to donate ice for the USA Hockey/National Try Hockey for Free Day on 2/25/2017. **Mark Fallon** with the 2nd. All in Favor 13/0/0
*Kevin to coordinate with Conal Barbuto on ice time.

At 9:20pm **Kevin Parker** motioned to adjourn. 2nd by **Mark Fallon**.
All in Favor

Submitted by

John Gallagher
Secretary