

**Demons Youth Hockey Association
October 6, 2010 – Board Meeting Minutes
Holliston Fire Department, Holliston, MA**

Executive Board of Directors ("BOD") Members in Attendance:

Jack Bloomer	President	Present
David Allen	First VP	Present
Debbie Amorelli	Second VP	Present
Harry Keates	Program Director	Present
Carolyn Kirk	Registrar	Present
Stu Montgomery	Coaching Coordinator	Present
Kevin Schlicke	Treasurer	Present
Mike Murphy	Secretary	Present
Lynn McClusky	Rink Coordinator	Present
Joanne Boccelli	Development Director	Absent
Vacant	Publicity Director	--

9 present – quorum

Open Meeting Items

Board Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

1. September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved, pending minor edits.
2. Board action items were reviewed and updated.
3. Items from the Floor
 - a. none
4. Board Member Reports
 - a. Board member reports were discussed. The following items were reviewed:
 - i. President's Report:
 1. Jack Boomer discussed a skater from Ashland who is interested in signing up for the Demons. Jack needs to follow up to find out what the level of interest is, what level they would be playing at, and if it's for a primary or open team.
 - ii. 1st VP Report:
 2. David Allen discussed the upcoming District 8 meeting which will focus on the Mite cross ice initiative. Half of the teams will start this year, and the remaining teams will go cross ice next year. David was requested to get the Demons president information updated in the Mass Hockey book.

3. David also discussed the possible USA Hockey directive to remove checking from the Pee wee level. This is up for a vote in January 2011.
 4. David discussed alternatives for future jersey replacements. He will research the way other organizations handle this cost, and make a proposal to the board.
- iii. Coaching Coordinator Report:
5. Stu Montgomery discussed feedback on the Pro Ambitions program.
 - a. Some feedback was received that the Pro Ambitions coaches need to keep up the energy level on the ice.
 - b. Harry Keates added that the children prefer not having the Demons coaches on the ice during the skills sessions.
 - c. Bantams have attended, but do not believe it is benefitting them.
 - d. Member Dave Frandina has made the suggestion that we add more sessions, and have the families pay more. He believes all participants want to continue, and would help support it. The board decided to wait an opinion from the treasurer, who was arriving late for the meeting.
 - e. Jack will discuss feedback with Pro Ambitions, explain that we like the program, but would like a couple of minor adjustments.
- iv. Program Director Report
6. Harry Keates discussed a conversation he had with a Hopkinton developmental family who wants their child to do more than just skate around. Harry explained to them the Mosquito program, and how it works. Harry is planning on registering the Mosquito program at NESCA.
- v. 2nd VP Report:
- a. Debbie Amorelli discussed the photo release and web page policy. The feeling is that we want it to be opt out, rather than opt in. Consensus from previous boards is that we do not want names associated with the pictures, and a waiver was needed for all pictures.
 - i. The following proposal was put forth by Jack, which was unanimously accepted:
 1. Pictures on the open web are okay, but no names or teams are listed.
 2. Pictures on the password protected areas of the Demons web are okay with names, but we must offer an opt out.
 3. For a newspaper that wants to run an article, team managers will be required to inform the parents, and give them the opportunity to opt out.
 4. Deb will send a note out to the association with the policy.
 - b. Debbie is researching options for outsourcing Demons wear.
 - c. Comedy night ticket sales has been slow – David to encourage team managers to urge their teams to attend.
 - d. David to request raffle prize from Tri-Valley.

5. Tryout Process Committee

- a. The board began discussions on a subcommittee to look at the tryout process. This was the result of feedback from the audit committee – especially the need to formally document the fall placement process. Mike Murphy was assigned an action to write up a summary of the tryout process. Other discussions included soliciting feedback from the membership, when to schedule the review (prior to the trout meeting). Jack and Debbie to work on the structure and composition of the subcommittee.

6. Goalie Skills Clinic Discussion

- a. The first session was exceptionally well received by the 6 goalies in the program. Harry Keates made a proposal to continue with a second session with the same funding agreements between the association and players. The proposal passed, 9 in favor, 0 against)
- b. There was a proposal to offer this to midget goalies as well. The board voted 5 for, 3 against (1 abstention), to have Harry speak to StopIt and see if they'll consider a partial session for the midgets running until Thanksgiving. The follow up approval will be determined by an email vote.

7. Natick Rink Issue

- a. The Natick rink was late opening for one of our 6am practices. This resulted in both Demons coaches and parents becoming upset. Lynn McCluskey has spoken to rink management, and they are promising a credit.
- b. While discussing the late opening, the board discussed a proposal to change from three 1 hour sessions at Natick, to two 1.5 hour sessions. This was proposal was defeated, 1 for, 8 against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40pm