

Central Mass Revolution Youth Hockey Association
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 11, 2019

Location: Northstar Ice Sports, 15 Bridle Lane, Westborough, MA
Time: 6:30pm

1. Call to Order 6:45pm
 - a. Present, Chris Williams, Co -President, John Lloyd – Co-President, Christine LoSchiavo – Treasurer, Anthony Chiardonna – VP of Hockey Ops, Brian Walsh VP of Registration, Christa Duprey – Secretary, Krissy Bissonnette – VP of Leagues & Scheduling, Ian Wisuri – Equipment Manager & Development Director, Matt Chamberlain, Board Member, Rudy Luice Board Member, Bob Mailing, Board Member, Dennis Serocki, Advisor, Jim O'Brien Advisor
 - b. Absent: Craig Jennings, Advisor
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Merger Joint meeting minutes June 2019, no edits or comments made, motion to approve and passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Bills from merger reconciliation - Chris Hodge was sent the Starhawks side of the books but he is on vacation and will review upon return.
 - i. Once finished by Chris Hodge, he will coordinate with Brian Desruisseaux
 - b. Current bills - paid embroidery unlimited for merchandise that has been ordered. Deposit has been paid to Northstar for mites for both developmental and upper division.
 - i. Action item: Christine L. to look into deposit for teams with the Valley League and to coordinate with Anthony to make sure they are in the appropriate level.
 - c. Goalie Tuition - Discussion was held due to inquires with what the Midget goalies tuition fee is. Currently there are 5 midget teams and 6 goalies. Discussion was that full time goalies for peewee/bantam goalies that tuition is \$500. Discussion included that midget season is shorter for the fall that a motion for goalies tuition fee set at \$250 for the fall season. The motioned was second and unanimously passed to set the Fall Midget goal tuition (for each goalie) for \$250.
 - d. Additional discussion was held to have a physical address for the CM Revolution Youth Hockey bank statements, Craig Jennings name to be removed from Starhawks bank account since he is no longer President.
 - i. Action item - Christine and Chris to meet with Craig to removed from Starhawks bank account and banking items need a physical address, and will go to Christine L.
 - e. Christine L and Dennis S to coordinate QuickBooks
 - i. Action item - Christine needs access from QuickBooks from Dennis S. from the Shrewsbury account
 - f. John Lloyd shared that Dennis Serocki, Pam, merger attorney and himself to meet to close out Shrewsbury Youth Hockey Association
 - i. Action items - Dennis and John to meet with Pam to close out the Shrewsbury Youth hockey and the funds of the 501c3
 - g. Alternate program Tuition - Tabled for discussion
 - h. Coaches discounts or reimbursements - Discount discussion will occur at a later date once the budget and ice rental agreements are set and contracts signed. It was also brought up in the discussion that this topic may be a hockey operations issue. Also that discussion in the future could include possible discounts for certain board positions. Further discussion for these items will be

brought forth under old business in the future. Current account status - Christine stated that tuition is rolling in and people are informed that they need to play

- i. Tuition 2019/20 discussion for CM Revs - Christine L shared that tuition payments are coming in and majority are paying on time. Families that are not up to date have been contacted and they have been told by Christine L that their player will NOT be able to take the ice unless the player's account is brought up to date by the end of August. Also, checks are being received at the old Starhawks PO box. Also, there are people reregistering and causing duplicate registrations in a player's account which also doubles their tuition balance. Christine has had to work with families to educate them on how to pay. Christa posted a message on the registration page not to use the registration button back in June 2019. John Lloyd brought up current CM Revs players that have been placed on preliminary CM Revs rosters, however these are former members of Shrewsbury Youth Hockey Association. These five former Shrewsbury Youth hockey players have outstanding balances, including families that were on payment plans. They have not finished paying off the 2018/19 balance.
 - i. Action Item - John Lloyd will inform Christine L. of the outstanding former Shrewsbury YHA players. Their Shrewsbury balance will be added to the CM Revolution player account balance and these balances must be brought up to date.

4. Scheduling

- a. Coaches non availability - In years past coaches availability is not collected, ice is scheduled the best way due to the ice times given.
- b. House league - Krissy B received the ice time from FMC. John Lloyd signed the FMC contract on 6/11/19. The Northstar contact was still being finalized by Craig Jennings and will be given to Krissy B once received.
 - i. Craig Jennings to finalize and sign Northstar contract and send ice schedule to Krissy Bissonnette, Ice Scheduler
 - ii. Krissy will start loading all ice but not make it public. She will work on it behind the scenes. Jim O'Brien will assist as needed for ice scheduling.
- c. Preliminary ice schedule for mites thru midgets - Some discussion on where to place mites thru midgets for practice. Also be conscious not to schedule teams, if possible, not 4 days in a row ie. Friday practice, Sat/Sun game/practice and Monday practice.
- d. Goalie clinics first half of the year- will confirm ice once is contracts are all received. Hockey Ops to work on this.
- e. Fall conditioning dates for all levels - Discussion was held how the dates are determined and also when ice is available. Ice begins in late August the dates are worked backward from the start of the season by at least 2 weeks. Then times are plugged in for teams that have fall conditioning. Note that bantam will not have fall conditioning due to one team this season. Also, hockey ops and ice scheduler are aware that there are more teams at other levels therefore will need to take that into account for when planning.
- f. Procedure to inform ice scheduler of unused ice and how to notify coaches - this will be a Hockey Ops discussion and shared with ice scheduler and coaches.

5. Hockey Operations - Anthony, initial meeting planned for Monday, July 15 at 7pm in Milford.

- a. Coaching - interest forms, criteria etc. - Anthony form to be sent to the org this week
- b. Fall conditioning set up/organization/dates - Anthony, will need a lot of help at fall conditioning but Chris Williams suggested that the reach and ask for additional volunteers to come assist even if not in a formal coaching role, to come help at fall conditioning.
- c. Volunteers - Anthony, get more team volunteers, and coaches -
Action item - John and Chris sent a welcome message to CM Revs by August 1, 2019

- d. USA Hockey Certification - Safe Sport Certification, update news for 2019/20 - Anthony shared that USA Hockey says players that are 17 need to take safe sport if they have kids 15 and under. There may not be an issue depending upon how the midget teams are formed. Only issue that is required with safe sport will be hard to get them complete it. Brian can only track the player's info not safe sport info
 - i. Action item - Brian , Mass Hockey rep will reach out to DJ at Mass hockey to get clarification on this new Safe Sport information..
- e. Tentative pre season coaches meeting and mid season coaches meeting set for Sunday, August 4th.

6. Equipment - Ian W.

- a. Uniforms - Socks - Anthony has extra socks. He do an inventory.
- b. Socks.... 8.25 /pair..... info will be sent to Ian, add 10 percent on each size for additional socks, order a small about and buy for the future. in the past socks for Starhawks were bought for midgets. All girls teams will have the Revs uniforms.
 - i. Action Item - Brian to looking into if we order midget socks.... will order 225 socks and then add in midget numbers if needed but Anthony will share sizes prior to ordering.
- c. Jerseys - Erin did all the jersey sizing and ordering. Erin ordered practiced jerseys for the mites AND house league.
- d. Goalie equipment for Mites/Squirts - Last year there were 5 Starhawks mite goalie star sets, these were quick change system. They are about a year old. Shrewsbury had goalie equipment, 5 sets, 2 have been returned, and 2 have not been returned. Krissy will be reaching out to the coaches to hunt down the last set. The regular set of goalie equipment has usually gone to the upper team. Anthony will also need a squirt goalie set or two sets.
- e. hunting down the last set.
 - i. Action item - Ian to look into the quick change set or two for the squirts and have prices.
- f. First aid for coaches - No one has asked for them on the Starhawks and a few Shrewsbury coaches have made their own. Discussion was held around what to include specifically for ice hockey and if we have the budget to provide coaches with a first aid kit.
 - i. Action Item - Ian will look into first aid kit costs for supplies, Brian will also look at prices of first aid bags.
- g. Lock boxes - Hoping to continue a lock box at Buffone, will need to keep the code much better and remind all coaches they are responsible for locking the box. Pucks disappeared very quickly last year due to house league and the box not being locked.
 - i. Action Item: Ian will look into a lock box for Northstar for practices in rink B.
 - ii. Action Item: Craig will need to double check with Northstar for permission/location.
- h. Storage Units - Discussion was held that both orgs have a storage unit, \$96 Starhawks cost and \$86 Shrewsbury cost. It was in the discussion to buy a conex shipping container to store all the extra equipment in one location possibly at Northstar in the back parking lot or possibly in Shrewsbury somewhere on the Northborough line. This would house goalie equipment, scoring, pond hockey goals, old jerseys, and old small equipment, checking dummy, Suggestion made to donate to Worcester youth street hockey.
 - i. Action item - Ian will look into smaller type outdoor storage unit and ask for permission from Northstar or in Shrewsbury for another location.
- i. Equipment - pucks and cones - Westborough Toyota normally gives bags of pucks, at the beginning of the season black pucks for games , Toyota for practices. Brian shared that he normally orders water bottles/carrier, game and practice pucks, handed out to call coaches, bought at pure hockey. Most water bottles are thrown out, most carriers were returned.
 - i. Action Item: Brian will look into company that will do CM Revs logo for game pucks.
 - ii. Action item: Craig.... Westboro Toyota pucks

7. Tournaments - Discussion around possibly a few teams at different level try to attend one tournament Tourney in the Woods (Groton), will look into on tournaments for teams to have a presence at tournaments.
 - i. Action Item - Ian will look on Mass hockey/ new England for tournaments to provide to the board and Hockey ops can assist as well.
 - ii. Lobster pot Mites - Starhawks have had 3 slots, Shrewsbury have had 1,
 - iii. Action item - Christine will put in the application requesting more slots
 - iv. Action item - . Christine will book hotel as well. Hockey ops will know how to place the teams for the tournaments.
- a. House league/mites Dover NH tourney - February, 2020 - suggestion for an upper peewee team and also the other mite teams. A nice local, low key tournament at the beginning of February vacation.
- b. Cape cod tournament, Brewster, March 2020 - another nice tournament that a team had good parity in
- c. Squirts - Cape cod tournament March 2020 - this would be good to add for a squirt team as well
- d. Peewee - Recommend NOT to do NESC in February, no parity
- e. Bantam - Enjoyed Waterville Valley
8. Bruins Academy
 - a. Registration open, on website and Facebook - 16 registered in each session per Erin Perry. Christa will continue to post and share on Facebook and board members do the same to spread the word. In addition, local Parks and Recreation department of the towns we serve. A note about the program is that the cost has increased by \$40 from last year and the Bruins Academy is must stricter on not having a USA Hockey number previously. Also, registration is a bit sooner this year, so families new to hockey are not thinking of hockey in the summer.
 - b. Lead person and next steps -
 - i. Action item - Craig - will need to check and see how registration is going
 - c. Dates - Krissy to block out dates once provided to her, they have been set when we registered with the Bruins a few months ago.
9. League Updates
 - a. Northstar - mites - Krissy, Krissy will be in touch with Joanne for any updates.
 - b. Valley League - Krissy is rep and will need to be the contact person. Craig sent a VL email in for 13 teams in VL. midget thru squirt,
 - i. Action item - Craig will need to provide the levels and number of teams.
 - ii. Action items -Dennis will reach out to Brian D. regarding a credit card
 - iii. Action item - \$200 per team, Christine, deposit to be paid.
10. Off ice conditioning - Anthony has spoken to 2 different gyms to run a program for the kids..... also a place in Milford. Both are willing to work with CM Revolution depending upon what we are looking for.
11. Fundraising for 2019/20 season - For tournament or other cost reduction for the organization, Will need a point person to organize the raffle printing, distribution to teams to team managers.
 - a. Action item - Christine to run Bruins raffle again for the fundraiser,
 - b. Action item - Christine will call Bruins to order tickets
12. Merchandising
 - a. Banner for Northstar - Chris has 2, 2 by 8 banners already made.
 - i. Action item: Craig to request that we can hang a banner in rink b at Northstar
 - b. Socks in hockey shop at Northstar
 - i. Action item: Craig to chat with hockey shop to see if the Revs socks can be sold again this season.
 - c. Swag for sale - merchandise has been ordered and paid for.

13. Kickoff event... Discussion was held if there was going to be a kickoff event or other type of event this season. Traditionally Starhawks have held a skate/pizza party. Discussion from Christa's suggestion of possibly an outdoor street hockey and parent meeting/social could be held. Pros and cons from weather to location of Buffone, Northstar or Navin. Could still do pizza and ice cream. Suggestions that are also available are spin the wheel, check your shot speed. Some discussion on when to hold the actual event, usually right before games start and fall conditioning is just about finished. Also shared that the parent meeting would really only have mite and squirt parents attend but that it could be a great way to get more people involved in volunteering for CM Revs. Details, date etc. will be determined at the next BOD meeting.

14. Old Business -

a. Emails for Board or other positions

i. Action Item: Brian, to need to set up the email address from hoover and renew for Starhawks and Brian to set up new email accounts 'contact @..... ' and they would forward to a different email.

15. New Business -

a. Discuss with Mass Hockey the name of the org instead of Starhawks and Shrewsbury

i. Action Item - Brian - to speak with Mass Hockey and USA Hockey to be changed to CM Revs hockey.

The board was informed a former Starhawks player had passed away in a motorcycle accident. Ryan P. Nicholson, 20

SOUTHBOROUGH - Ryan P. Nicholson, 20, of Southborough passed away unexpectedly in a motor vehicle accident on Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Northborough. He was the adored son of Paul and Maria (Trombetta) Nicholson of Southborough. Contributions may be sent in Ryan's memory to the Ryan P. Nicholson Memorial Fund proceeds will go to Starhawks Youth Hockey Association, Hudson MA, c/o Main Street Bank, 6 E Main Street, Southborough, MA 01772.

a. Donations are being made in his memory to the Starhawks. Discussion was held to do something in honor of this young man, a motion was made to have helmet sticker made, 2nd and passed unanimously.

ii. Action item - Brian to look into helmet stickers for the players to wear this season.

16. Next meeting date - Monday, August 12th, 7pm at Northstar,

a. Action item, Christa schedule conference room

17. Adjourn - 9:48pm