

Central Mass Revolution Youth Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Location: Northstar Ice Sports, 15 Bridle Lane, Westborough, MA

Tim

e: 7:00pm

1. Call to Order 7:06 pm
 - a. Present: Ian Wisuri, Board Member/Tournament, Equipment, Krissy Bissonnette, VP Ice Scheduling, Chris Williams, co-president, Matt Desjardins, CM Lady Revs Rep, Anthony Chiaradonna, VP Hockey Operations, Rudy Lioce, Board Member/Midget Director, Christine LoSchiavo, Treasurer, Brian Walsh, Registrar, John Vereker, Coach, John Lloyd, Co-president, Christa Duprey, Secretary, Matt Chamberland, BOD and Dennis Serocki, treasurer advisor, Bob Mailing, Board Member
 - b. Absent: Michael Manchester, Merchandise
2. Secretary's Report
 - a. Review, corrections of Board of Directors February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Motion was made by Chris Williams, there was no further discussion, minutes passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report – Christine LoSchiavo
 - a. QuickBooks data is being loaded now. Once all the data is entered, it will be able to provide a clear and good picture what CM Revs spent this past year for ice costs and other items.
 - b. Current checking account balance is \$108,794.84 CM
 - c. Money market - \$40k, Christine is working on the log in for this account.
 - d. Dennis Serocki, form Shrewsbury Youth Hockey treasurer, Dennis stated, SYHA had approximately 25k in the checking account. Also, Shrewsbury Youth Hockey will be able to provide the accounting software when Dennis can close the account.
 - e. Starhawks Youth Hockey Association checking account \$40,495
 - f. Tuition: Discussion was held around that Christine and Dennis will be working to look at the registrations, ice costs, operational costs to put together a proposed tuition. Ideally this proposed tuition should be announced and notify all players/families by April 1st. approximately. Highlights of the discussion included
 - i. Ice discussion – how much ice we do or do not need, Meetings have yet to be held to talk and negotiate with ice rinks for sheets of ice during the season.
 - ii. Anthony Chiaradonna proposed that there should be a separate meeting to go thru all the teams, programs to develop, goalie clinics, house league etc. to discuss the actual specifics of ice and programs and potential times to hold different programs. This was agreed upon and Anthony will set up a future meeting with those who are interested.
 - iii. Discussion was held around raising tuition. It was noted that tuition has not been raised for a few years for squirts thru bantams. Christine L. suggested the tuition increase of \$150.00 next year for squirts thru bantams. Further discussion was held of increasing tuition and that a vote was not taken as of yet to raise tuition since costs need to be reviewed to know how much tuition would need to be.
 - g. Midget: Outstanding tuition from the fall, \$225 still owed, Christine is working with this family
 - h. House League: 5 had not paid as of yet. Craig Jennings had reached out to the families and all had paid except for one. Christine will circle back with Craig Jennings if needed.
 - i. Lady Revs player: Christine informed the BOD that a player was to pay by January 2020. This was after Christine had reached out in December 2019 when a balance was still outstanding. Christine LoSchiavo stated that this family normally has paid by check. Christine said that they had

communicate via email in early February and a check was to go in the mail. Nothing had been received and she will reach out to the family once again.

- i. Anthony said normally Hockey ops would reach out usually so the coaches would not have to be involved if a player needs to be taken off the ice for non-payment.
- j. Christine will be having a meeting with the RF Wood foundation based out of Marlborough to discuss a partnership with the CM Revolution to assist families/players that are in need for hockey tuition.

4. VP Registrar – Brian Walsh

a. 2020/2021 Player Registrations

- i. Steve Calmuchi is taking DJ's place at the District 7 MA hockey. DJ is stepping back his role with MA Hockey.
- ii. At the MA Hockey meeting, Brian shared that District 7 would not be merging with District 8. Some of the Mass Hockey didn't want them to merge. In addition, the Districts are made by USA Hockey. When the potential changed was presented to USA Hockey and USA Hockey was not for the merger, MA Hockey did not want to push back to USA Hockey for the district merger.
- iii. District 7, we are a small district, district 8 has all town programs
- iv. State play down status: CM Rev squirt team. They were allowed to pull out of the state tournament and did not attend.
- v. Brian shared that MA Hockey is looking for organizations to host state playdowns. There is the opportunity to actually make money for the organizations, approximately 5k. Brian asked the BOD if we wanted to run a state tournament? Crusaders and Twin City do currently host games. Discussion was held around the topic of hosting, however the CM Revs BOD felt that the money was not worth the effort and we would not have enough people to volunteer to help with hosting games.
- vi. Christa Duprey asked Brian Walsh if there was any discussion at the meeting regarding club teams? Brian indicated that many programs are in the same situation as us and Mass Hockey was not really doing anything about club teams. Brian did mention that ironically that some club teams are not pleased that they did bring up that 2 select teams in the Boston area which include a high school, on-line and play hockey. The club/select teams are not happy about this since they would then compete for going to the tier 1 nationals championship.

5. Old Business

- a. Website updates – Krissy Bissonnette added the playoff information March 4, 2020. Mites playoffs start this weekend. Krissy will update each week on playoffs and how all the teams are doing.
- b. All player eval information was posted after the last meeting that was approved from the last meeting for the public to reference and see as well as on social media.
- c. Hockey Operations – Anthony Chiaradonna
 - i. House League – Running well from Craig. Anthony will chat with Craig for thoughts for next year.
 - ii. Bruins Academy for Girls – Matt Desjardins is taking the lead with Christa in a support role for communication with the Boston Bruins and the families. There are 44 girls registered from CT to MetroWest area. CM Revs was one of only about 10 programs across the state of Mass asked to run a Girls Bruins Academy.
 - iii. Player Evaluations- about to start, schedule posted
 - 1. Contacted coaches and informed the coaches of the skills drills so kids will get use to them at practices
 - 2. Anthony is working on assignment coaches for skills, scrimmage and coaches have handed in for the most part.

- iv. Hockey Operations/BOD hosted two informational nights. Krissy was also in attendance. There were approx. 25 people over the two nights. Overall feedback was good from the parents. Parents were there from learn to play all the way thru midgets. A nice wide range of parent representation. Only negatives were practice plans from a few coaches were lacking, which Anthony said he had worked with over the year. Anthony said these coaches were more mites/squirts they could be new/and had stressed to the coaches that they need better practice plans.
 - v. Playoffs: A few weeks left in the season. Unfortunately, there is still one peewee team that is still struggling. Anthony stated that this will be something for hockey ops to think about for placement for those types of players for some players that have some issues with coachability, effort etc. When Hockey Ops meets how to do the placement, with the skill, attitude and effort will be taken into account from the Coaches evaluations. This will be from mites thru midgets.
 - vi. Anthony going to schedule a midget night evals for a preliminary skate in April once the other player evaluations are completed. He has already secured about 4 coaches to assist.
 - vii. Anthony would like to do a Lady Rev night: Have an open skate to then ID players and help introduce girls to our Lady Rev program. We will need to advertise to see about increasing the number of players. Potentially on Tuesday at 7:30pm
- d. Equipment
- i. Practice Jerseys: Discussion was held around that practice jerseys would be great for next season.
 - ii. Christa will add a button for sponsors to donate practice jerseys. Also, a \$1500 check was given to Anthony from Kyderera copy company. A motion was made by Anthony to use this donation to purchase the practice jerseys to get the ordered. This was seconded and the motion passed.
 - iii. It was discussed that a sublimated practice jersey is approximately \$17. It was also discussed that Midgets also be included to have a simple practice jersey and this could be their 2nd game jersey. It was noted that a lot will have jerseys since players moving up, however kids are growing when they first ordered their jerseys just a few years ago.
 - iv. Michael Manchester will be notified to handle the practice jersey ordering since he was not present at the meeting since he will need to take care of the jersey ordering.
 - v. It was also noted that jersey sizing and also players that need a new jersey will need to be coordinated during evaluations or scrimmages or have a sizing night. Michael and Kerry Manchester will need to be notified since not in attendance.;
- e. Tournaments
- i. Bantam Laker tournament and pw2,
 - ii. Erica Zyger to help Krissy prepare a packet of info for team manager. Information on how to be a great team manager, expectations, helpful hints and more. Christine will pass a long a letter that she had that addressed a lot of this information.
 - iii. Lobster pot, mites, paid for this year by the organization however, it will be a BOD discussion in the future in regards to the tuition setting.
- f. League Updates
- i. Northstar - mites - start this weekend
 - ii. Valley League - squirt thru midgets – Playoffs start Monday the 16th and continue.
- f. Merchandising – Michael Manchester, no update provided
- g. Ice Scheduling – Krissy Bissonnette, summer ice has been requested. In regards to contracts from Northstar and FMC, we need to determine what is needed and not buy too much ice for next season. Dennis stated that ice ends at Northstar on April 9th and FMC finishes at the end of April.

i. Anthony stated again at the special meeting needs and teams will be discussed and shared to assist with the ice needs.

h. Memory helmet stickers – no discussion or updates

i. Picture Day Status – March 5 and March 6th Schedule was put out in the early part of the week. There were issues getting it scheduled till now.

j. Coaches Discount discussion/review – Anthony C. it would be helpful to understand where people/BOD are with it. John Lloyd will revamp the proposal for further discussion. John also said it can be included in the tuition/budget discussion

8. New Business

a. Other – Anthony C. stated that current BOD needs to start preparing the BOD for the next year for positions that may need to be filled.

b. The BOD also needs to schedule the annual meeting.

c. X3/Gregg Copello will do summer skills. Krissy reported summer ice and application is in to Northstar but Joanne has not gotten back to Krissy yet.

i. Christa asked if the X3 could be contacted for other possibilities for checking/body contact clinics, extra skills clinics during the season and other possibilities. Looking to see if a relationship can be developed to work with X3. Christine said she would reach out to them.

9. Next meeting date – Currently scheduled/booked for Wednesday, April 1; evaluations are that night and evaluations finish on Tuesday, April 7th. Chris Williams made the motion to hold the next meeting on Wed. April 8th at 7pm Northstar. Christa Duprey will report back if the conference room is available to reschedule the meeting to April 8th.

10. Adjourn – 8:31pm