

Milton Youth Hockey

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of: August (August 18), 2015

In Attendance: Bennett, Feloney, Haddad, Keating, McManus, Mullen, Sweeney, Vaughan, Zona,

Members' Speak

- Several members of the MYH community attended the meeting to hear about developments with the program and to present views on volunteer opportunities, coaching positions and opportunities and referee perspectives.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting were submitted.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting by Phil Zona and second by Bill Bennett.
- The minutes were accepted unanimously with no substantive changes.

Ulin Rink Report:

- Peter Mullen reported that there were two meetings of the 25 Year Committee to date. The meetings have been preliminary as to proposed improvements to be done at the rink and how to finance over the years.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mr. Zona presented a cash balance sheet for the program.
- Mr. Zona indicated that working with Mr. Mullen and the auditors, a non-profit statement will be developed and presented to the Board in the future. Mr. Zona also has access to and use of a small laptop dedicated to MYH, which can be used at future meetings.
- Mr. Zona requested to increase the number of members of the Finance Committee, once new members of the Board are elected.

South Shore Conference:

- Mr. Bennett indicated that the SSC coach's meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2015 at Randolph, High School. The Bantam checking clinic will be held at Asiaf Rink in Brockton on September 12, 2015.
- Game schedules will be distributed at that time and will be come available electronically.

Girls Program:

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Yankee Conference:

- Mr. Feloney announced Monica Connelly will be the MYH Yankee Conference representative.

District Meeting:

- Dave Young volunteered to attend the District Meeting due to Mr. Aren's resignation until a formal member of the MYH Board is appointed.

House League:

- Mr. Keating proposed to open registration for the league as of September 1, 2015.
- Mr. Keating is proposing a similar schedule of league games and practices as last year. A formal announcement will be made shortly.
- The cost of the program is \$595.00.

Learn To Skate:

- Mr. Sweeney reported that the program will begin the Sunday after Thanksgiving, running until February 14, 2016.
- The cost of the program is \$115.00.

Ice Chairman:

- Mr. Mullen presented a proposed practice schedule for the 2015-16 Season. In addition, he reported that the skills sessions will be held on Thursday nights, and that he anticipates only seven skills sessions to be lost to Curry College games and holidays.
- The schedule projects 31 practice sessions to teams that miss skills due to conflicts, and 27 sessions for all other teams.
- The schedule projects the following skills time slots: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Mites; 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - rotation of Girls and Pee Wees; and 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Bantams and Midgets.
- Upon a motion by Mr. Keating and second by Mr. Vaughan, the Board voted unanimously to accept the 2015-16 schedule as presented by Mr. Mullen.

Coaches Committee:

- The coach's meeting will be held on September 2, 2015 at the Four's Restaurant in Quincy, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- There are a few open coaching positions that still exist at this time. Greg McManus and Peter Feloney are working to identify additional coaches, specifically at the Pee Wee C and Bantam B levels. They anticipate having this resolved by the beginning of the season.
- After a discussion about the importance of identifying and obtaining commitments from coaches as early as possible, including as early as the tryouts, the members of the Board agreed to work more cohesively and effectively to ensure coaches are locked in before the summer months begin.

Equipment Committee:

- Mr. Bennett reported uniforms are on schedule to arrive for the beginning of the season, with no major issues identified to date.
- MYH 50th anniversary banner has been designed and ordered from Frank Susi, along with a MYH 50th anniversary table skirt.

MYH Web Site:

- NTR

MYH Sponsorship Program:

- Mr. Vaughan confirmed that MYH will be sponsoring a Bruins Alumni Hockey game at Ulin Rink on October 24, 2015 from 3:00 -p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This will be an exciting event that could result in strong sponsorship dollars for the program. Mr. Vaughan, working with other members of the Board, will be presenting additional ideas on coordination for the event at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Mr. Vaughn reported on past due invoices and attempts to collect outstanding balances from MYH members. To date, his efforts have yielded the program some \$3,000 in collections, but there is another \$33,000 to collect. He, working with Mr. Zona, will continue efforts to address any outstanding receivables in the name of the program.

New Business:

- Mr. Vaughan proposed that MYH sponsor a team to play in a memorial hockey tournament to support Christopher's Mark Foundation, a foundation created by the family of Christopher Mullen, a young child who succumbed to a rare form of pediatric cancer. The tournament will be held at the Shea Rink on Labor Day weekend. All proceeds from the Tournament are used to support patients and families battling against childhood cancer. Christopher's family have deep Milton roots and have been supporters of MYH. After discussion by the Board, and a second by Kevin Keating to Mr. Vaughan's initial Motion, the Board unanimously voted to enter a team in this memorial hockey tournament and to pay the \$600.00 entry fee.
- Mr. Feloney and Mr. Sweeney outlined the process for the upcoming election for new MYH Board members. That process includes an announcement to MYH members for anyone seeking nomination for elections, which would include appropriate background materials and statement of interest and qualifications, to be received by September 24, 2015. Thereafter, an election will be held on October 15, 2015, with a majority vote controlling who the three new members will be. More details in the election will be presented at the next meeting, and proper notice will be provided to MYH members and community.
- The Board conducted a detailed discussion about ways to improve communication between the members on the Board, especially with new members soon to be elected to the Board, in

an effort to ensure the best possible program is being run for the benefit of the Milton Youth Hockey and their families.

Next Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. at the Milton Police Station. **Motion to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark E. Haddad
Secretary
Milton Youth Hockey