

Milton Youth Hockey

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of: October (October 20), 2015

In Attendance: Bennett, Feloney, Haddad, McManus, Sweeney, Zona, Keating, Mullen, Vaughan, Lovett, Naughton, Skillin.

Members' Speak

- Several members of Milton MYH raised questions about the re-evaluation process of players for possible movement from one team to another after the tryouts and assignments to the player's original team.
- Peter Feloney explained that consistent with USA Hockey principles, every player develops differently, and sometimes can develop significantly during the five to six month period between tryouts in March and the start of the season in September.
- Every year, the Board is asked to review or re-evaluate a handful of players for these reasons, or because a player was unable to attend a tryout due to injury or some other legitimate reason. The Coaches' Committee handles these requests and oversees the re-evaluation process in an informal way. In limited cases, a player may be moved from one team to another. The Board has always maintained flexibility in these situations so that the best interest of the player is taken into account at all times.
- The Board was urged to develop a more formal policy on this long-standing re-evaluation process, which the Board agreed to take under advisement.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting were submitted.
- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 15th meeting by Bill Bennett and second by Bob Sweeney.
- The minutes were accepted unanimously with no changes.

Ulin Rink Report:

- NTR

Treasurer's Report:

- Phil Zona presented a cash balance for the program and reported that a more detailed form of MYH finances, which is in development by Peter Mullen and other members of the Finance Committee, will be presented at a future meeting.

South Shore Conference:

- NTR

Girls Program:

- Mr. Mullen reached out to the girl's High School coach for input and assistance on MYH girls' programs activities.
- Mr. Mullen reported that while a couple of the MYH girls' teams have had trouble competing in the early part of the season, the SSC will be rebalancing the schedule in November, 2015, to account for this and to provide better competition for all the teams throughout the year.

Yankee Conference:

- Monica Connelly reported that a new rink in Stoughton has opened, and games will be played there beginning the weekend beginning October 23, 2015.

District Meeting:

- Dave Young has volunteered to continue to represent the Board at the District 3 meetings.
- The Milton Squirt A and U-12 girls have entered a Boston Bruins mini one-on-one program.
- On November 4, 2015, there will be a meeting of all coaches for the State play-down games at 7:00 p.m. at American Legion in Dedham, Ma. All coaches will be properly notified.
- The Milton Midget B team has been approved by the District to move from Tier II to Tier III.

House League:

- Kevin Keating reported that 50 participants have signed up already, and that further advertising in the newspaper will be posted announcing the beginning of the season and deadline for sign-ups, which is targeted as 11/1/2015.

Learn To Skate:

- Mr. Sweeney reported that he is working with Curry College to allow all MYH travel players and MYH House League players and Learn to Skate participants to attend the Curry College home opener on November 5th, and a December 5th game for free.

Ice Chairman:

- Mr. Mullen reported that a power skating program for MYH will be conducted by instructor Graeme Townshend over the course of 19 hours of ice time held on the Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King and President's Day holidays. The program, where the bulk cost of the ice time was donated by a generous member of MYH, will be run out of Milton Academy and will be available to all MYH players from Mites to Bantams and to the various girls' levels. There will be a minimal charge of \$10 per skater.

Equipment Committee:

- Mr. Bennett reported that he has addressed all known equipment issues, and will continue to address any additional issues if and when they arise in the future.

Coaches Committee:

- Greg McManus reported the results and standings of various Milton teams in the SSC and indicated they will be posted on the bulletin board in Ulin Rink.
- Mr. McManus reported on the status of coaching certification and will be following-up with a very small number of coaches who need to complete certifications before year-end.

MYH Web Site:

- Mr. Feloney reported that Molly Naughton will be updating the content of the web site.

MYH Sponsorship Program:

- Mike Vaughan reported on the status of the Bruins Alumni Fundraiser to be held on October 24, 2015. To date, advertising alone has generated some \$7,500 of revenue. Mr. Vaughan is optimistic that the expected merchandise, ticket and auction item sales will generate additional revenue for MYH. Beyond the revenue, it is believed that the fundraiser will generate a good deal of good will and positive spirit within the local hockey community.

Old Business:

- Bob Sweeney reported on the outcome of the Board election on October 15, 2015. He indicated that 101 members of MYH cast votes, up 24 votes from last year.
- The nominated candidates who sought election included: Patrick Lovett, Mollie Naughton, James Pasquantonio, David Skillin, James Steuterman, and David Young.
- Each of the candidates, in addition to having their written nomination submissions posted for members of MYH to review, were offered an opportunity to provide brief remarks to the gathered crowd as to their interest in and qualifications for the position. Thereafter, a vote was conducted by secret ballot, and the 101 ballots were cast. The nominees, who received the three highest numbers of votes and the resulting three new members of the MYH Board, are: Patrick Lovett, Mollie Naughton, and David Skillin.
- Mr. Feloney, on behalf of the Board, thanked all participants in the election and welcomed Ms. Naughton and Messrs. Lovett and Skillin to the Board.

New Business:

- Peter Feloney reported to the Board on the number of committees operating on the Board. He asked each member to notify him of interest in committees.
- Mr. Feloney suggested a new Policy Committee may be composed to address policy for the Board.

Next Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 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
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