

**Milton Youth Hockey**  
**Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes of: January 17th, 2019**

**Board Members present: Kevin Keating, Mollie Naughton, Phil Zona, Bill Bennett, Bob Sweeney, Pat Lovett, Doug Hunt, Peter Mullen, Chris Addesa, Jamie Heggie, Tara Mounsey, Jason Tsanotelis, David Young Metro South Rep. Monica Connolly**

**Members' Speak: NTR**

**Opening Remarks:**

- President Keating addressed the Board regarding a recent letter that Mr. Heggie sent to all Board Members. He reminded the Board that for issues that need to be discussed, we add those to the official agenda items when that request goes out from the Secretary prior to the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Minutes from December 2018 meeting submitted
- Motion made to accept the minutes of December 2018 by Mr. Zona and a second by Mr. Bennett
- Minutes accepted unanimously

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Mr. Mullen and Mr. Zona sent the P&L statement through email earlier in the week as well as presented at the meeting and answered some questions from Board Members about the statement.
- By the next meeting they will make tuition recommendations for next season
- Mr. Zona reported that all MYH bank accounts have been over to Blue Hills Bank per the last meeting which includes a \$10,000 26-month CD that was moved for a 3% interest rate. He also stated that there will be two sets of books until the end of the fiscal year.
- Motion to accept the Report from Mr. Young with a second by Mr. Heggie. A unanimous vote followed.
- Mr. Zona proposed to the Board switching MYH bank accounts from Citizens Bank to Blue Hills Savings Bank and have Mr. Mullen as a co-signer on all accounts because of better rates and easier accessibility. He also asked Ms. Naughton to write a letter to Blue Hills bank which the Exec Board Members will sign for opening the accounts on behalf of MYH. The goal would be to transfer all accounts over to Blue Hills by the end of fiscal year 2018.
- Mr. Hunt made a motion to accept the proposal. A second by Bill Bennett. A unanimous vote followed.

**Ulin Rink Report:**

- Mr. Mullen reported he met with Mr. Dennehy, Milton Town Administrator, Senator Timilty and Bob O'Connell from Curry College regarding the status of the Ulin Rink contracts.
- Mr. Keating reported that the previous Certified letter to the State sent in October regarding the allocation of ice to user groups has yet to have a response.
- Mr. Mullen and Mr. Keating are recommending writing a letter to the State regarding further upgrades (ie locker rooms) that are needed beyond the previous mentioned boards, glass and compressor. Ms. Connolly agreed to assist Mr. Keating in the writing of said letter. Once completed, it will be sent to the Board for review/signatures.

**Ice Chairman:**

- Mr. Mullen, Ms. Naughton and Ms. Connolly will be putting together a weekly newsletter to members with schedule changes, public skating hours and general announcements. Schedule

changes/adjustments are abundant as there are still a couple of teams whose practice ice time changes weekly due to ice availability and Curry and the High School are still playing.

- Mr. Mullen also reported that the rink will close 4/1/19.
- It was also reported that the compressor at Milton Academy was under repair over the weekend and caused some minor schedule disruptions.

### **South Shore Conference:**

- Mr. Bennett reported the SSC Meeting will take place on MLK day and that there is a full agenda with many pressing issues. He will forward us the updates after that meeting takes place.
- Mr. Bennett also reminded that there will be no SSC scheduled games the last weekend of February school vacation week.

### **Level Coordinators:**

- Mr. Addesa reported on the Stop It Goaltending program by Clay Adams that took place January 13<sup>th</sup>. 11 out of 12 spots were filled. Mr. Addesa will check with parents regarding satisfaction with this session. The feedback provided from the goalie coach was around focusing on some newer teaching techniques.
- Mr. Addesa also stated that the Saturday goalie sessions are consistently well attended with 8 or 9 goalies in attendance weekly.
- He reported that we are currently working with 3 different entities regarding goalie skills and he will look to ascertain feedback on all the groups in order to provide the Board with recommendations for moving forward for next season.

### **Girls Program:**

- There will be a Bruins Girls Learn to Play Hockey session in March. Sign ups begin Jan 21 for those who have never played hockey. Communication to go out to Learn to Skate program participants. Boston Pride will be helping out on the ice with the program.

### **Metro South:**

- Ms. Connolly reported the next meeting is a week from Monday.
- She also reported that there was a Bantam B2 fighting incident with an MYH player who subsequently received a 2 game suspension for the incident from the Conference.
- There will be a 3x3 Squirt tournament in Stoughton on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> that she will communicate to teams. Metro South is recommending the entire team attend. They will have 3 16 minute games.

### **District Meeting:**

- Mr. Zona reported there most likely be a fee increase for USA Hockey for next year. Current fee is \$40.
- Mr. Young reported that 6 MYH Coaches did not complete their modules on time. 2 got temporary status.
- Mr. Zona also reported he spoke to Stephanie O'Sullivan regarding the new helmet requirements and that she and her staff will be required to wear helmets on the ice during MYH Skills sessions. Ms. O'Sullivan will be sending her insurance certificate to the risk manager and that person will meet with Ms. O'Sullivan.

### **House League:**

- Mr. Lovett reported the program is going well. There will be a need to move to 3 hours for next season due to increased number of participants.

- The program received new smaller nets from MA Hockey that are being utilized. Mr. Burchill, from Curry, assisted with the netting of these and Mr. Keating motioned to compensate him \$200 for his time. The Board unanimously agreed.
- The HL Directors will be looking at items for the year end gift for participants.

### **Learn to Skate**

- Mr. Sweeney reported that there are 71 boys and 83 girls signed up for the program. He has many veteran instructors back to help run the program as well Curry and MHS Girls program members. When Curry was on Holiday break, several MYH Bantam players helped out on the ice.

### **Equipment:**

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### **Coaches:**

- As previously mentioned under District, 6 Coaches had certifications that expired in December. 3 have seasons that already ended. 2 have received temporary status.
- The Board discussed ways to better track and help support these volunteer coaches around their certifications.

### **Communication:**

- Ms. Naughton and Ms. Connolly working on a weekly newsletter. A Save the Date will be sent out regarding evaluations when those dates are solidified.

### **Fundraising:**

- MYH will offer Super Bowl Squares at \$50/square.

### **Old Business:**

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### **New Business:**

- Evaluation Committee and Girls Program Coordinators will meet prior the next Board Meeting.
- Mr. Lovett brought forth a request from a parent regarding using independent evaluators.
  - Comments Included:
    - The Evaluation Committee currently tries to get a couple of evaluators at each level that do not coach at that level.
    - Outside independent evaluators would likely need compensation and to be truly independent, evaluators would need to be those who do not see players on the ice through skating with other programs.
    - The Evaluation Committee will discuss further during upcoming meeting.
- Mr. Keating brought up the Cheever Grant and that applications for funding opened today. This Grant is around growing the game. Mr. Keating will follow up with a MYH member around assisting with the application and asked Board members to bring forth ideas on how we could utilize grant funding for this purpose.

**Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mollie Naughton