

Newton Youth Hockey  
Annual Membership Meeting  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton  
Minutes

Signed In:

Todd Foster, Alex Cooper, Tom Dallaire, David Broughel, Brian Bean, Darren Tong, Edward Gourdeau Jr., Kathryn Quirk, Nora Brennan-Cuphone

Meeting commenced, 7:05pm

**1) Meeting Minutes Approval:**

The May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and June 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes were approved as presented at this meeting. Note that the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes had not been approved at the June meeting – adjustments were made and accepted at this meeting (9/6/16).

Action Items:

-None

**2) Finances/Budget:**

David Broughel provided five handouts related to financial status that he then walked through in some detail. Discussion among the group was focused on existing budget and budget shortfall for the 2016-17 season. It was noted that as of today, the number of players registered is down by 16%. It was also noted that home games at Fessenden cost “Extra” – as reimbursement rates from Valley does not cover the actual cost of ice at Fessenden. It was mentioned that Wellesley and Brookline both pay less for player tuition than NYH.

The 2016-17 budget was presented to the group – and was formerly approved by unanimous voice vote.

Audits – Are now complete through 2015. 2016 audit is on target to be completed sometime this winter.

Action Items:

-Follow up with Valley on re-imburement cost for home games (Todd)

-Contact unpaid midget families - there are too many (David/Todd)

**3) Teams Update: (Paul LaScola not present – he provided written notes included below)**

Coaches meeting will be taking place Wednesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall Cafeteria. Items to be covered, USA Hockey registration, CORI form completion, Coaches Curriculum, update on Valley League information, Safe Sport Training, Modular Training and question and answer period.

Travel Teams - A Coach has been found for the Peewee A team (Nick Darrigo). There was a good turnout for the optional skating conditioning at all levels as well as the one free skate. A few of the teams did not get a chance to participate as their scheduled day was cancelled due to the Fessenden parking lot construction. Checking Clinic for first year Bantams is going on this week on Tuesday and Thursday at Fessenden from 7-9 pm. There has been some player loss for a few teams over the summer months as was expected. Player call ups begin this week and run until Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Final NYH rosters for 2016/17 should be set by Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. Valley League Parity round will begin this coming weekend for most teams and will run through Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. Scheduling of practices, skills, goalie clinic and Valley league games has been posted to the NYH website for all teams.

A discussion regarding older/second year Pee Wees and checking as related to middle school teams – resulted in the suggestion that a checking clinic be held specifically for this group before middle schools season starts.

Jerseys/Equipment – Eddie indicates that game jerseys have been distributed and that most coaches are all set with other equipment. It has been noted that goalie equipment in Fessenden Shed is in need of organization and inventory – Eddie to look into tackling this in the coming weeks.

Some fundraising items here: Jersey sponsorship was discussed – while not possible for this year’s travel teams, perhaps it could happen for LTP/LTS? Advertising – Lawn signs and banners for placement at elementary schools discussed.

Middle school teams – should start registrations before October. Need to identify a director for middle school teams.

LTS/LTP – John not present – no update.

No check Bantam team(s) – There was not enough interest to form a NYH no check bantam team – interested members were directed to Valley.

Action Items:

- Consider Checking clinic for older Peewee's - for middle school team preparation - conduct clinics 1-2 week before start of Middle School season? (Todd)
- Consider Advertising for LTS/LTP jersey's this year? Ask vendor about possibility – timing (Eddie)
- Update sponsorship page(s) on website (Kathryn)
- Provide Village Bank contact to Kathryn (Tom)

**4) Goalie and Skater Skills Update:**

Goalie Skills – Will be run by Eklund on Fridays for 10 sessions. Additional sessions are dependent on ice availability.

Player Skills – NNHS and NSHS coaches will be running skills for NYH this season. 10 sessions for each team will occur by Tanksgiving.

**5) NYH Community Kick-Off Fundraising (Brian/Kathryn)**

The kickoff dinner is scheduled for 9/23/16 – If 100 tickets are sold it will be a break even event – The hope is to get at least 150 to be able to make it a successful event. A band, the “F-Tones”, has been booked for the event. Kathryn walked through details of the planned auction and raffle.

**6) Other Business:**

Tom walked through the capture of actions items from board meeting notes as captured in the “Action Item List” – looking for ways to share this with other board members. Succession planning – Tom and Kathryn to get together on this action item at some point after the 9/23 Kickoff event.

Next meetings – Tom will look into scheduling meetings for the first Wednesday of the month through December (10/5, 11/2, 12/7 OR 12/14)

Meeting Adjourned, 8:53pm

Submitted by Tom Dallaire, Clerk