

Newton Youth Hockey
Annual Membership Meeting
November 2nd, 2016
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton
Minutes

Signed In:

Todd Foster, John Moylan, Paul La Scola, David Broughel, Tom Dallaire, Alex Cooper, Brian Bean, Joe Verdone, Darren Tong

Meeting commenced, 7:05pm

1) Meeting Minutes Approval:

The October 5th, 2016 board meeting minutes were approved as presented at this meeting without any changes.

Action Items:

-None

2) Finances/Budget:

David Broughel provided 3 handouts – including a financial Report summary as of 11/2/16. Village bank balance as of 11/2/16 is \$313,229. Registration receipts appear to be down about \$15k from 2016-17 budget to \$430,000 (This assumes LTP and LTS numbers stay the same as last season). Fundraising activities has added \$8,000 to our revenue – overall budget shortfall is currently in the \$45,000 range. Auditor is currently working on 2016 statements – expect to have draft reports within the next couple of weeks.

Action Items:

-None

3) Teams Update:

Paul La Scola provided an update on Basic Skill Knowledge communication to coaches, Skills, Travel Team Update, Mini One on One and Middle School Tryouts. The details of what Paul presented can be found in attachment #1 to these minutes.

Joe Verdone reported that there will be a girls middle school team – and that they do their own scheduling with 6-7 sheets at the Warrior Ice Arena. The girls U18 season ends soon and the U12's are going to Vermont. Joe also indicated that he has looked into locker room policies for girls teams with USA Hockey – but has not yet found a specific resource for girls teams.

John Moylan indicated that there are currently 30 signups with 15 parents helpers for Learn to Skate and 28 signups with 10 parents for Learn to Play. LTS starts on Nov. 6th and LTP starts on Nov. 13th.

Action Items:

-Middle School Teams (2 or 3? 6th Grade to drop?) – (Todd)

-Girls/Female Locker Room Policy –(Joe)

4) Jerseys/Equipment

Tom reported that he has been in contact with Eddie and Kathryn to discuss problems/issues and potential solutions. Several options are being developed to offer to the board for review at the next meeting (12/14/16) with the expectation that a final solution be presented for a board vote in January. Getting an inventory of extra jerseys in the shed was identified as a to-do item. Also, Joe laid out a plan for Girls program Jersey's for next year – Tom will follow up with Joe and factor into the overall plan for Jerseys for NYH, 2017-2018 season.

Action Items:

-Ask Eddie for Jersey inventory (At vendor and in shed) – (Tom)

-Follow up with Joe on plan for Girls Jerseys, 2017-18 Season – (Tom)

5) Goalie and Skater Skills Update:

Note: See Teams Update for report on skills program so far this year.

Todd reported that getting Lovell Hockey to do skills after thanksgiving this year is not a viable option. While it looks like we are coming in under budget for skills and we could consider pursuing other options, the overall budget situation would be helped by keeping our skills costs down. Goalie attendance has been good – but want to be sure all goalies are aware of the schedule for goalie skills.

Action Items:

-Send communication to Parents regarding Goalie skills Schedule- (Alex)

6) District 9, Extracurricular

Covered in Paul LaScolas report in Team Updates under Mini One on One (See Attachment #1)

Action Items:

None

7) Fundraising/Event Planning (Brian/Kathryn)

Kathryn not attending – Brian indicated that he was not familiar with the Village Bank Gift Drive but would check with Kathryn on this. Brian also reported that the New Years Day event at Warrior Arena (Free Family Skate) is still possible and that there is a possibility of expanding it to 2 hours. Question regarding concessions at Warrior – it was noted that the concessions are located inconveniently on a 2nd level above the ice surface.

Action Items:

None

8) Other Business:

- District 9 Meeting, October (and future monthly meetings) – Todd will follow up with Rob
- Action Items – Tom distributed hard copy of Action Items to assigned members as a reminder – and for feedback on what has been completed
- Succession Planning – No specific activity to report, still on Tom and Kathryn's to-do list
- Level 4 Coaching Certification – Todd indicated that he was 1 of about 6 NYH coaches participating in CEP Level 4 training. Todd's takeaways:
 - USA Hockey is subsidizing quick change goalie pads (They will pay half) – Todd suggesting we get 2 sets
 - There is a serious referee shortage due to several factors including 265 teams added, 325 referees lost and the fact that the experience for referees is bad (player/coach/parent abuse). A call for new/more referees is being requested – Todd will send something out.
- Next Meeting (12/14/16)
- Future Meetings – Tom suggested and will try to book January 11th, February 8th and March 8th 2017 for the next meetings

Action Items:

-Follow up with Rob regarding D9 meeting attendance – (Todd)

-Future Meetings – book rooms for 1/11, 2/8 and 3/8 – (Tom)

-Purchase 2 sets of quick change goalie gear – (Todd/Tom)

-Communication regarding need for referees – (Todd)

Meeting Adjourned, approximately 8:15pm

Submitted by Tom Dallaire, Clerk

Attachment #1, 1 page

Attachment #1
From Paul LaScola, 11/2/16

Basic Skill Knowledge

- Basic Skill knowledge for Nov/Dec has been issued to the coaches. This is keeping with the NYH Coaching Curriculum of standardized basic skills for the groups of players at the levels they are playing at.
- Coaches are asked to incorporate the basic skills as part of their overall practice plans for the next two months.

Skills

- In checking in with Jamie and Chris (NNHS and NSHS Coaches) skills are going very well and attendance has been good throughout.
- Feedback from members continues to remain positive.

Team information

- Valley League has finished the reseeding and the new schedules have been dropped in place.
- Standings

Mini One on One

- Three Newton Youth Hockey teams were eligible to participate
- The Pee wee team advanced to the third round before being eliminated
- The Squirts have advanced to the next event scheduled to take place at the Boston Garden. Time and date have not been set.
- The Girls U12 team did not attend as the goalie was not available

Middle School Tryouts

- The date for Middle School Tryouts is November 8th at the Fessenden Arena from 6-7 pm
- Currently NYH is fielding only two teams a Hybrid team of 8th and 7th graders and a 7th grade team.
- The tryouts will only consist of 7th graders due to the registration numbers. We will be moving some 7th graders to the 8th grade team and this will be based off of the tryout scores. A number has not been determined as to how many players will be moving
- The 6th grade situation currently is up in the air the registered number of players is too low to register a team. There has been talk of combining the 6th and 7th graders but that has been met with mixed reviews based on the checking aspect of Middle School hockey.
- NYH has until next Monday to register the appropriate teams we want to participate.