

Newton Youth Hockey  
Annual Membership Meeting  
December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton  
Minutes

Signed In:

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

Meeting commenced, 7:04pm

**1) Meeting Minutes Approval:**

The November 2nd, 2016 board meeting minutes were approved as presented at this meeting without any changes.

Action Items:

-Provide approved minutes from past meetings to Alex Cooper for posting to NYH Website (Tom)

**2) Finances/Budget:**

David Broughel provided 3 handouts - Registration receipts, Financial Report and Budget as of 12/14/16. Village bank balance as of 12/14/16 is \$257,003.24. Registration receipts appear to be on course to be down about \$39k from 2016-17 budget and LTP/LTS down approximately \$18.5k from last year. As of 12/14/16 the overall revenue shortfall (from 2016-17 Budget) is in the \$70k range.

2015-16 Audit – Draft statements have been received and distributed to the Executive Committee for review. David hopes to file the audit documents by 12/31/16 or shortly thereafter.

A discussion related to revenue shortfall and sustainability was held – It is possible that a modest increase in tuition may be necessary to offset increased costs – Todd will take a look into developing a tuition model for next season.

Action Items:

-Develop a tuition model for 2017-18 season (Todd)

**3) Teams Update:**

Travel/Middle School:

Paul La Scola provided handouts related to Travel Teams, Mini one on one, Middle School teams and overall standings – see attachment #1 for details. Of note – the Valley League is expected to make its 3<sup>rd</sup> and final divisional adjustments within the next week – with scheduled games to follow.

Girls Teams:

Joe Verdone was not in attendance – no report on girls team was provided. Regarding action item from 11/2/16 meeting related to Girls/Female Locker Room Policy – Tom provided a handout made up of several USA Hockey Resources for review but as Joe was not present Tom will follow up with Joe on this.

Learn to Skate/Play:

John Moylan indicated that there are approximately 50 participants in the Learn to Skate program and about 30 in Learn to Play. John is still looking for LTP director.

Action Items:

-Tom Follow up with Joe regarding Girls/Female Locker Room Policy – (Joe/Tom)

**4) Goalie and Skater Skills**

Skills are now complete for the season - General feedback on player experience this year was positive – and that skills were a success. Action Items: -None

## 5) 2017-2018 Season Planning

Tryouts – First step is to select dates to hold tryouts – after discussing several possibilities the end of February was targeted as a likely option – Paul will follow up with Alex regarding selection of dates. Also discussed were several options regarding tryout evaluators – if we want to use outside evaluators again. Todd and Paul will follow up with Pro-Ambitions to get the ball rolling. The idea of contacting players who have left the program to play on for-profit teams to alert them to tryouts was discussed – the group agreed it would be a good idea to reaching out to players outside of the program to bolster enrollment.

Uniforms – discussions have continued without significant progress – Tom agreed to reach out to member who volunteered to help identify options for board approval – More to come.

Equipment – It was noted that the shed at Fessenden is not locked which creates a problem for securing equipment, tryout pinnies and other items. A lock will be purchased and installed.

2017-18 Board Elections - creation of a nominating committee. Just getting this subject on peoples radar as elections are planned for Annual Membership meeting to be held in June. Todd suggested it would be helpful to get word out to membership that elections are coming and that there are opportunities to become part of the NYH board.

Action Items:

- Paul to follow up with Alex regarding potential tryout dates (Paul)
- Contact Pro-Ambitions regarding tryout evaluations (Todd/Paul)
- Reach out to players who have left the program to alert to tryouts (Todd)
- Reach out to volunteer willing to help with Uniform situation (Tom)
- Note to membership, Join the board (Todd)
- Purchase/Install lock for shed at Fessenden (???)

## 6) Fundraising/Event Planning (Brian/Kathryn)

Kathryn not attending – Brian indicated that the Village Bank Toy Drive is under way – and that toys are being collected at Fessenden. Given the response of membership to the idea of a Fund Raising event on news year day at the Warrior Ice Arena, the event has been scaled back to a open free skate for membership – ONLY. It is possible that Brian will send out an Evite invitation for the free skate.

Action Items:

-None

## 7) Other Business:

- Action Items – Tom distributed hard copy of Action Items to assigned members as a reminder – and for feedback on what has been completed (Several assigned members not in attendance)
- Succession Planning – No specific activity reported, still on Tom and Kathryn's to-do list. Will focus on documenting individual board positions as well as organization wide activities.
- Next Meetings 1/11/17, 2/8/17, 3/8/17

Action Items:

-None

Meeting Adjourned, 8:52pm

Submitted by Tom Dallaire, Clerk  
Attachment #1, 1 page

**Attachment #1**  
**From Paul LaScola, 12/14/16**

**Travel Team information**

- Valley League has begun the third review and final reseeding for the end of the year.
- The process started on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> and teams that are being moved have been moved and the new divisional standings will be out early next week along with the new schedule.
- The Midgets have finished their season the total season ending tally for them as a group is 13-14-3
- Bantams currently are the only group over 500 with a combined record of 15-14-6
- The Pee wee AAA and AA1 are doing well both teams are currently double their total wins as to losses. The Pee wee AA2 and Pee wee A teams are struggling a bit at this time as they have a combined total record of 3-15-3
- Standings

**Mini One on One**

- The Boston Garden event took place on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- The Squirts who had advanced to the event ended up losing in that round 2-0.

**Middle School Teams**

- At our last meeting there was discussion about possibly not being able to field all three middle school teams due to the number of registered players.
- After 7<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts we were able to move players around to meet the minimum quota for fielding the teams.
- NYH was able to register three teams for this year a 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Standings

**Newton Youth Hockey Standings**

**Midgets 1** 5-9-1 **Midget 2** 8-5-2 **Total= 13-14-3 (Season ending total)**  
**Bantam AAA** 3-4-1 **Bantam AA1** 3-4-1 **Bantam AA2** 4-3-2 **Bantam A** 5-3-2 **Total= 15-14-6**  
**Pee wee AAA** 6-3 **Pee wee AA1** 7-3 **Pee wee AA2** 1-6-3 **Pee wee A** 2-9 **Total= 16-21-3**  
**Squirts AAA** 3-5-1 **Squirts AA** 3-5-2 **Squirts A** 5-3-2 **Total= 11-13-5**  
**Mite 1** 3-3-1 **Mite 2** 2-4-1 **Total = 5-7-2**  
**Newton Youth Hockey Overall Standing**  
**60-69-19**