

Newton Youth Hockey
Annual Membership Meeting
January 18th, 2017
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton
Minutes

Signed In:

Todd Foster, John Moylan, Paul La Scola, David Broughel, Tom Dallaire, Alex Cooper and Brian Bean

Meeting commenced, 7:04pm

1) Meeting Minutes Approval:

The December 14th, 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 updated Budget figures as of 1/18/17. Village bank balance as of 1/18/17 is approximately \$226,730.

Registration records show that we have collected 96.5% of tuition for this season – with roughly \$15k outstanding. Current projected deficit for 2016-17 is approximately \$65k.

2015-16 Federal Tax return was mailed on 1/18/17. The State form PC and audited financial statements were mailed on 1/18/17.

Action Items:

-Do not assign delinquent players a roster spot for 2017-18 (David/Todd/Paul)

-Attorney General Filing – Schedule A-2, solicitation activities – research applicability to NYH (Brian/David)

3) Teams Update:

Travel/Middle School:

Paul La Scola provided handouts related to Travel Teams, Middle School teams and overall standings – see attachment #1 for details. Of note – the Valley League is expected to release schedules through early March soon.

Girls Teams:

Joe Verdone was not in attendance – Paul provided an update from Joe which can be found in Attachment #1.

Learn to Skate/Play:

John Moylan reported that the learn to skate director has resigned. We will need to find directors for both LTP/LTS.

Action Items:

-Need to solicit volunteers to be directors of the Learn to Play and Learn to Skate programs. (John, Todd)

4) Goalie and Skater Skills

Nothing to report – Skills are complete for this season.

5) 2017-2018 Season Planning

Tryouts – New informational documents for membership have been posted to the website. These documents document the tryout and coach selection process. Paul indicated that he has provided coaches with player evaluation materials. Try-out dates have been set for February

27th thru March 3rd with registration being opened by the end of January. Evaluations will be conducted by a different group of independent evaluators from last year – Mass Crease will be used to evaluate goalies. It is the goal of NYH to announce rosters by the end of March if possible – although there was discussion among meeting attendees to announce rosters after the season has formally ended which is now projected to be April 9th.

Jerseys – 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 – While a lock was purchased and installed on the shed at Fessenden, it was noted that the lock mechanism is broken so the lock does not secure the shed. A solution to locking the shed needs to be found. Also, the shed is in need of a clean out/inventory.

2017-18 Board Elections - creation of a nominating committee. Just keeping elections on people's radar as elections are planned for Annual Membership meeting to be held in June (6/14/17).

Action Items:

- Timing of announcing rosters – Consider the Monday after the 1st weekend in April? April 3rd? April 10th? (Paul/Alex/Todd)
- Consider separate registrations for tryouts and full season roster payment? (Alex/Todd)
- Follow up with Alex on key dates related to Uniform selection/ordering (Tom)
- Evaluate/Fix Shed locking mechanism – and clean out/inventory (???)

6) Fundraising/Event Planning (Brian/Kathryn)

Kathryn not attending – Brian indicated that they have followed up with the Village Bank and expect to receive a check soon. The Warrior Ice Arena event was well attended with over 100 people in attendance – The Warrior staff were very accommodating and a lot of young families were in attendance.

Year-end event – Planning not yet underway but agreed to get it going. Brian and Kathryn will get together to start planning and looking for opportunities – Initial thoughts are for an end of March timeframe for the event.

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)
- Next Meetings 2/8/17, 3/8/17

Action Items:

-None

Meeting Adjourned, 8:59pm

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

Attachment #1
From Paul LaScola, 1/18/17

Team Information

- The Valley League has dropped in a bulk of the final schedule of the season games. Teams are now scheduled till the middle of March.
- The NYH Scheduler is working on getting the practice schedule for the entire month of February and will be looking to drop that in place over the next couple of days.
- Basic Skill knowledge for Jan/Feb 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 appropriate levels
- Coaches are asked to incorporate the basic skills as part of their overall practice plans for the next two months.
- Standings
- Mites are struggling as they are a combined 6-13-4
- Pee wee is split in two as our top two are doing well and our bottom two are not doing so well.
- Since our last meeting teams have gone 18-24-10.
- Middle School Standings

Tryouts

- NYH has added a new Tryout Policy to the website. This new policy covers a lot of the details of the tryout from start to finish. The hope is that members will have a better understanding of the process by being able to refer to this document.
- Also added to the website is a Coaches Selection process document. This is in a FAQ format and answers some general questions members might have about our selection process.
- Player evaluations have gone out to the head coaches. This year's format NYH is asking for an evaluation from the head coach and one selected assistant. The format is a little more detail oriented with more specialized criteria in regards to a player's ability than in the past. The hope is that this will create a more in depth score of the players overall ability and make the selection process more timely.
- Tryout dates have been set but not released to the general public as of yet.
- Tryouts are set to begin on February 27th and concluded the 3rd of March.
- The format for tryouts will be the same as last year. We will be using independent evaluators to do the scoring and NYH coaches to run the tryout criteria with on ice helpers.
- Reggie Hebert has been selected this year to bring in a team from his program to do the evaluations. Reggie works with our LTS program and runs an independent Progressive Hockey Development and Training Program as well as being familiar with the NYH tryout process from past experience.
- NYH again this year will be using Mass Crease to evaluate the Goaltenders in the tryouts.
- As always we will be looking for volunteers to help on the ice and run the check-in desk for each tryout session.

Girls Program

- Joe anticipates that there will be enough players for (2) girls teams next year. A half season for a U19 High School Prep team and a U13 girls' team.
- He also believes he will again next year have a Middle School Team as this year's team is having a great time playing and they are enjoying the Warrior Arena.
- He would like to pursue a Girls U10/12 team but currently interest is low and there are just a few 8/9 year olds interested. He is hoping that with some volunteer help he may be able to get a chance to field this team.
- He also will be conducting Girls Tryouts but dates have yet to be secured.