

Newton Youth Hockey
Annual Membership Meeting
February 8th, 2017
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave Newton
Minutes

Signed In:

Todd Foster, John Moylan, Paul La Scola, David Broughel, Tom Dallaire, Alex Cooper, Eddie Gourdeau, Dave Kaufman, Darren Tong, Stephen Pagana and Chris Mitchell

Meeting commenced, 7:09pm

1) Meeting Minutes Approval:

The January 18th, 2016 board meeting minutes were approved as presented at this meeting without any changes.

Action Items:

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

2) Finances/Budget:

David Broughel provided 3 handouts - Registration receipts, Financial Report and updated 2016-17 Budget figures as of 2/6/17. Village bank balance as of 2/8/17 is approximately ~~\$257,003~~ \$203,589.

Registration records show that we have collected 96.78% of tuition for this season – with roughly \$13.4k outstanding. Current projected deficit for 2016-17 is approximately ~~\$39k~~ \$65k.

A list of delinquent accounts was sent to the executive committee – discussion of these accounts will be held at a later time.

A memorial donation was received in the name of Kenneth W. Doucette, father of Daniel and Damien Doucette.

Action Items:

-Draft thank you letter to be sent to Doucette family acknowledging receipt of memorial donation (Todd)

3) 2017-2018 Season, Planning:

Tryouts:

Paul indicated that registration for next season's tryouts is now open for Mites, Squirts, Peewee, Bantam and Midgets. Schedule for tryouts has been posted on website and sent to NYH community – with Midgets to be scheduled for some time later in March. Paul has also initiated request for on ice and off ice volunteers for tryouts. Tryout evaluations will again be conducted by an independent outside group. Additional details can be found in Attachment #1.

Joe not present to present 2017-2018 plan for Girls teams.

Jerseys/Equipment:

We are planning to use the same vendor (Watertown Sportswear) for uniforms for the next season – Eddie and Tom to coordinate on details which will include the possibility of getting better player size information – Tom and Eddie to work out details after board meeting.

Action Items:

-Follow up with Joe Verdone regarding plan for girls teams – including tuition rate (Todd)
-Draft letter to general membership regarding explanation of tuition rates (Todd)
-Tom and Eddie to coordinate uniform sizing and logistics (Tom/Eddie)

4) 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.

Girls Teams:

Joe Verdone was not in attendance – No update provided.

Learn to Skate/Play:

John Moylan gave a general report regarding LTS/LTP. Current numbers are: LTS-49, LTP-33.

Action Items:

-None

5) Fundraising/Event Planning (Brian/Kathryn)

Kathryn and Brian not in attendance – no update provided.

Action Items:

-Follow up with Brian and Kathryn regarding year end event (Todd)

6) Other Business:

Nomination Committee/Elections:

Nothing specific at this time – just want to keep it on peoples radars

Skills, 2017-18 Season:

Ideally we'd repeat what we did this year

- Engage NNHS and NSHS coaches to provide skills program in the first 3 months of the season
- Goalies
- Checking clinic for 1st year Bantams

Additionally, consider adding checking clinic for Peewee players on middle school teams prior to start of middle school season

Action Items, Current/Past:

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)

Shed at Fessenden:

- Lock replaced; however, locking mechanism on shed needs to be fixed/replaced as it is broken and does not effectively lock
- Shed needs major clean out – Tom and Paul to work with Eddie towards end of the season
- Other Fessenden storage – unclear exactly what we have access to – need to nail this down

Ice Time at Boston College:

An informal discussion of Ice Time availability at Boston College was held, with no resolution. Todd to follow up on this.

Next Meetings: 4/5/17, 5/3/17, 6/14/17

Action Items:

- Clean out shed at Fessenden (Tom/Paul/Eddie)
- Research Ice Availability at Boston College (Todd)

Meeting Adjourned, 8:07pm

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

Attachment #1
From Paul LaScola, 2/8/17

Tryouts

- Tryout dates have been released and added to the website, registration is now open.
- The volunteer sign-up sheet has been distributed to the members.
- The current player evaluations are ongoing. Response has been good I am waiting for four more head coach evaluations to be returned to me to complete the process. My hope is to have this completed before tryouts begin in order to speed up selection process.
- I have secured all of the group leaders for the tryouts.
- Mites will be run by Paul DiMattia, Squirts by Damien Doucette, Peewee's by Dan Doucette, and Bantams by Mike Foster.
- The Coaching application was released around the same time as the tryout dates since that release I have received 9 inquiries to either be an assistant or head coach.
- During my evaluation process I noticed that we have only 9 returning Mites if they all decide to register for next year.
- I also noticed that we will have the potential for three Midget teams if we get a big majority of them to return as the number is large with returning and new.

Team Information

The Valley League sent out a memo in regards to the close of the season. They have informed us that all playoff games will be played no later than April 9th

Mite Playoffs

- Quarterfinals – weekend of March 4-5
- SemiFinals & Finals – Weekend of March 11-12

Squirts – Midgets Playoffs

We will be putting together the final regular season schedule (a few games left for most teams) which will run from 3/13 through the start of playoffs. Playoffs will likely start the weekend of 3/24 for some divisions and just after 3/25 for others and will all be completed by Sunday 4/9 at the latest. We never run into any conflict with Mass. Public school April school vacation week, so Sunday 4/9 should be a pretty solid date in terms of the latest possible game if a team made it to the league championship.

- Standings
- Mites have now have been playing on full ice since the end of January
- Since our last meeting NYH teams have gone 12-29-6 over 47 games things seems to remain the same as last month teams went 18-24-10 over 52 games.
- Middle School Standings
- Middle School Playoffs begin on Feb 22nd and end Feb 26th
- Coaches' reimbursement has been completed and sent to the Treasurer for final payment.