



A quorum being present, a Massachusetts Hockey regular monthly meeting as listed in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2012-2013 Calendar of Events, was called to order at 7:50 pm on Monday, October 1, 2012, by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts with attendance recorded by the Secretary.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: Minutes of Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board Meetings and Massachusetts Hockey Regular Monthly Meetings are now being posted to the website. To continue the improvements in communication and transparency at meetings members eligible to vote will obtain an electronic clicker prior to the meeting at the registration desk.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Preliminary planning for improved electronic administration and communication is continuing. The relocation of the office is nearing completion at significant financial savings.

SPECIAL GUESTS /REPORTS: All quiet.

REGISTRAR: Of the 219 programs, 189 are actively registering. 39,948 players have been registered. There are 9,400 unclaimed players as of October 1.

REFEREE-IN CHIEF: No report.

COACH-IN-CHIEF: All the 24 clinics are on the website and some have already reached full registration. Cancellations are becoming an issue as registration is limited.

INSURANCE/RISK MANAGER: No report.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

District #1: There was one incident and a hearing will be held October 2. The second District meeting will be October 3.

District #2: All quiet. The next District meeting will be October 8.

District #3: All quiet. The last District meeting was held September 20. Dan McGlone was elected District Director to succeed Pat McCarthy who accepted the position of District 3 Registrar. The fall Playdowns are underway.

District #4: All quiet. Books and materials were given out at the first District meeting.

District #5: All quiet. The last District meeting was September 13.

District #6: All quiet.

District #7: All quiet. The last District meeting was September 11. The next District meeting will be October 2.

District #8: All quiet. The last District meeting was September 11. The next District meeting will be October 8.

District #9: All quiet. The next District meeting will be October 8.

District #10: All quiet. The last District meeting was September 11. The next District meeting will be October 9. Work is being done for the fall Playdowns.

Club: All quiet. Massachusetts Hockey Guide Books are being given out.

Girls/Women's: All quiet. The last meeting was September 17. The next meeting will be scheduled in October. The Fall State Championship Tournament will be November 23-25. A request has been submitted to the Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board to grant waivers for the 2012-2013 season to permit Under 8 players in unusual circumstances to be rostered on Under 10 teams in consideration of program registration profiles, geography, and team commitments prior to the policy adopted at the 2012 Massachusetts Hockey Annual meeting.

[Affiliated USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey Inc., is the nationally recognized body responsible for the administration and development of ice hockey in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.](#)



High School/Seniors: All quiet.

National Bound: All quiet.

Referees: All quiet.

Seniors: All quiet.

SECRETARY

Remember to sign in and give notification of any personnel changes IN WRITING to Carol Champagne, and Al Wright or they did not happen! New elected members eligible to vote need to verify submission of paperwork for CORI screening with Al Wright and submission of the Conflict of Interest form to Mindy O'Neil prior to their first meeting. This includes Alternate Directors.

A motion made by John Tobin and seconded by Al Wright passed by a vote of 96%-2%-2% to accept the minutes of the September Regular Monthly Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey as amended for the General Counsel report to read: "The Massachusetts Attorney General's Guide for Board Members of charitable Organizations was distributed and is an excellent guide to help members of non-profit organizations carry out their important responsibilities. The Executive Summary of the Freeh Report Concerning Penn State University was also distributed and briefly discussed."

GENERAL COUNSEL

CORI Screening: The screening process is working well and no one should be on the ice before they are screened. There are currently 102 programs that have designated screeners. 1,646 have been screened to date.

Conflict of Interest: All quiet.

FINANCE

Audit: All quiet.

Finance: A motion by Greg Sophis and seconded by John Tobin passed on a vote of 91%-6%-2% to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to allocate \$6,000 to the NE Passage select team and \$200 to the Boston Bear Cubs.

Webmaster: No report.

Website: Going forward there will be a web page with more focus on parents and players. There will be a provision to allow sponsorships.

ADMINISTRATION

Association Registration: A motion by Jim Mamoine and seconded by Rick Fask passed on a vote of 87%-11%-2% to accept the merger of Bay State Youth Hockey and Lakers Youth Hockey to be known as the Junior Crusaders.

A motion by Al Smith and seconded by Don Derosia passed on a vote of 98%-0%-2% to accept the split of Gateway Youth Hockey from Cape Cod Canal Youth Hockey.

District 5 has approved the split of Gateway Youth Hockey from Cape Cod Canal Youth Hockey. The bylaws are in place.

Discipline: No report.

Medical Waiver: No report.

Nomination: No report.

Rules: A motion by Al Smith and seconded by Don Derosia passed on a vote of 98%-0%-2% to replace the Player Movement Policy on page 74 of the 2012-2013 Annual Guide with the following:

"It is the policy of Mass Hockey that players play in their age-appropriate classification. In exceptional circumstances, a player (except for 8 and under) may be rostered in a higher age group with approval of their association/program. Approval is required at the start of each season. A waiver process for

[Affiliated USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey Inc., is the nationally recognized body responsible for the administration and development of ice hockey in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.](#)



youth programs and for the purpose of this policy, a hardship would consist of one or more of the following criteria:

- No 8 and under team for the player to participate on
- A history of low registrations at mite and squirt levels
- Other extenuating circumstances”

OPERATIONS

ADHOC: All quiet.

Disabled Hockey: The 3rd Annual NHL/USA Sled Hockey Classic will be held November 9-11 in Buffalo New York. The Royal Bank of Canada received the \$25,000 grant towards setting up the USA Warrior Veterans Outreach Programming, Sled and Standing Amputee Hockey, Greater Boston Metropolitan Area. Contact Dr. David Crandell at the Spalding Rehab Hospital for more information.

Player Development: No report.

Tournaments: The next committee meeting will be October 9. The ice is almost all set. The Fall Tournament Meeting will be November 4, at 1:00 pm at the Elks in West Roxbury.

PLANNING

American Development Model: The Red, White, and Blue Cup, Mite C Jamboree will be held at the New England Sports Center, Marlborough, MA, February 10, 2013. Emails have been received from parents concerned about requiring mite players to play according to the ADM standard. Plans are underway for creating a presentation to answer the questions and concerns.

High School: All quiet.

Long Range Planning: Concerns about club teams and leagues were discussed.

Mike Cheever Grow Hockey: The committee will meet November 5. The Intent to Submit will be due 12-31-12. Applications will be due 1-31-13. Notifications will be made February 25. The awards ceremony is on hold, but is anticipated to be late in March.

Sportsmanship Awards: All quiet.

EVENTS

Awards: No report.

Hall of Fame: There will be 10 Inductees at the Hall of Fame Dinner November 14, 2012, at Lombardo's in Randolph.

Special Events: The Annual Christmas Party will be held at Lombardo's in Randolph December 3.

EDUCATION

Coaching Education: The level 1, 2, and 3 clinics are up and moving along. There is a concern about no shows especially since clinic size is limited. At the Under 8 level coaches do not need to attend a clinic once they complete their level 1 and stay at the Mite level. Once a coach advances out of the Mites they must take the next level clinic and follow the rules.

Safe Sport: The official approved hand book is online. At this time in developing the program the rules are fluid and subject to change. It is important for all of the Board of Directors to take the online training which can be accessed through safesport.org. The committee will initially focus on the off ice issues and then work on how to develop the on ice portion of the program which includes Heads Up Don't Duck, concussion CPR, AED, and first aid.

Safety: All quiet.

OLD BUSINESS: All quiet.

Affiliated USA Hockey, Massachusetts Hockey Inc., is the nationally recognized body responsible for the administration and development of ice hockey in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



NEW BUSINESS: No report.

The next regular monthly meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be November 5, 2012, at 7:30 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts, as noted in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2012-2013 Calendar of Events.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Champagne

Carol Champagne, Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Alan

Keri-Anne Alan, President and Presiding Officer