



Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 2013

The Executive Board of Massachusetts Hockey was called to order at 6:30 pm by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Waltham, Massachusetts..

Executive Board Attendees: Keri-Anne Allan, Allen Wright, Christine Mayer, Don Derosia, Phil Zona, Mike Bonish, Greg Sophis, Mindy O'Neil, John Tobin, Walter Lloyd, Fred Hannon, Jeff Brown, Dennis Doherty, Tom Troiano

Executive Director Attendee: Kevin Kavanugh

USA Hockey Attendees: Steve Palmacci

A discussion regarding the three player roster exemption rule: positive and negative opinions are that this rule keeps players in town programs, it is supported inside route 128, it is not relevant in areas outside of route 128, it protects weak programs, and it potentially sends players to club teams. Walter Lloyd noted that there have been only two appeals denied in 5 years. It was decided to keep the rule as is for now but we should continue to have conversations in the future. John Tobin suggested having a consultant involved to get the necessary information to assist us in answering our questions.

A discussion regarding whether we should allow U8's to play up based on the number of years the player has played age appropriate hockey: A question was asked as to whether or not USA Hockey insurance would still cover players playing up. Keri will contact Steve Fitzgerald. Don Derosia suggested that the rule not be changed because within 2 years the players will age out and it won't be an issue.

A discussion regarding the Shamrocks & Vipers have 16 of the same players as well as the same 3 coaches rostered on both a U16 Tier 1 and U16 Tier 2 team National Bound team: Bob Rotundo was sent a letter outlining the rules regarding rosters. He was given 72 hours to respond. No respond was received and it is assumed that the Shamrocks are out of the tournament. The Tournament Committee had a general consensus that a fact finding meeting should be held.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm was made by Allen Wright and seconded by Greg Sophis.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy O'Neil  
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Allan  
President and Presiding Officer