



A quorum being present, a Massachusetts Hockey regular monthly meeting as listed in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2013-2014 Calendar of Events, was called to order at 7:43 pm on Monday, March 3, 2014, by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham, Massachusetts with attendance recorded by the Secretary including 49 voting members having signed in.

I. PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: Keri presented a slide show regarding elections in April and an overview of the new rule proposal that was voted on in June 2013. New procedure is explained regarding nomination process.

II. SPECIAL GUESTS/REPORTS: none

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: The last few weeks spent on festival. The website registration is working well. Over 920 registered. Many changes have been requested and accommodations are made as best as possible. Girls side sold out and almost sold out on boys side. CCM is sponsoring festival.

IV. REGISTRAR: Jean Ann & Mark Boldrighini will receive their 10 year service award. Jean Ann will be coming out to USA hockey. There is one spot open. Any director that has not gone and wishes to should contact Kevin.

A program rented ice under a different name that is listed in the USA hockey database. Because of that, when they tried to get insurance they could not because the name they used was not recognized. All programs must use the association name that is registered with USA Hockey. Roster levels: Top team must be tier 1. Only can drop down one level. Try hockey free can be sanctioned under a special event sanction. Players can go on ice 4 times before parent has to pay hockey bill. Request to rules committee about unclaimed players. Need rule to get all players on rosters and registered. It is a misnomer that registers are not part of mass hockey. They are non-voting members of the B.O.D.

V. REFEREE-IN CHIEF: Three names in. One drop out but replaced. Applicants are: Kevin Donovan, David Costa, and Brian Harrington. It is currently in the hands of USA hockey.

VI. COACH-IN-CHIEF: Level 4 on line. There are 100 seats with currently 42 openings. In the future, level 4 will drop down to 2 days to make it more affordable. Updated list of coaches needing waivers – can get temporary status. Level 3 recertification must sign up for level 4 and will be eligible for rest of season. Hardships have been given for financial reasons. Temporary status is only given once in coaching career.

VII. INSURANCE/RISK MANAGER: no report

VIII. DISTRICT PROGRAMS

District #1: Mite jamboree next week. Getting ready for mini one and one.

District #2: Nominations last month. Elections next Monday.

District #3: Play downs complete. All quiet

District #4: Play downs complete. Hearing held - parents upset with outcome. Suspensions given to end of season. Appeal in process.

District #5: Bantam 2 large in Falmouth Friday night. Elections Thursday

District #6: all quiet

District #7: election tomorrow night. Other than small incident – all quiet

District #8: elections next week. All quiet

District #9: election next week. All quiet

District #10: elections next week. March 13-16 bantam play downs. Mini one on one in April. Hearings in process.

Club: Match penalty handled with help from D10

Girls/Women's: 4 try hockey for free sponsored from Cheever Grant funds. Elections Monday. States this weekend at NESO. Women's Tier 1 Nationals, sponsored by the Wizards is in 3 weeks. Bruins offered a spot in Patrice Bergeron's box – given to Stoneham U8 team.

High School: all quiet

National Bound: all quiet

Seniors: all quite

Referees: all quiet



IX. SECRETARY

A motion by Rick Fask seconded by Allan Wright to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2014 Monthly Meeting of Massachusetts Hockey passed by unanimous vote.

X. GENERAL COUNSEL all quiet

XI. FINANCE Financial report handed out. Money slow coming in. Finance Committee met last week. Cheever grant awarded to 14 programs totaling \$53000. One goal equipment given to others.

XII. ADMINISTRATION all new district members must CORI and COI forms to be eligible to vote. Motion to accept proposed changed for player movement RR article I Registration by _____, second by Dennis Doherty. Several discussions ensued regarding the pros and cons of the rule that circumvents the ADM for u8 players. Associations spoke where the rule worked for them and where it worked against them.

Don spoke regarding compliance and that we keep making exceptions. We need to follow the rule that was originally put in place. Timely notifications of teams playing full ice have not been made. Video shown of adults playing on ice surface that would be a size equal to what a mite would play on. Call question motion by John Tobin second by Chris Mayer.

81 % against proposal – motion is defeated.

Allen announced he is not running for re-election and Barbara not running for registrar in d6. He will continue as rules committee chair.

XIII. OPERATIONS Rick Fask – hosting the largest USA hockey disabled hockey tournament. 54 teams. 8 adult teams competing for national championship. April 11-14 at NES. Need volunteers especially for 11th

Player Development: tryouts up and running. Fantastic turn out.

Discipline needs 6-8 volunteers for various hearings.

XIV. PLANNING

Phil – scholarship on website with corrections made. Last year's forms will be accepted. Must be postmarked April 1 – no hand deliveries accepted.

XV. EVENTS looking into 9 other hotels for monthly meetings.

XVI. EDUCATION no report

XVII. OLD BUSINESS – Curt Everett: elections nominations:

1st VP John Tobin

2nd VP Chris Mayer

3rd VP Don Derosia

4th VP Phil Zona

5th VP Mike Bonish

Secretary Mindy O'Neil

Treasurer Greg Sophis

USA: Tom McGrath

At large: Eric Davis, Steve Rizzo,

Keri is in support to keep the rule the way the vote went. And hopes that all members support it also

Charlie Bobbish: American heroes hockey: listed Olympic players that have committed to play against the USA warriors. Tickets on sale through the Tsongas Center website.



USA national sled team is in Sochi playing this weekend. Some games may be on national tv. PBS has a good documentary on USA sled team.

Keri spoke about the passing of Ed Burns and Paul Gilmartin and had a moment of silence in their memory.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS:

The next regular monthly meeting of Massachusetts Hockey will be held Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:30 pm. as noted in the Massachusetts Hockey Guide Book 2013-2014 Calendar of Events.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:34pm by Don Derosia and seconded by Phil Zona was approved by consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy O'Neil
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Allan
President and Presiding Officer