



**N.H. AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HOLIDAY INN, CONCORD, NH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017**

I. ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Delegates Present:

Berlin	Manchester Flames
Concord	N.H. East Eagles
Dover	N.H. Jr. Monarchs
Henniker	N. Cyclones
Hollis	Nashua
Kearsarge	Plymouth
Keene	Rochester
Lakes Region	Seacoast Lightening
Mt. Washington Valley	Upper Valley

Delegates Absent:

Backbay
Hanover
N.H. Avalanche
Oyster River (excused)
Twin Valley Flyers (excused)

Officers Present:

Paul Comeau	President
Chris Cooper	Girls/Women Divisional VP
Mike Durant	1 st Executive VP & Interim Treasurer
Kevin Faschetta	Webmaster
Stephanie Laurin	Squirts Divisional VP
Deb Powell	Registrar
Matt Roy	Bantams & Midgets Divisional VP
Cam Stoddard	Secretary & SafeSport Coordinator
Joan Strogen	Pee Wee Divisional VP

II. OPENING STATEMENT

Paul Comeau thanked everybody for coming.

III. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

The following reports were made at today's meeting.

Secretary's Report

The December 10th meeting minutes were distributed by email along with the agenda for this meeting. A motion to accept them was made by Wes Riley (Concord) and seconded by Will Schoefmann (Keene). All were in favor and the motion passed.



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Treasurer's Report

Mike Durant presented the current *Financial Report & Profit & Loss Balance Sheet* on the overhead screen for everyone to review.

1st Executive VP's Report

Mike Durant announced all releases are in. He is pleased with the new alternates form, which can be populated using a tool on the website. Wes Riley (Concord) asked if the alternates form should be completed for tournament teams. Mike deferred to Deb Powell who said she does need to know who the tournament team alternates are. Paul Comeau said there was a check box for tournaments on the new alternates form.

Registrar's Report

Final rosters were due on December 31st.

Full Mites ice is under way. Deb Powell asked everybody to get their rosters in as soon as possible and reminded them to send their updated rosters along with their credential sheets to their divisional VPs.

She asked tournament directors for state tournaments to send their final game sheets to her as soon as possible, because she has to pass this information on for regionals. She also asked them to send her an email as soon as possible letting her know who the winners and runners up are.

For Bantams tier I and II she will need to see credentialing books sooner rather than later because she has a busy schedule this year. She will be sending out an email to the local registrars letting them know when she will be available to look at their books. She will also need to look at books for some of the girls including 19U and 16U in tier I and 14U in tier II. Joan and Matt will be taking care of them for the Pee Wees and Squirts.

Declarations for girls were due on December 31st. She has received some but not all of them. She asked everybody to get them in as soon as they possibly can. Paul Comeau asked if the second team is not national bound, if a girl can stay on that team. Deb said the girl can play in the regular season on the second team but not in tournaments.

Travel permits and tournament rosters have become a concurrent issue. She reminded those submitting a travel permit they must be submitted along with a tournament roster. Travel permits and tournament rosters must include the name of the tournament and the dates or she will be unable to approve them. She cannot begin to approve any travel permits and tournament rosters before December 31st when final rosters are due.

Birth certificates are due January 20th. She will be sending out an email to the local registrars

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reminding them of this due date. They need to be verified before the state playoffs. She and the divisional VPs cannot be chasing people around for these at the last minute.

Paulette, USAH's customer service rep for New Hampshire, has retired. Between now and when another customer service rep is appointed for the state, please feel free to talk with any customer service rep when you call.

Coaching Director's Report

Bobby Rodrique announced some coaches have missed their deadlines and should not be out on rosters or out on the ice. For some of them getting back on the ice will be as easy as completing online modules, although there will be a financial penalty for doing so.

Womens Divisional VP's Report

Chris Cooper announced festival rosters are out. Overall, the season is going well, and he wished to thank everybody for that. Paul Comeau announced there will be discussions about tournament changes at the USAH and NED winter meetings later this month. If anything, teams may be added.

Squirt Divisional VP's Report

Stephanie Laurin announced most game sheets are in. She is still waiting on a couple and will be talking with people individually about them. Fines will be issued for outstanding games which are not scheduled by the end of today. Please let her know when there are 1- or 4-point games, because there are glitches on the website which prevent them from posting correctly. Overall, the season is going well, and she wished to thank everybody for that.

Pee Wee Divisional VP's Report

Joan Strogen announced one game still needs to be scheduled. She is also missing a couple of game sheets. She will be talking with people individually about these things. There have only been four game misconducts. Overall, the season is going well, and she wished to thank everybody for that. Paul Comeau announced there will be no Pee Wees tier I regionals this year although there will be a best 2 out of 3 in Vermont for Vermont and New Hampshire teams.

Bantam VP's Report

Matt Roy announced he is missing a couple of game sheets and will be talking with people individually about them. Please let him know when there are 1- or 4-point games. He reiterated what Stephanie Laurin said about glitches on the website which prevent them from posting correctly. Overall, the season is going well, and he wished to thank everybody for that.



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Paul Comeau announced, as a reminder, misconducts follow players throughout their careers now and NHCHA and USAH are tracking them. He recommended for coaches to keep track of them as well. Wes Riley (Concord) asked if Valley League games are sanctioned as there has been some confusion over that. Deb Powell said it depended upon the team. Paul recommended getting it in writing (by email) from the other team.

Webmaster's Report

Kevin Fascetta announced there have been a lot of postponed games due to the weather and asked for people to postpone these games on the website as soon as they know these games are going to be postponed. Wes Riley (Concord) asked if there was any way to postpone games en masse if a rink was closed. Kevin said there was not and games must be individually postponed.

SafeSport Coordinator's Report

Cam Stoddard announced the monthly report for December was submitted to USAH a couple of days ago. There were no incidents to report. NHCHA also submitted its annual report to USAH.

A Final Motion

A motion to accept all of the above monthly status reports was made by Joan Strogen and seconded by Wes Riley (Concord). All were in favor and the motion passed.

IV. OUT-OF-ORDER BUSINESS

NHCHA Administrative Action/Discipline Appeal

A motion to go into an executive session to discuss the above was made by Joan Strogen and seconded by Stephanie Laurin. All were in favor and the motion passed. An additional motion to go into a brief recess to clear the room of non-delegates was made by Wes Riley (Concord) and seconded by Jeremy Vega (N.H. Jr. Monarchs). All were in favor and the motion passed. With exception to Mike Durant and Chris Cooper, officers left the room with non-delegates.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tournaments

Mike Durant announced everything is posted on the website now with exception to Squirts tier IV and the super site. Packets will be sent out the tournament directors soon. They will include information on tie breakers.

Paul Comeau announced it looked as though USAH may allow its affiliates to waive the rule mandating for kids playing in tier I or II tournaments to wait 48 hours until after nationals are complete to try out. If this rule is going to be an issue for your team, please contact Paul as soon

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as possible.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

USAH Rule Proposals

Paul announced USAH's rule proposals are out and there are over 100 of them. Highlights include the following, which he will announce at today's meeting:

- No. 38 will reduce minor penalties for 15-minute games to 1 ½ minutes;
- No. 80 will get rid of checking in Bantams;
- No. 128 will prohibit players from icing the puck when short-handed; and
- No. 148 will eliminate tag up in 16Us and Bantams.

Paul noted the last was a controversial vote.

Bantam Referees

Paul Comeau reminded the associations to pay Bantam referees in a timely manner after tournaments. If the referees were scheduled by David Maxfield, please send him a reminder.

Full Mites Exception Letter

Paul Comeau announced he planned to submit a full mites exception letter to USAH again this year for the state.

VII. CLOSING STATEMENTS

Paul Comeau announced the next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18th at the same place and time. Please send a delegate, because there will be a lot of information to share from the USAH's and NED's winter meetings which will be held later this month. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.