

## New England District Meeting

Annual Congress

June 7, 2019 at 7:00am

Freemont Room

Attendees: Ray St Pierre (NED Secretary), Maurice Rosales (NED) , Tom Regan (NED - Director), Mike Hickey (VT Treasurer), Nate Isham (VT-VP), Keith Barrett (NED- Director), Mike Keaney (ME President), Larry Rocha (NED CIC), Mary Turner (CT registrar), Cheri Bonawitz (NED Director), Barry Zalcman (NED RIC), Kim Gaines (VT-VP), Mike McCullough (NED registrar), Art Blakeslee (NED Treasurer), Bobby Rodrigue (NED boys development), Mike McMillan (National CIC chief), Chris Miccichie (VT secretary), Bob Greemore (VT registrar) , Chuck Wilkerson (CT – President), Matt Roy (NH president), Andrew Giuliano (RI president), Jesse Simko (ME VP)

### Meeting minutes

Matt Roy made motion to approve minutes from NED Spring meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nate Isham. Motion carried.

Referee-In-Chief – Larry Rocha

The New England District's Coaching Education Program (CEP) continues to strive for improved credibility and performance at clinics. To this end, there were several events that enhanced our clinic:

- District CEP Training in Portland, ME in July 2018. The focus was on Off-Ice Training Level 1 – Level 3, On-Ice Curriculum Level 1 – Level 3 and Body Contact – Body Checking.
- Guy Perron is stepping down as the Coach-in-Chief in Maine but will stay involved with the CEP. Denis Collins will take over as Coach-in-Chief in Maine and will be joined with Jacob Strong in running clinics. Denis and Jacob bring a great deal of hockey knowledge and experience to our clinics.
- Larry Rocha attended seven clinics (three Level 1, two Level 2 and two Level 3) to observe and provide feedback to his staff. He was very impressed with the instructors' ability to articulate the direction of USA Hockey and their ability to make the clinics helpful, informative and interactive for the coaches attending the clinics. He also attended one of each Affiliate's Meetings to review the CEP Guidelines, updates and answer any questions.
- Below is the list of clinics held during the past five clinic seasons.

Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 TOTAL

2018 16 clinics – 614 10 clinics – 432 10 clinics – 337 1,383

2017 16 clinics – 667 10 clinics – 400 10 clinics – 362 1,429

2016 15 clinics – 628 11 clinics – 419 10 clinics – 345 1,392

2015 14 clinics – 589 10 clinics – 434 10 clinics – 377 1,400

2014 15 clinics – 643 11 clinics – 400 12 clinics – 351 1,394

- There were two Level 4 Clinics in 2018. One in Concord, NH on June 23 – 24 and the other was in Hartford, CT on August 4 – 5. A total of 338 coaches attended.
- The New England District also hosted two High-Performance Workshop for goaltending on October 21, 2018 in Rockport, ME for 7 coaches and October 27, 2018 in Simsbury, CT for 16 coaches.
- On October 13, 2018 the New England District and the Massachusetts District joined together to do a Coaches Symposium for over 500 coaches with the Boston Bruins.
- Another High-Performance Workshop at the NCAA Women’s Frozen Four at Quinnipiac University was offered, and 75 coaches attended.

Looking forward to the 2019 clinic season. There will be several events to continue to provide coaches with the opportunity to improve their coaching and the ability to help their players improve their skills.

- The dates for the 2019 Level 4 Clinics are June 29 – 30 in Concord, NH and August 3 – 4 in Hartford, CT. Both are posted on the USA Hockey website. As of this date there are 121 coaches registered for the Concord, NH clinic and 78 coaches registered for the Hartford, CT clinic.
- The New England District will have their National CEP Training on August 23 – 25 in Hartford, CT.
- The goal is to have most of the Level 1 – Level 3 clinic posted by the end of July or the first week in August.
- The New England District will also plan to conduct several High-Performance Workshops on Goaltending and other hockey related skills.

In closing, Larry Rocha would like to thank all his CEP instructors for all their hard work and dedication to USA Hockey and the educating of coaches. He would also like to thank the Presidents and Directors of the New England District for their support.

Coaching Education Program is going thru a re-write for the entire program. Submitting proposals to be voted on in January.

Mike McCullough brought up a point about having the coaching section mention to coaches in training – to remind them about making sure that all your players are rostered. Too often when there is an issue, the coach says they were not aware of that being their responsibility. Discussion about drawing up an information sheet to be presented at training.

### **Futures Development Camp 2020 update**

We are confirmed for the last weekend in March 2020 the event will be at Cairns and Leddy because Gutterson will be under renovation. There will be tweaks to format for next year.

### **Girl’s Hockey**

Keith explained the situation with Bill Leidt’s departure and everyone’s help to cultivate replacements. The presidents need to find candidates to replace the district level girl’s director.

Mike Keaney requested a basic job description so that we know who to look for. Keith will put together a job description.

Kristen Wright, from USA Hockey – advised that we need someone with knowledge and passion for girls hockey. Combining someone to do player development and grow the game – that is a lot for one person. May need to have 2 people for that position.

### **Boys Summer Camp update from Bobby Rodrigue**

- The S16 & S17 camps were held in Attleboro, MA the last weekend in March. Terrific response to the staff and the facility. Our national camp selections are headed off to Buffalo in June and July. The camp netted about \$25k, mostly due to reduced ice costs.
- S15 camp will be in Keene June 25-28 (goaltenders will come in an extra day early). Similar fees, and expenses to last year. S15 National Camp will mirror our model in that goaltenders will arrive early for exclusive goaltender training.
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### **Safety Coordinator Position**

Cheri Bonawitz reported that each district is to have a Safety Coordinator to get the information out to the affiliates and associations. We should have someone by the start of the season. Andrew will check with a possible candidate, a Dr in RI.

**Andy Gibson, USA Program Services for NED**, providing support for our district.

Growth efforts – Hat Trick Growth program, instead of the 2v2.

Try Hockey for Free – November 9, 2019 and February 22, 2020

Promote Girls Hockey – Try Girls Hockey for Free - October 5-6, 2019

**Treasurers Report** - Art B. provided the PL and balance sheet for the District. Overall the district finances are strong. Art feels he is getting more comfortable with the books. Maurice will update the auto reports in QuickBooks for the finance committee gets the reports.

Nate Isham, VT VP gave a demo of 'Team Genius' which is an evaluation software for tryouts. Nate indicated that his desire was for others to use the product and help bring the cost down from \$4/player to something less.

### **Referee-In-Chief**

Barry Zalcman – update - NH interviewing for new RIC, also Brian Collamore (VT RIC) has indicated he is going to retire, so Barry will need to replace him.

We are running a high-performance officiating seminar 3<sup>rd</sup> week in July, also some female specific sessions are in the planning

### **On-Line Store for District Staff**

Kevin Smith's, in Vermont, will open an on-line store for district personnel attire soon – we got a preview of the store

### **District Registrar**

Mike McCullough. – Discussion regarding the name 'Tier 1' , 'Tier 2' - more information after today's Registrars meeting.

Tournament names for our district tournaments are also in question (if we can use the designation 'tier'), Mike will know more after the 10:30a Registrars meeting

Tom Regan indicated that there are no voting items of major note or concern for Saturday's USA Hockey Board of Directors meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Nate I, second Mike K. Meeting adjourned at 8:31a