



Maine Coast Storm: March Special Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025
 Time: 6:30pm
 Location: MRC Boardroom

Standing Agenda Topics:

Attendance

X	Kristin Falla	X	Danielle Nelson	X	Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin	X	Todd Adams	X	Jen Corbett
X	Valerie Hilchey	X	Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
X	Erica Gates	X	Ruth Thyen		
X	Kristen Smith	X	Andrew Marshall		

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.
2. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** There were no adjustments to the agenda.
4. **Action Items**
 - a. **Approve Recommended Team Plans for 2025-2026 - Rosters & Coaches:** Data was gathered and rankings were made and taken to the coaches. A discussion was had with the coaches to place players where they belong in order to do best by the organization. It was discussed that 15 skaters are already chosen for 14U. Confirmation was received that full assessments would take place in the fall for those still wanting to try out. There are not a lot of returning skaters to 14U next year and a few skaters are not 100% committed to Storm. If players reject the offer to join the team, those on the waitlist would have a spot. There can be 16 skaters on a team if a skater is exemplary. Concerns for 10U only having 11 skaters on the roster were discussed as most of these skaters will be skating full ice for the first time and what happens if players are sick? Jeff Rasmussen explained that there was a clear distinction in skill level between the selected players and the players not selected to play at the 10U T3 level. Jeff believes that 15 kids would be too many at that age group. A 10U T4 light team was discussed as a possibility if numbers allow. Concerns were brought forward that one T3 team (14U) accepted 15 skaters and one T3 team (10U) accepted 11 skaters and that kids could be discouraged from trying out again in the future. 10U playing both goalies equally was recommended as goalie retention is important to the program. Andrew was commended for the work he puts into the tryout and team selection process.

Erica motioned to accept the recommendations and Iride seconded the motion. All were in favor of the proposed team rosters for the 2025-2026 season. Valerie motioned to accept the recommended coaches and Regina seconded the motion. All were in favor of the proposed team coaches for the 2025-2026 seasons.
 - b. **Approve 2025-2026 Travel Player Tuition & Contracts:** A 15% increase in tuition is not enough to cover the increased ice cost. The idea that Storm is losing money by not adding more players to

10U was proposed. As of right now, there are 54 expected skaters and 5 expected goalies. The organization needs 300 hours of ice, which costs \$84,000, and coaches, officials, and tournaments need to be paid. Board members agreed to table house hockey tuition until the next board meeting where the program will be discussed in further detail. Tuition of \$1350 for travel skaters and \$1000 for travel goalies was proposed.

Jen motioned to accept tuition rates of \$1350 for travel skaters and \$1000 for travel goalies and Erica seconded the motion. All were in favor of tuition rates of \$1350 for travel skaters and \$1000 for travel goalies.

A deposit of \$200.00 was agreed upon. Volunteer hours will be addressed in April. It was discussed that language will be added to the contract that attendance at all offered hockey games is required. Contracts will be sent out tomorrow and families will have one week to respond.

Action items:

Adjournment: **The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.**
 The next meeting will be held: April 2nd, 2025 at 6:30pm

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