



Maine Coast Storm: August Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: MRC Boardroom & Zoom

Standing Agenda Topics:

Attendance

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| X | Kristin Falla | X | Danielle Nelson | X | Iride Piechoki |
| | Bo Hoppin | | Todd Adams | | Jen Corbett |
| | 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. **Approval of June meeting minutes:** Kristen made a motion to approve June's meeting minutes and Iride seconded the motion. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.

President's Report

- a. MEAHA second rep: Kristin reports that there is a need for a second MEAHA rep. Iride proposed sharing the load. MEAHA would like a specific person and one of the two people need to be checked off or else we are not in compliance.
- a. Bruins event in Lewiston: This event is to take place on August 23rd and Lewiston is looking for volunteers. If you volunteer for four hours, you will get two preseason tickets. The Bruins foundation will donate over 200 thousand dollars to the Lewiston shooting victim's fund.
- b. 10U nets: 10U nets are happening and will be ready for the season. 16 rinks around the state are receiving the 10U intermediate-size goals. 12U nets will remain in place for house hockey.
- c. Ice Schedule: The ice schedule will remain largely the same as last season, but Storm is working on three game times on Saturdays, which will provide another hour, as well as some Wednesday ice time. Inferno is still listed as having practice between their Sunday games. Micah reports that this is not realistic as the players did not want to practice in between their own games. 18U ice time basically remains the same. ADM practices start on September 30th. Danielle proposed combining practices – 12U with 10U and 12U with 14U so as to optimize ice time. Also discussed were clock operation protocols that will be sent to refs – volunteers will be notified of this protocol, as well, so that all are on the same page as to who makes the clock calls in situations where the clock may need to run the rest of the game. Tier III 12U will be known as red and Tier IV will be known as black. Moving the Hedstrom tournament was discussed as well as a possible house round robin on New Year's Eve. It was discussed that ice price will likely

increase. Iride proposed signing a contract based on the cost of ice at that time so that tuition will appropriately reflect the cost of ice.

- d. 1616 Program: A description of the program was read by Kristin. Pros and cons were discussed as well as the possibility of participating in the program during some off-ice training where staff and players can also review footage. MEAHA is likely making a donation to this program, and encouraging participation.
- e. Family Handbook Update: The update included adding Wednesday games as a possibility based on enrollment.
- f. Player Code of Conduct Draft: A storm code of conduct was discussed for players to sign.

Treasurer's Report (Todd) – Todd was not present but the possibility of moving banks was discussed based on some issues.

Safety Updates (Jen) – No updates.

Coaching Updates (Andrew)

- a. Next Season Prep – Andrew has sent emails out to coaches and those interested. Erica will put something out to reach potential coaches. Iride needs to know who is interested in coaching house hockey. It was discussed that house hockey games would be a great place for some new coaches to start and grow their skills. A possible coach's clinic will take place on September 25th around 5:30pm.
- a. Contracted Skills Training – Storm only recently received Jesse Simko's proposal – this proposal was tabled in order to thoroughly discuss it with coaches.

Program Updates (All)

- a. Registration Now Open - Registrar – Ruth reports that registration is going fine and numbers have improved . Iride reports that we need to announce House Hockey registration. Ensuring that everyone was up to date in their Safe Sport training was discussed as well as board members needing to complete Safe Sport. Ruth will send out to the board what is needed for trainings/background checks. Ruth needs to roster coaches. Regina will work on her call retention and will call people who have not yet registered.
- a. Travel Scheduling Underway – Scheduler – Valerie has begun scheduling the red team and almost has that all set. This is to be Valerie's last year, so a scheduler will be needed for next year.
- b. House Hockey Prep/Sponsor Requests - House Hockey Director – Mathews Brothers is a go as well as Maine Sport. Iride is sure that Journey's End is a go but Gunns has not yet responded. Mixing the kids up for house hockey was discussed.
- c. Girls High School Co-Op Talks - Girls Program Director – There are conversations happening to figure out a way for a high school girls co-op team next year but there would need to be a feeder program, like a Storm pick-up game for girls. Micah has reached out to someone in the woman's league who has putting feelers out for people that would want to help out with this program and if someone is interested, they will get back to Micah.

Fundraising Update

- a. Summer Fundraising Events: The two parking lot fundraisers raised almost \$8500 dollars. Next weekend is the car wash which needs to get promoted and put out again. Flatbread has not yet responded, but it is assumed that the fundraiser there on October 8th from 4:00-8:00PM is still taking place.
- a. 50/50 Raffle at the Maine Mariners: The two Maine Mariner’s games will be December 8th, a teddy bear toss game at 3:00 where Storm will do the 50/50, and March 23rd, a Blue Line Buddies game where 15 kids can participate and only 20 tickets will need to be sold for.

Grow the Game Grant

- a. UMaine Visit / Skate with the Bears: Regina asked for a date for registration to be completed and the end of September was proposed. Regina has a list of 8U kids moving up. Boosting more on social media was discussed – Regina will tell Erica what she wants to boost. The Skate with the Bears event was discussed to be held on September 27th. Start time will be 5:00pm or 5:30pm and UMaine wants to be done by 7:30pm. The plan is for UMaine to be on the ice for a 75-minute practice, which is open to the public. At the end of practice, the UMaine kids will leave and get a bite to eat. During that time, the public will gather at center ice and one of the UMaine Captains will talk to the community about sportsmanship. UMaine will re-take the ice and all will be able to skate with the Bears until around 7:15pm. Ben Barr has offered to meet with Storm and MRC coaches to do a coach’s chat. This event will be boosted on social media – a Facebook event was discussed as well as making flyers.

Action items:

- Tournament Protocol Structure – vote: Kristen motions to approve the proposed ‘24-‘25 tournament structure. Irde seconded the motion. All 7 approved.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM

The next meeting will be held on September 4, 2024 (unless it is decided to move the meeting to September 11, 2024.

Board of Directors:

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| 10 | Scheduler | Valerie Hilchey |
| 11 | Girls Program Director | Micah Kelly |

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| 1 2 | House Program Director | Iride Piechocki |
| 1 3 | Grow the Game Grant Coordinator | Regina Dennis |