

The Natick Comets Hockey Club

Board of Directors

Natick Police Station

January 20, 2025

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Glenn Soucy, Kristian Efstathiou, Jeff Schneller, Sean Stevens, Michael Byrum, Alicia Dieg, Meg Whalen, Aaron Souza, Bob Klane, Andrea Smith (NV)

NO QUORUM SO VOTING COULD NOT OCCUR

I. Call to Order

Mr. Schneller called the meeting to order just around 7:10pm

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Not available at meeting

III. Financial Update

Not available at meeting

IV. Winter Midget Jerseys

Mr. Stevens would like to use \$300 of funds to put the Comets logo and numbers on a set of blank white jerseys that the Comets already own. This is for the winter midget team to use when there are jersey color conflicts in their game. Vote to occur over email.

V. Scheduling Topics

Mr. Byrum discusses various scheduling topics:

- A. State Playdowns - all completed. Split 50/50 with Framingham
- B. Stick & Puck - going well. Open to all including Junior house and house
- C. VHL Saturday Games - took 3 hours of ice at Chase to use for games. Any time left over in schedule will be used for goalie clinics. This provides an opportunity for more home games for our teams.

D. Avario Software - final recommendation is to not move forward. More work than benefit. Not worth the investment for an extra layer of abstraction that could cause more confusion in the future.

VI. Try Hockey For Free

Mr. Schneller discussed offering another Try Hockey For Free Day. Would be 2/22 at 5:20pm - 6:00pm based on ice availability. Ask for up to \$350 for sticks again. Vote to occur over email.

VII. Purchase Net Skirting for New Nets

Mr. Souza talked about the new mite nets that have been assembled. They are heavier and better quality but is asking for \$200 for net skirting to protect the nets from damage around the base. Vote to occur via email.

VIII. MA Hockey Redistricting

Mr. Schneller relayed an email from MA Hockey about redistricting that will possibly start next year. State moving from 10 to 8 districts. We would be in district 2 which will include Waltham. Entry into states will become more difficult for our teams.

IX. USA Hockey Rule Changes for 2025-26 Season

Mr. Schneller provided an update on rule changes coming for the 2025-26 season. Most important one is delayed off-sides and icing when short-handed for teams 15u and up teams. Other rule changes are clarifications of existing rules or re-wording.

X. Refund Language in Handbook

Ms. Smith discussed some potential modifications to the refund language in the handbook to make it consistent within the handbook. Her recommendation is to state that refunds will be handled on a case-by-case basis. This is the policy that has been followed for the past few years anyhow. A vote will be by email on exact wording.

XI. New Business

A. Comets Senior Night

Ms. Whalen and Ms. Smith discussed Comets Senior Night. A budget needs to be assigned for flowers and gifts for players. Ms. Efstathiou volunteered to help as well to

take it over in future years. Group will meet and come back with a budget at next meeting.

B. Coach Evals for tryouts

Mr. Souza reminded the board that coach evaluations of players need to be sent out soon for tryouts. Referred to the tryout/placement committee to handle.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

Next Meeting: February 17, 2025