

# **Natick Comets Hockey Club, Inc.**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Monday, May 1, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Chris Boyer, President, Lindsay Newall, Clerk, Jeff Schneller, Vice President of Operations, Sean Stevens, Vice President of Player Development, Nathan Joyal, Director of Girls Hockey and MYCGL Representative, Andrea Smith, Registrar, Dave Mangan, Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Midura, Director of Communications, Teddy Efstathiou, Director of Equipment, John Smutko, Valley League Conference Representative, Michael Balcom, Director of Youth Hockey, Michael Byrum, Practice Scheduler, Joe Marashio, Assistant Scheduler, Matthew Schneider, Natick Liaison, Rose Schneider, Director of Goalie Development, Jeff Aronis

The President called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

#### **2. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bank statements were distributed. The audit is complete. No notable activity to report. Accounts in arrears are de minimis.

#### **3. VOTING ITEMS**

##### **A. Head Coaches Slate for 2023-24 Season**

The Vice President of Player Development presented the slate of head coaches. All were unanimously approved, notwithstanding those yet to be determined. These will be voted on at a future meeting.

##### **B. U10 Tuition Discounts**

The Assistant Practice Schedule presented an issue brought to him by two families of U10 players. Both families requested tuition discounts based on discussions with other goalie families. After discussion the motion was voted on and did not pass.

##### **C. Comets Scholarships**

The Assistant Treasurer presented the specifics of the Augie Chase Memorial Scholarship for Boys and Sarah Hoffman Memorial Scholarship for Girls. The Board provided feedback and suggestions and determined an application deadline of June 1st, 2023 and notification to recipients no later than July 1, 2023. A subcommittee of non-Board Members will be established to review applications and will present their recommendations to the Board for approval. The Assistant Treasurer will distribute a final document for review and approval by email.

D. Spectator Reminders Sign

Comets member Rachel Aronis is coordinating the posting of banners encouraging responsible, appropriate spectator behavior at Natick sports venues. A motion to support an expenditure up to \$400 for a banner/sign at Chase was passed unanimously. Such sign is to include Comets branding and a QR code for the Massachusetts Hockey spectator reporting hotline.

#### **4. NON-VOTING ITEMS**

B. Coach Surveys

The Club received more responses than ever before. Strongly positive feedback on practice scheduling was a common theme. Other common remarks included requests for more skills and more ice time after Thanksgiving. A few coaches were mentioned multiple times for their contributions, and it was suggested that the Board should recognize these coaches. Areas of improvement identified included more communication. The Director of Communication will send one final request for members to complete the survey.

The Board agreed that there were no further items for discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.