

The Natick Comets Hockey Club

Board of Directors

Natick Police Station

December 19, 2024

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mike Balcom, Kristian Efstathiou, Jeff Schneller, Sean Stevens, Lauren Thomson, David Mangan, Teddy Efstathiou, Meg Whalen

NO QUORUM SO VOTING COULD NOT OCCUR

I. Call to Order

Mr. Balcom called the meeting to order just after 7:10pm

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes not available

III. Financial Update

Mr. Mangan stated that the financial condition of the Club remained solid. Pickup in ice time expenses which is to be expected for time of year. 4 volunteers for assistant treasurer. Mike Zharnacky, a junior at Natick HS, will be helping with some budgeting spreadsheets, cost analysis, etc.. as some volunteer work to learn about finance/business.

IV. Polar Plunge

Ms. Efstathiou provided an update on the fundraising from the Polar Plunge. \$5600 was raised for the general fund. Expenses were higher than expected. But had great attendance for the first year. Have some lessons learned and areas of improvement for next year. Topics included - keep same weekend, move to later morning, plan earlier, plan sponsorships earlier, move location, have a logo design challenge

V. Hockey Mom Takeover

Ms. Efstathiou talked about the hockey mom takeover fundraiser to be held in the Spring. Will ask for some ice time. Idea is mom's playing a game as a fundraiser

VI. NYE Fundraising

Ms. Whalen provided information about the NYE fundraising skate. Lots of big items for raffle. Will be asking over email for up to \$100 for incidental expenses.

VII. Girls Varsity Information Skate

Ms. Efstathiou talked about the girls varsity intermission skates. Jessica Michaud is organizing them - did on her own. Would like to group all girls together to play in it.

VIII. Tryout Jerseys

Mr. Efstathiou discussed tryout pinnies. Will get an exact quote and will vote over email when a quote is provided.

IX. LTP Update & Scheduling

Mr. Schneller provided an update on LTP. Move some Junior House to House for capacity reasons based on skill. LTP last session starting. Skills - Saturday, Games - Sunday for more puck involvement

X. Tryout Planning - Evaluators

Mr. Schneller talked about outside evaluators and if we want to try new evaluators. Referred to the tryout committee to look into sourcing outside evaluators and will report back.

XI. New Business

A. Practice and Game Attendance

Mr. Schneller raised an issue about lack of attendance of players at practices and games at particular age levels. Board discussed briefly but no immediate actions. Board agreed it is something to keep an eye on and to make a plan to be communicated before next season's tryouts.

B. Mid-Year Player Report

Mr. Schneller talked about having a mid-year player report. Discussion about having a mid-year evaluation skate but members felt it was best for the coaches to handle. Referred to the coaching director to ask coaches to have a conversation with every player on the team about strengths and areas of improvement.

XII. Adjournment

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Next Meeting: January 20, 2025