

The Natick Comets Hockey Club

Board of Directors

Chase Arena

July 15, 2024

7:00 pm

Revised Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Cogliano, Jeff Schneller, Mike Byrum, Meg Whalen, Glenn Soucy, Teddy Efstathiou, Lauren Thomson, Michael Balcom, Bob Klane, Alicia Dieg, Kristian Efstathiou, Sean Stevens

I. Call to Order

II. Financial Update

Mr. Schneller reported on behalf of Mr. Mangan that the financial condition of the Club remained solid and that there were no extraordinary expenses to report with regard to the Club's finances.

III. Open Coaching Positions

Mr. Schneller led a discussion regarding the outstanding coaching positions. Specifically, the U12 team, Pee wee 1 and Bantam 3 remained open. There are potential candidates for the U12 and Pee wee 1 team. Mr. Balcom was going to make inquiries to individuals to assess their interest and lock down head coaches for these teams.

IV. In Season Skills for Travel Team (Jeff Schneller),

Mr. Schneller led a discussion regarding in-season skills programs run by Karl Infanger and Bruce Ilhoff, the boys and girls' varsity coaches. Coach Infanger and Coach Ihloff expressed an interest in running an in-season skills program for Mites through Pee wees in the Fall. The Board approved participation in the program. The Skills Committee (Teddy Efstathiou, Mike Byrum, Jeff Schneller and Sean Stevens) were tasked with coordinating with Coach Infanger and Coach Ihloff.

Mr. Schneller also indicated that he has had discussions with Solid State, to run in season skills during the winter season. Solid State proposes : 1 coach for every 7 or 8 players.

Solid State has offered to do a demonstration session. Discussions with Solid State are ongoing and the Skills Committee to evaluate.

V. Goalies

Mr. Schneller raised that the Comets have a shortage of goalies. Specifically, the Comets need 3 Peewee goals and Shortfall of goalies; 3 peewees and 2 Bantam goalies. There was a discussion of a number of financial incentives the Club could offer to entice goalies at these levels. A decision was made to offer tuition for \$450.00 for any newly recruited goalies but that was subject to further revision based on the results of the recruiting efforts.

VI. Learn to Play/House League Registration

Mr. Schneller led a discussion regarding the Learn to Play (“LTP”) program and whether we should engage Solid State to run the LTP program. It was agreed that engaging Solid State would be best for the players and the LTP program. The Board discussed the slightly increased financial commitment for the Fall session given the historically lower number of participants in the Fall session but agreed that it was still better for the LTP program to outsource. The Board agreed that it would go ahead with Solid State and determine how to address the financial impact in the future.

VII. Pre-Season High School Skills Program

Mr. Cogliano initiated a discussion about the Boys High School Varsity captains running a preseason clinic for 30 skaters between Mites and Peewees. Tate Cogliano, one of the Boys Captains, would run the clinic, which is scheduled to run for 1 hour a day for five consecutive days - August 19th- August 23rd. The Board agreed that it should be limited to 30 skaters per session and skaters could sign up for the full week or individual sessions. Registration would be limited to Comets players only including Squirts through Peewees and U10 and U12 players. The Board agreed to donate the ice to the Clinic and the proceeds would be donated to the RedHawk Foundation.

VIII. Next Meeting: August 19, 2024