

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

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, January 16th, 2023**

### **PRESENT:**

Chris Boyer, President, Jeff Schneller, Vice President of Operations, , Nathan Joyal, Director of Girls Hockey and MYCGL Representative, Teddy Efstathiou, Director of Equipment, Luke Carapezza, Director of Coaches and ACE Coordinator, Joe Marashio, Assistant Practice Scheduler, Michael Byrum Practice Scheduler, Dave Mangan Assistant Treasurer, John Smutko, VHL Rep, tbd, Nathan Joyal Director of Girls Hockey, Bob Klane Director of SafeSport and Safety, Jeff Aronis Director of House League

The President called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

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

The minutes from the December 2022 meeting were approved as written.

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

The Treasurer reached out to 3<sup>rd</sup> party skills sessions. Pricing was obtained and hopefully 3<sup>rd</sup> party ice could be identified.

### **3. VOTING ITEMS**

A. Move to allocate \$1000 as tokens of appreciation for coaches of developmental programs; LTP and House League. Moved by Aronis, seconded by Byrum. Unanimous in favor.

B. Blue pucks (Schneller) : Blue pucks are disappearing from the LTP and House League Inventories.

2. Possible solution is a bucket of pucks each for LTP and House League.

3. Action: Order blue pucks and black pucks with expiring points from PureHockey. Moved by Schnellar, seconded by Efstathiou. Unanimous in favor.

4. Consider: securing equipment in a cabinet/box with combination locks are placed in a storage location.

#### 4. NON-VOTING ITEMS

##### **Restaurant Fundraisers:**

- A. Thank you to all who participated in the Smashburger fundraiser yesterday
- B. Next Restaurant Fundraiser: Chipotle on March 6 (at 9/27 shopping center by Stop & Shop)
- 2. Any interest in opening up a **Comets night at Worcester Railers?** (would leave to Team Managers to organize for each team)
  - A. Squirt 2 went last weekend and had team photo with The Stanley Cup!
  - B. **Railers Fan Promotional Nights:** [2022-23 Promotional Games - RailersHC.com](#)
    - i. Star Wars Night: Sat. Feb 4
    - ii. Pink In The Rink: Sat. Feb 11 (girls teams/girls night out?)
    - iii. Fan Appreciation Night: Sat. April 8
- 3. Action: Circulate to team managers for interest level through Sara Grossman.

A. Scholarship Committee, Year End Event and Senior Night (Nancy Midura)

Action: Transition to alternate lead due to Nancy being busy with other initiatives.

B. Metrowest Junior Beanpot (Dave Mangan)

No response from 3 local teams. Will continue to pursue with local teams.

C. As tournament season approaches, raise that when scheduling hotels that no contract should be signed holding the Natick Comets responsible for anything.

D. Michael Byrum raised calling up players to be introduced to the next level up via practice invites. The board was supportive of exploring.

**E. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: Complex items that are worth revisiting for proactive discussion.**

1. Paid skills for outside assessment or support for skills development was raised by Luke Carapezza. Referred to a project team to be led by Player Development, Scheduler and Coaching Director.
2. Coaches evaluations: when/how to share
3. Player evaluations: when/how to share
4. Update Handbook
5. Revise tryout practice by opening them up to spectators
6. Scholarship committee
7. For 2023-24 season, revisit team contribution from \$1050 to a number more reflective of actual costs or removing all subsidy together.
8. Hitting clinics for the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.