

Natick Comets Hockey Club, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022

PRESENT: Chris Boyer, President, Lindsay Newall, Clerk, Jeff Schneller, Vice President of Operations, Sean Stevens, Vice President of Player Development, Matthew Schneider, Director of Girls Hockey and MYCGL Representative, Andrea Smith, Registrar, Kristen Nill, Assistant Registrar, David Mangan, Assistant Treasurer, Nancy Midura, Director of Communications and Valley League Conference Representative, Peter Rovick, Director of Fundraising, Rose Schneider, Timekeeper Coordinator and Director of Goalie Development, Luke Carapezza, Director of Coaches, Michael Balcom, Director of Youth Hockey, Jonas Geiger, Director of Public Relations/Marketing, Jim Lavelle, District 8 Representative, Andrew Reid, Director of Skill Development, Ron Chin, Director of House League, Michael Byrum, Practice Scheduler, Joe Marashio, Assistant Scheduler, Dave Hoffman, Honorary Trustee/Advisor

The Directors of Fundraising and Coaching opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The checking account and money market account balances were read. Per usual for this time of year, we are paying final invoices and awaiting the next wave of revenue. No material activity to report.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE

A. Number of Teams for the 2022-23 Season

The Vice President of Player Development visually presented the number of teams that are proposed for Girls Travel and Youth Travel. The President read these aloud to the members attending virtually. On a motion by the Director of Youth Hockey, the Board unanimously approved the number of teams as presented.

B. Head Coaches Slate for the 2022-23 Season

The Vice President of Player Development visually presented the head coaches slate, which the President read these aloud to the members attending virtually. Nine remain to be determined and will put to vote by email before May 17th: Pee Wee 4,

Bantam 2 and 4, Midget 3, 4, and 5, U12B, U14, and U19B. On a motion by the Vice President of Player Development, the Board unanimously approved the motion after debate.

4. NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

A. Midget League

The Vice President of Player Development presented an overview of the AAU Midget league for the Board's consideration as an alternative to the VHL for Midget teams 1 and 2. Games structure is two 20 minutes halves. We would host 6-10 games at home. The rules for the league are reflective of high school standards, not necessarily USA Hockey. The AAU, which has its own book of bylaws, recognizes USA as the main governing body and uses their policies as guidelines but allows adaptations to the extent that any such variations do not compromise safety. Fees seem reasonable. Several questions about insurance were raised. The President will follow up with the Treasurer to confirm the status of our supplemental insurance. The Vice President of Player Development, with assistance from the Honorary Trustee/Advisor, will address remaining insurance questions. A final proposal, including insurance information, will be distributed and put to vote by email.

B. 2022-23 Board of Directors Confirmation

The Vice President of Operations circulated a list of current Board members with position, length of service, and intention to serve next year (yes or no) and asked members to contact him individually regarding changes and corrections.

C. Team Placement Communication

The Registrar asked for confirmation that she may begin to communicate team placements. The Board agreed that this will be a rolling process (as the Registrar has already advised parents) that can begin now for the teams that have an approved head coach and will play in the VHL.

The Board agreed that there were no further items for discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.