

The Natick Comets Hockey Club

Board of Directors

Natick Police Station

April 13, 2026

7:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Mike Balcom, Teddy Efstathiou, Andrew Ballow, Aaron Souza, Alicia Deig, Meg Whalen, Anthony Fireman, Bob Klane, Bob Michaud, David Cogliano, Andrea Smith, Jeff Schneller, Andrew Reid, Russell Webber, Lauren Thompson

I. **Call to Order**

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the March Board meeting were approved.

III. **Financial Update**

Mr. Mangan provided an update on the financial condition of the Club. Mr. Mangan reported that the Club currently has an anticipated operating loss of \$80k and the Club has a current cash balance of \$130k. Mr. Mangan reported that all major invoices have been paid. The financial projections are based on, among other things, excluding non-Chase ice time and ceasing to use STOP-IT and assumes no erosion of players, which the Board felt was doubtful.

IV. **Scholarship Update**

Ms. Smith led a discussion regarding the Club's annual scholarship to High School seniors. After a discussion of historical practices, the Board approved a total amount of \$1,500.00 for scholarships, with at least one male and one female player being eligible.

V. **Approval of Rosters for Invitations and Registration Deadline**

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding the teams and coaches resulting from the work of the Player Evaluation Committee and the Director of Coaches. Ultimately the Board approved:

8U1: 11 players, HC: Lee

8U2: 11 players, HC Skenga

8U3: 12 players, HC Verna

8U4: 12 players, HC Freeman

10U1 15 players, HC Smith

10U2: 14 players, HC Sarazin

10U3: 15 players, HC Hampton

The Board discussed some concerns with having sufficient goalies for the 10U age group.

12U1:15 players, HC Hermann

12U2: 16 players, No HC at this time

12U3: 19 players, HC Deig

The Board discussed some concerns with having sufficient goalies for the 12U age group

14U1: 16 players, HC Mulrooney

14U2: 15 players, No HC at this time

14U3: 16 players, HC Bracken

The Board discussed a number of options regarding team placements and some challenges that will continue to be worked through.

18U Select: 18 players, HC Borgman

Midget 1: 12 players, HC Fiore

Midget 2: 15 players, No HC at this time

Girls 10U: 17 players, HC Hampton

Girls 14U 15 players, HC Pagano and Hubbard

19U: 23 players, HC Quirk 23

The Board discussed seeking to find additional players to add a second team.

Pending discussion with Coach Marashio a second 19U team may be added.

The Board approved a second team if Mr. Marashio was able to gather the additional players for two teams of 14 players.

The Board had an additional discussion about the open coaching roles and approaches for filling same.

VI. **Alternates/Practices/Game Only Player Status**

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding the appropriate use of alternate players and practice players. Mr. Balcom also distributed a proposal regarding a “game only” option. The Board took no definitive action on the proposal.

VII. **Nominating Committee Update**

Mr. Cogliano reviewed the status of the nominations in anticipation of the May Annual Meeting and the Board meeting to follow immediately thereafter.

VIII. Next Meeting: After the Annual Meeting on May 19

IX. **Adjournment**