

# **The Natick Comets Hockey Club**

## **Board of Directors**

**Natick Police Station**

**March 17, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendees:** Mike Boyer, Kristian Efstathiou, Teddy Efstathiou, Alicia Deig, Andrea Smith, Michael Byrum, Jeff Schneller, Meg Whalen, Lauren Thomson, Glenn Soucy, Mike Balcom, Dave Mangan

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **I. Call to Order**

#### **II. Financial Update**

Mr. Mangan provided a financial update. Expenses and account balances are at expected levels and nothing particular to note. A marine insurance policy, which provides \$40,000 in coverage has lapsed. Mr. Mangan was going to assess whether it should be renewed.

#### **III. Attendance Policy**

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding whether the Club should adopt an attendance policy for players given the program wide challenge teams face as many players play for both the Comets and another club team thereby affecting attendance at practices and games. A draft attendance policy was circulated and Mr. Balcom requested feedback on the draft policy.

#### **IV. Girls Programs**

Ms. Deig led a discussion regarding enrollment and skill development in the girls' program. It was recognized that the Comets do not have enough female skaters at certain ages (U10) and that more and more girls are playing both for a girls team and a coed team. There was a discussion about how to recruit more girls and whether the Comets should adjust tuition for girls who play for a girls team and a coed team. Mr. Balcom suggested that we establish a committee to review whether a tuition adjustment is appropriate.

#### **V. End of Year Celebrations**

Ms. Efstathiou led a discussion regarding planning for year end celebrations. The Board voted that each player would receive a bag tag. The Board approved the purchase of the same.

#### **VI. Open Board Positions**

Ms. Efstathiou and Mr. Balcom led a discussion about open Board positions and recruiting certain individuals to fill the roles. The consensus was that the Board is eager for new volunteers and was going to reach out to certain individuals to measure interest. Mr. Balcom also redistributed a spreadsheet asking current Board members to express their interest in particular positions.

#### **VII. Natick Comet Scholarships**

Ms. Whalen led a discussion regarding the Comets Scholarship Program for graduating seniors who have participated in the program. There was a discussion about increasing the dollar amount and whether the Comets should increase the number of recipients. That decision was postponed pending further discussion.

#### **VIII. Winter Midget Celebration**

Ms. Whalen also discussed the Winter Midget year end celebration. The celebration was to involve a scrimmage against Wellesley. The Board approved \$500 to spend on food and drinks for both teams as part of the celebration.

#### **IX. Learn to Play Follow Up**

Mr. Schneller updated the Board on the LTP program and one parent's generous purchase of trophies for all the participants.

X. Next Meeting: April 28, 2025

#### **XI. Adjournment**