

The Natick Comets Hockey Club

Board of Directors

April 28, 2025
Chase Arena

7:00 pm

MEETING ATTENDEES

Bob Michaud, Bob Klane, Kristian Efstafthiou, Teddy Efstafthiou. Alicia Deig, Linda Thomson, Amanda Potter, Michael Byrum, Andrea Smith, Anthony Fireman, Dave Mangan, Meg Whalen Jeff Schneller, Glenn Soucy and Mike Balcom

I. Call to Order

II. Minutes Approval

The April Board meeting Minutes were approved.

III. Financial Update

Mr. Mangan provided an update on the financial status of the Club. Mr. Mangan reported that there were no concerns. There were upcoming invoices to be paid but nothing of concern. Mr. Mangan reported that the Board should end the season with a balance of approximately \$220,000. Discussion ensued regarding tuition and the Board decided that it would revisit tuition for 2026/2027 season during the 2025/2026 season. There was a discussion that enrollment in the girls program is down and that and other expenses may impact future economics.

IV. Approval on Teams and Coaches

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding team sizes and coaches identified as of the Board meeting. The Board voted to approve Travel Teams for: 10U, 12U, 14U, G10U, G12U and

V. Girls Program Tuition

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding the status of the girls' program. A number of ideas were discussed related to retaining and boosting female enrollment. Specifically the Board

discussed altering tuition for female players who play for both the boys and girls teams. If players choose to pay for both teams, the Board decided to allow for one full tuition and ½ tuition for the second team.

VI. Tryouts

Ms. Deig led a discussion regarding the status and debrief on the tryout process. This was the first year that the Comets utilized Greg Carter to handle the tryouts as the third-party evaluators. Discussion focused on scheduling and assignments for the tryouts. The consensus is that there could be improvements for next year.

VII. Board Job Descriptions

Mr. Balcom and Ms. Efstathiou led a discussion regarding the nomination/re-election process for the Board.

VIII. Media Strategy

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding the status and future of the Board's media strategy.

IX. Coaching Clinics

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding upcoming coaching clinics.

X. Jr. RedHawks Clinic

Mr. Balcom led a discussion regarding potential continuation of the Jr. RedHawks Clinic over the summer.

XI. Storage Fundraising

Mr. Balcom led a discussion related to fundraising to increase storage for the Comets.

XII. Next Meeting: May 20, 2025

XIII. Adjournment