Natick Comets Hockey Club, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2022

PRESENT: Chris Boyer, President, Sean Whalen, Treasurer, Lindsay Newall, Clerk, Jeff Schneller, Vice President of Operations, Sean Stevens, Vice President of Player Development, Nathan Joyal, Director of Girls Hockey and MYCGL Representative, David Mangan, Assistant Treasurer, Teddy Efstathiou, Director of Equipment, Peter Rovick, Director of Fundraising, Rose Schneider, Director of Goalie Development and Timekeeper Coordinator, Sara Grossman, Director of Parent Coordinators, Luke Carapezza, Director of Coaches and ACE Coordinator, John Smutko, Valley League Conference Representative, Michael Balcom, Director of Youth Hockey, Jonas Geiger, Director of Public Relations/Marketing, Aaron Souza, Director of LTP, Michael Byrum, Practice Scheduler, Joe Marashio, Assistant Scheduler, Matthew Schneider, Natick Liaison, Dave Hoffman, Honorary Trustee/Advisor

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Chin

The President called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as circulated.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read the checking account and money market account balances. Tuition money is coming in, and our main expenses have not yet hit. The Treasurer has been reaching out to sponsors, which we need to post to the website by August 31. Please send along sponsor ideas to the Treasurer.

3. ITEMS REQUIRING A VOTE AND DISCUSSION

A. Head Coaches Slate and Number of Teams

The Director of Coaches read the coaches slate for each level. For the Travel program, six Mite teams, four Squirt teams, three PeeWee teams, three Bantam teams, three Midget teams, one U16 Select team, and one U18 Select team, were approved after debate. For the Girls program, there will be no U8 team; two U10 teams, two U12 teams, one U14 team, and two U19 teams were

approved after debate. The slate of head coaches was likewise approved after debate.

The Board is actively seeking female coaches for next year.

B. FAQs for Practice Scheduling

The Practice Scheduler has compiled a six-page draft document of practice scheduling FAQs, which he will distribute to the Board for review subsequent to this meeting. The document, once approved, would be shared with coaches and parents and published on the website. The goal of the document is to provide an overview of what is involved in practice scheduling and anticipate/answer some of the questions that parents commonly ask, (e.g. regarding favoritism, etc.)

C. Girls Teams

There is a league deadline this week to finalize the numbers of teams and rosters. Some of our teams have very short rosters; others have the maximum number of players (20). Rules for calling up/down players were discussed. Of note, A players cannot play on B teams in the state tournament. The Vice President of Operations will follow up to ensure that the age levels that have a team with a short roster do not have their teams scheduled for concurrent games, so that call ups/downs can occur as needed.

D. Equipment

The Director of Equipment and others noted that we need black and blue pucks. We have a credit at Pure Hockey and will use that.

E. Learn to Play (LTP)

A suggestion was made to split the age groups in LTP and have the older kids doing skills and full-ice games. It was also suggested that next year the Board should consider whether to keep more players in house league and have fewer mite teams (although “cutting” players might simply replace one problem with another.) After debate, the Board unanimously approved to run LTP from September-March, and run a Junior House League and a House League starting in November.

The Board agreed that there were no further items for discussion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.