

Natick Comets Hockey Club, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 20, 2022

PRESENT:

Chris Boyer, President, 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, Teddy Efstathiou, Director of Equipment, Nancy Midura, Director of Communications, Michael Byrum, Practice Scheduler, Dave Mangan, Assistant Treasurer, Mike Balcom, Director of Youth Hockey, Meg Whalen, Director of Events, John Smutko, Valley League Conference Representative, Peter Rovick, Director of Fundraising, Aaron Souza, Director of LTP, Andrew Reid

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting and the January 2023 meeting were approved as written.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

The President delivered the Treasurer's Report. It is confirmed that we are not going over on ice time expenses. A free webinar is available for Comets navigating the college application process.

3. VOTING ITEMS

A. Driscoll Skills

Sessions would be available for Squirt level and above, and we can use the existing practice schedule (ice time that is already allocated). Each player would get three sessions. Total cost is \$2,100 (\$350 per sheet). The motion was unanimously approved.

A second motion was then put forward to have the sessions start next week and was also unanimously approved.

B. Tuition for 2023-24

Tuition rates must be posted this week so that tryout registration can begin. The

increase is approximately 1.5%, normalized to \$5 increments. Midgets will be a half season rate including the tryout fee. The “tryout fee” will be set at the same rate for all age levels and is a deposit toward tuition. The fee is \$125, non-refundable, for all players. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Senior Night

A motion was put forward to allocate \$400 to Senior Night, an event for current players on the Midget Winter Team who did not have a Senior Night with the Varsity. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. NON-VOTING ITEMS

A. Tryouts

The Director of Communication will send out the schedule within the next two days.

Parents will be allowed to watch but not encouraged to do so. Livebarn will be off.

Coach evaluations have been distributed. Help would be appreciated with evaluating at other levels (not your own son or daughter's) and with jerseys.

B. Bavis Tournament

A motion to allocate funds for Bavis Tournament (House League) entry fees, \$450 per team, \$350 for the Little Puckers Cup teams, was unanimously approved.

C. Comets Year End Event

The Director of Events will lead the planning. Last weekend of ice is April 8th/9th. Valley League playoffs will be finished by then. Bantams will have an all-star game rather than skills. (Younger players will still do skills-oriented events.) Awards will be presented on the ice at the end of each session.

D. Year End Giveaways

The year end giveaway will be pucks.

E. Chase Arena

The Director of Youth Hockey provided an overview of some of the deferred

maintenance issues at Chase Arena, further detailed in a handout. These issues are currently being evaluated by a town sub-committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.