

September 11, 2012
Dover Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors
AGENDA

Open Meeting:

1. Call to Order

Members present:

Dave Middleton, President (non-voting)

Cheryl Sullivan, Vice President

Tim Broadrick, Treasurer

Christy McKinney

Ryan Kaichen

Dan Coffey

Dennis Pease (non-voting)

2. Members' Comments

a. Steve Conostas and Blake Pease came to the meeting to talk about the Bantam Major (1998) team. They have 10 skaters and one goalie on their roster.

- 1. Right now they want to add two Bantam Select players for alternate/substitution purposes. They also have a player in the High School Tune Up program they would like to roster for the same purpose. These players would have to be listed on their roster before the end of September due to Mass Selects roster rules. This is all legal within current association rules, and Steve can deal with Dennis to make this happen.**
- 2. In addition, there are two players who are not playing hockey at all right now who used to be in the Dover organization... is there a way the Board can give those players an avenue to be "in the organization" so they can be called up for substitute games?**
- 3. Finally, there are players in another organization to whom they would like to reach out. Dennis has permission from that organization for those players to play in Dover as substitutes if they want to.**
- 4. IMPORTANT: at no time would the Bantam Major team take more than ten skaters to a game. This request is for player substitution purposes only, not to increase the size of the team.**

b. Becky Ball from the Scholarship committee established last year, came to report on their progress regarding establishing a scholarship program to benefit the house league.

- 1. Becky brought a sample application with proposed rules for awarding scholarships, including geographical limits on player eligibility, character references for the player, a short answer or essay asking the player and his/her family how they may be able to "pay it forward" by providing community services to help contribute to the community that chooses to support them with a scholarship award, and a letter (from the child)**

simply explaining “why I want to play hockey.”

- a. We need a single-sheet flyer for distribution in schools and a 4-page scholarship application that school Guidance
- b. Whatever we distribute in schools should include an “equal opportunity statement”

3. Reports

a. Secretary – not present, submitted in writing

b. Treasurer

1. Tim and MaryAnn are working on a new report that breaks down all expenses by budget line item AND by team/division. For example, the team game sock expense will be shown against that budget line, and also applied to the teams to which we distributed socks on a pro rata basis
2. Statements are expected to be out by September 30, after Tim and Dennis audit MaryAnn’s list against our rosters

c. Registrar – not present

1. John has sent Dennis the Cyber Sport program that he needs to enter the rosters with USAHockey. All players have been entered. There is more to do, but Dennis is making progress and feels comfortable.

d. Director of Hockey Operations

e. League Reports (as necessary)

i. NHAHA report

1. At its meeting last Saturday, the NHAHA voted to eliminate team fees to play in the GSL (will save DYHA approximately \$500 in FY13)
2. The NHAHA bylaws were revised:
 - The NHAHA and GSL *remain* the same organization with the same executive board and governance
 - Only 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations are allowed in the NHAHA and GSL
 - The NHAHA will devise a system whereby private, for-profit organizations have a way for Tier 1, 2 and 3 teams have a way to play-in to regionals and nationals, probably a tournament that pits top GSL teams against those private organizations’ teams. This is to be determined by the NHAHA during this year.
 - DYHA’s Major and Minor teams are left out of this system – because we do not enter those teams into the GSL, but we are a nonprofit, we will not qualify for either avenue to a regional/national play-in tournament.

ii. Seacoast League report

iii. Mass Selects report

iv. Middlesex League report

f. House League if/as needed

g. Director of Coaching

1. **Coaches meeting was August 28. All teams were represented. Coaches were training in recognizing concussion symptoms in advance of implementing the associations's new concussion policy.** The coaches also received updates from Dennis, Dave, Andrew, Peter, Tim... published a new concussion policy on web site... filled remaining coaching positions:
 - Andrew Grimes - Bantam Selects Head Coach
 - Bob Adams - Mite Select coordinator
 - Rebecca Cochran - mite Select
 - Meghan Colitti - Mite Select
 - Katlin Colitti - Mite Select

Notes: keep a look out for coaches to help Andy Grimes with Bantam Selects

Future work: assist Dan Coffee in working with Andrew Leach on skills plan, goalie skills plan, team skills plan for each level.

h. Other reports if/as needed

4. Old Business

a. 2012-13 Fundraising Update

- i. **Annual Fundraising Dance – Christy**
Christy has met with Ryan at Red Hook Brewery
 - **The room will cost us \$350 for the night**
 - **Max. seating is 250**
 - **6pm – 11pm**
 - **Beer is \$5 (no payment back to DYHA)**
 - **Full liquor bar is an additional \$75**
 - **Tickets are \$25**
 - **Do we want a band? Dee Jay? Will anyone volunteer? Free or reduced?**
 - **Budget \$1500 to \$2500 for food**
 - **We need to sell 150 tickets (should print 250)**
- ii. **Golf Tournament – Dave G**

b. Other Old Business - none

5. New Business

1. **Chris Grassie of the Seacoast Spartans organization has asked Dave Middleton if we will allow his 1998 Elite (Bantam Major) team to register**

for GSL play as a DYHA team. Because we are a nonprofit, this would allow Chris' team to be national bound in the GSL without having to wait for the NHAHA to devise a new system for his teams to "play in" to those tournaments, which at this time does not exist and is not in their current plans as far as we know.

- a. Dave spoke in favor of this idea. The NHAHA has excluded our players from a path to regionals or nationals. Even though we do not place a lot of emphasis on trying to put teams in those tournaments, our players pay USAHockey registration fees, part of which are passed on to the NHAHA, and we should be provided equal access to the USAHockey program. This aligns our interests with Chris', and we should consider helping him.**
- b. Tim Broadrick also spoke in support of this idea. He observed that the NHAHA/GSL "relationship" (in quotes because the two are one and the same), essentially represents a monopoly on youth hockey play in the state. We ought to be able to enter our teams in the USAHockey-sanctioned leagues of our choice (like all the organizations in the Massachusetts district) without penalty.**
- c. Without a quorum present, the board will take this up via email or at its next meeting**

b. Other New Business - none

6. Adjournment

7. Executive Session if necessary

NOTE: a quorum was not present, so no action was taken on any items