



Massachusetts Hockey Executive Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2013

The Executive Board of Massachusetts Hockey was called to order at 6:15 pm by Keri-Anne Allan, President, at the Hilton Garden Hotel, Waltham , Massachusetts..

Executive Board Attendees: Keri-Anne Allan, Allen Wright, Christine Mayer, Don Derosia, Phil Zona, Mike Bonish, Greg Sophis, Mindy O'Neil, John Tobin, Walter Lloyd, Fred Hannon

Executive Director Attendee: Kevin Kavanugh

USA Hockey Attendees: Paul Moore, Steve Palmacci

Guest Attendees: Pat McCarthy

A situation where a player signed a contract with the Jr. Bruins and decided to leave the team before the season to play in Canada was discussed. The Jr. Bruins are looking to collect \$8000 from this player before the give a financial release. USA Hockey wants MA Hockey to deal with the situation. Allen Wright moved and was unanimously agreed upon that we not get involved because we feel we do not have jurisdiction.

The Worcester Sharks want to roster a PeeWee Team through the district so that they can participate in playdowns. Allen Wright, John Tobin, and Steve Palmacci will form a response advising the Sharks that this cannot be done. A rule needs to be written for teams to declare club or town before the start of the season.

SWS has a coach that has been accused/charged with an inappropriate behavior and would like to have a new CORI done on the coach. It was agreed upon the SWS should deal with this situation on their own as the CORI would not show any changes until after a conviction.

Allen Wright pointed out that our Disabled Tournament is a separate event than the Bruins Disabled game.

National Bound Tournament: meeting later this evening to look at applications and rosters. There are teams trying to get in after the deadline. Deposit issues have been taken care of.

Pat McCarthy presented a situation where Peabody requested an appeal on player movement for a U8 to move to squirt claiming a hardship because there are 14 players on the squirt team of which 3 to 4 of them also play club and will not show for the Peabody games if there is a conflict. Peabody had previously requested movement for this player because of skill level. A motion to deny the appeal was made by Phil Zona and seconded by Greg Sophis. Vote was 9 in favor and 1 abstention by Walter Lloyd due to a conflict of interest. Mike Bonish was not present for the vote.

Keri-Anne Allen brought forth the issue of a denial of a roster exemption to Falmouth Youth Hockey for 4 players previously playing at Cape Cod Canal. The board was informed that these 4 girls are no longer associated with Cape Cod Canal. Keri discussed her power as President to overrule the decision of the Roster Committee. E-Board has a consensus to support Keri in overruling District 5's decision. Steve Palmacci was advised to sign the roster. Cape Cod Canal is to be told they have no right of appeal.



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A request was made by Mike Bonish that more notice be given for E-Board meetings. It was agreed upon by the board that we will be at 6:30pm before every general board meeting.

Keri-Anne introduced Paul Moore as the new USA Hockey Coach in Chief.

A motion to approve the 4/1/13 and 6/14/13 E-Board minutes was made by John Tobin and was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy O'Neil  
Secretary

Reviewed and approved,

Keri-Anne Alan  
President and Presiding Officer