



## Maine Coast Storm: June Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: MRC Boardroom & Zoom

### Standing Agenda Topics:

#### Attendance

X	Kristin Falla	X	Danielle Nelson		Iride Piechoki
X	Bo Hoppin	X	Todd Adams		Jen Corbett
X	Valerie Hilchey		Micah Kelly	X	Regina Dennis
	Erica Gates	X	Ruth Thyen		
X	Kristen Smith		Andrew Marshall		

- 1) **Call to Order** -- The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm.
- 2) **Public Comment** – MRC Arena Director Jesse Simko shared that he and other MRC coaches that run the under-8 hockey program would like to start thinking about the outcomes wanted for kids going through youth hockey. Jesse proposed a clinic once a week for 15 weeks that would focus on fundamentals like skating and stick development all the way up to developing skills with body contact and checking, all while increasing confidence. Jesse would like for the program to be cohesive and coherent through different age groups. A discussion was held as to whether this would be off-ice, on-ice, or a combination of both. Jesse said the concept would supplement player coaching with on-ice work and an off-ice, classroom component, as well. Jesse will send a formal proposal within a couple of weeks to the Storm organization.  
Jesse reported that a co-op within Camden Hills Regional High School is still being discussed.
- 3) **Approval of May & Annual meeting minutes** -- Kristen made a motion to approve the May monthly and Annual meeting minutes and Regina made a motion to approve. All were in favor of the approval of the minutes.
- 4) **President's Report**
  - a) **Post Approved Minutes** – It was discussed that approved meeting minutes will be posted on the Storm website under Storm Board to coincide with the meeting of that date.
  - b) **MEAHA Annual Meeting Recap** – Kristin shared that the MEAHA held its Annual Meeting in May. It is looking to increase league fees. A Code of Conduct for parents to sign was discussed as a possibility. It was discussed that this is a good year to onboard referees.
  - c) **Upcoming Season Prep** – Kristin reports that she and Jesse have met up to discuss ice time. People are being reached out to get their contracts in. Kristin will order jerseys within the next four days.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report (Todd)** – Todd reports that he has everything he needs and that he does not have an update. Bo asked if 2023 taxes had been filed and Todd reports that he will look into that.
- 6) **Safety Updates (Jen)** – No update was provided as Jen was not present today.
- 7) **Coaching Updates (Andrew)** -- No update was provided as Andrew was not present today.  
Bo said that Storm has not yet talked about 18U pre-season and that he just wants that put on the radar. Kristin will email Andrew and ask if he wants the same ice time as last year. A possible Venmo account was discussed in order to make paying for drop-ins easier for the 18U players.
- 8) **Program Updates (All)**
  - a) **Draft Tournament Policy/Protocol – Bo** – At the previous Board meeting, the Board requested that Bo draft a proposal for how to handle tournaments for consideration at this meeting. Bo presented a draft and the following comments were discussed in reaction to that proposal:

The Board was in agreement about the proposal for the House teams as stated in the document shared, in summary the House Director would work with the VP to find a tournament option for 12U House and 10U House and families can sign up for that tournament through paying a \$50 fee. This proposal is only for kids that are enrolled exclusively in the House Hockey program.

For travel Hockey teams: The board members in attendance were in agreement with the option that Storm would cover \$2000.00 worth of tournament fees for each team. Families will be expected to cover any remaining tournament costs. Players cannot try out for the following season unless their account is in good financial standing, including paying the additional tournament fees. Bo is going to add language to his plan that states that players can be added to a team only if additional players are needed to field a team, and with the approval of the coaching director. Bo will explore tournament options with head coaches from each team and the scheduler and those teams will try to pick some options and schedule them by end of September. The goal is to let families know of tournaments in advance and to work with Valerie and coaches in order to present options. Todd will look into the account balance as this would be \$10,000.00. Valerie reported that she will help find tournaments but that she does not want to sign up for them. Historically, the team parent has signed up for tournaments but with this proposal, a combination of the VP, head coaches, the scheduler, and the House Hockey director will select and sign up for tournaments paid for by Storm.

**b) Summer Meeting Plan – cancel July, pick up in August – All were in agreement.**

- 9) **Fundraising Update** – Kristen reports that she sent out sign-ups for the parking lots (not many have signed up yet). It was discussed that after school gets out, the sign-up will be circulated again. Kristen reports that she requested October 8<sup>th</sup> as the fundraising date with Flatbread and that she is waiting to hear back. Kristen has a video call next week with the Maine Mariners to discuss fundraising through them and invited all members. Scheduling games with the Mariners ahead of time was discussed in order to make scheduling easier.
- 10) **Grow the Game Grant** – Registration deadlines were discussed. Ruth will open registration in July. Ruth will give Regina a list of people to call if needed, should they not register, for the grow the game retention program. Kristin reports that she is still working with the Black Bears, who will be coming down in October, and that an event will be made of that. Kristen reports that another fundraising opportunity is that non-profits are able to provide food for purchase during MRC roller skate nights so Kristen will sign Storm up for a slot. Rack cards were discussed and it was agreed that Kristen would purchase 1000 rack cards for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Action Items:**

**Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM**  
**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:30pm.**

**Board of Directors:**

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