

New England District Meeting  
Tournament Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019  
Start time 6:00pm

Conference Call

Attendees: Maurice Rosales (NED), Ray St Pierre (NED), Keith Barrett (NED), John Cioffi (VT), Richard Oliver (NED), Cheri Bonawitz (NED); Tom Regan (NED), Matt Roy (NH), Chuck Wilkerson (CT), Bob Larence (RI); Art Blakeslee (NED)

Absent: Mike Keaney (ME),

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Topics

**NED Annual Meeting**

Maurice confirmed the NED Annual Meeting will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Nashua, NH. Elections will be held for 2 directors, the managing director, and treasurer.

**Futures Development Camp**

Discussion about the NED paying for the rooms for coaches, who do not have players on the team. Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Larence. Approved.

Advised that schedule is being finalized, hotels are reserved, jerseys are ordered and arrived. Players gifts will be a skate towel and bag tag. Pullover will be purchased for coaches, referees, volunteers, and staff

**Youth Council – Keith Barrett**

Keith read highlights from Youth Council meeting in regards to body-checking

As we discussed during last week's conference call, I have attached a list of items that the body checking subcommittee has been boiling down. The intent of any "change" in body checking is to utilize the current rules, tweak the language in other areas and rules, and step up the education of the coaches, officials, and parents. The attached list are items that have currently received the most attention and may have stronger legs as this conversation moves forward. This is a DRAFT and none of these are slated for any proposal for Annual Congress, at least not yet. They are to be used as conversation pieces to gage the temperament and attitude of our constituents.

Feedback is always welcomed, but please keep in mind that there will be action on body checking in the near future, as there is way too much science that demonstrates the needs for changes. Putting our heads in the sand and ignoring the issue will not shield us as a NGB. We need to be proactive with our decisions and changes and try to protect the essential roots of our game at the same time.

### **Tournaments – Richard Oliver**

Tournaments on schedule. Only note is that he mentioned that tournaments with Massachusetts will have a different logo. Tournaments with only NED teams will have the NED logo.

Next Conference will be determined if needed

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm