

NCYHA Minutes November 6th , 2024, 6:30 PM, Middletown Police department.

Attendees: Stephanie, Jen B, Adam, Jill, Margaret, Kelly, Eric B, Erick K

BOD Vote:

Vote to approve October Minutes– approve

Vote to approve purchase of Narwal jerseys–approved

Vote to approve LTS refund to military family-approved

MDP refund –approved

Action Items

| # | Person/Position Responsible | Description | Status | Update/Notes |
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| 1 | Eric Karoli | | | Future conversation about developing an Elite/club level team |
| 2 | Eric K, Eric B | Checking clinic | | We need to schedule a checking clinic with Toby. There was a date for mini camp and checking camp at St. Georges but St. George's ice canceled that. Looking to reschedule checking. |
| 3 | BOD | Message to families RE: Ice | | We need to send a message explaining what happened with St. G's /reason for no ice time Midgets & LTS –we need to talk about refunds or making up ice time (ten sheets for LTS) |

Board Updates:

- President:
 - St. George's scheduling.
 - Refunds and other COAs for LTS, MDP, and HL due to delayed opening of St. George's.
 - Refunds (not associated with above) for U8 and other family (ask Chris Wilkes).
 - U18 Second Half Season.
 - Check from RI Hockey for mini nets??
 - Overspeed Hockey U14 checking clinic, skills, and goalie training.
 - Overspeed Hockey U8/U10/U12/U14 B and C level Tournaments.
 - SCHL–U8 moving to A for whalers
 - U14 2nd half–rosters due November 19th–starts December 6th (no parity)
 - Playoff weekend March 7-9
- VP:
- Registrar:

- House league registration numbers are below.

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| House League | | 23 |
| Learn to Skate | Saturday Session 1 (Oct -Dec) | 46 |
| | Wednesday Session 1 (Oct - Dec) | 58 |
| Mite Development Program (MDP) | | 62 |
| Grand Total | | 189 |

- Need session two dates/times to launch that registration when available. I wonder if for session 2, we should open up one day and then add a second if there is sufficient interest. Coach in Chief:
- Rerostering of mite A/B- no one is being moved down (move up or stay the same)
- Christmas Tournament:
 - All divisions full (not squirt A)
 - raffles /volunteer need to go out for sign ups
 - Insurance? Protects in the case of the rink breaking/storm/etc
 - Raffle for free/discount tuition?
- Scheduler:
- MDP:
 - -Schl is set to approve the Mite A move up (if not already done) this week.
 - -I am working with Adam and Keith to figure out the best and fair strategy to have proper numbers for each team, mainly the A team.
 - -Eric B, you are the guru but for scheduling, but my initial thoughts would be to have the two C teams that will now be B, take over the current B schedule. This would leave the former "B" sheets of ice open for our full ice A. Im sure Schl will govern the scheduling somewhat, but Adam and I are happy to help alleviate this new headache for you
 - -Jen for the xmas tourney I would rather see the travel teams be given preference over trying to squeeze an Mdp team in

MDP

-The mini nets purchased have been a hit.

-Jerseys were given out last evening

-62 kids

-Refund questions??

-Item to note: Jonathan Pruell is a volunteer coach and head of operations for St Georges wants to work with the WHalers to keep us there.

-Would be a good idea to get ahead of St. G's decision to possibly close the back ice rink next year—push to keep it open.

If they choose to keep it open, then I would motion we push them to open August 1 and the Whalers will cover operating costs if needed. This will give a better buffer for the unknowns that may pop up, and if it is a smooth opening, will give 8-10 skates extra for each team. If they are leaning towards closing the rink for good, I would like to see us explore some type of "lease," for the rink.

Explore the whalers paying for operating costs while St G's simply staffs the rink. We would control the scheduling, and St G's could still make money off unused sheets, and still have it for their teams on off hours. If all went well, we could possibly look to see what minor reservations such as stands/warm area etc. might look like down the road. I am simply trying to be proactive and try to mitigate the amount of kids we will lose to the bears/rams/panthers if we continue down this path.

- LTS:
 - Successful start! Thank you Monroe Dairy!
- Girl's program:

- 1. **Narwhal's**

Teams registered and rostered – U12: 11 skates, 2 goalies/skaters; U10/U8: 12 skates, 1 goalie. We have girls from various organizations around the state. We kept adding new players weekly.

- · Set for our first tournament in November in Cape Cod, waiting on the schedule.
- · Will register for March tournament when it opens in December.
- · Boss scheduler has given us 3 sheets of practice ice that they will bill to the Whalers. Still finalizing those as she gave me a date I did not ask for because of conflicts but will have to add to sports engine. Will work to schedule a sheet of ice in January, February, and March.

11/10 7:30am 11/23 7:00am 12/19 7:00pm

- We will Purchase non-personalized jerseys with only numbers that we could collect and reuse for tournament teams in the future allowing more flexibility. Include the cost of jerseys in registration but split over 3-5 years.

2. **Boston Fleet**

- Working with a Boston Fleet on a group ticket order for a game 12/8/24 at 4pm.
- Level Directors:
- Treasurer:
- House League:
- Equipment Manager:
- Player safety:
- Travel Coordinator:
- Sponsorship:
- Webmaster:

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm.

- December 4th .