

SMYHA Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2017

Board Members

	Name	Position		Name	Position
X	John Reidy	President		Brian Casserly	Breakers Coaching Director
			X	Brian McCauley	Girls' Program Director
	Brad LaForest	Treasurer	X	Suzy Castles	Huskies Director
X	Carlye Homan	Secretary	X	Dave Sjostedt	Huskies Coaching Director
	Jennie Franceschi	Registrar		Jenn Dorsey	Beginning Hockey Director
X	Jackie Elliopulos	Co-Registrar	X	Nate Spooner	Equipment Director
	Marcie Pecora	Communication Director		Jeremy Gardiner	Tournament Director
X	Ace Malette	Breakers Director	X	Jennifer Baillargeon	Sponsorship Director

1. **Welcome** (2 Minutes)- Meeting called to order at 18:05

- Also attending: Alexa Carpenter and April Farenkompf

2. **New Business**

1. **Fundraising Update-** Jen forwarded list of companies she has been in touch with to solicit funds. Tiered fundraising levels. If anyone has businesses we should reach out to, let Jen know. Stickers for boards and electronic advertising on FB and web page. Can each board member reach out to a local business? Jen will f/u with Hannaford. Moody's (suzy), Great Falls construction? Carters (John R), Norway Savings Bank (if they are unwilling to sponsor- we can move our bank accounts), Parent of players with small business?, Sebago Brewing (Jen B)
2. **DD application-** out in October. Changed the way you apply. They want to know about organization, why you should have funds, what the money is going to go towards. Cups get sold and distributed. Directors of programs: Send ideas in an email to Jen or John in preparation for DD application. Beginning Hockey and Girls Hockey
3. **Beginning Hockey-** Needs a point person to coordinate the parents on the ice. There is some money available to compensate. Wade Tricky? Jim F?
4. **2 on 2 challenge-** We have funds available from participating last year. -Kids need: Helmets (bike etc), gloves (any), skates- We are registered to do this program this year.
5. **Bruins Update- 50** kids registered! Equipment delivered to houses. 6 adults committed for on ice.(ideally we have 8). Practice plans received. Welcome letter will be mailed. John would like for us to have a flyer available to 'recruit' families to SMYHA. Idea to use their email addresses and sent out an electronic flyer. Set up registration table?
6. **Break the ice update-** Needs a point person to organize coaches.
7. **Girls update-** Brian Mc- One girl needs a scholarship (to be discussed later in meeting). Reached out to Maine Girls Ice Hockey Association- no response. (just to develop rapport). Ok to reach out and help develop our program, however they have not been too responsive. Ellen White- Girls director. Coach for girls? In process. Are we having a Tier IV team? YES. We have had inquiries from girls from Western Maine. We will have enough girls to roster a tier IV team.
8. **'Play up'** issue: Tier II/U-14. USA hockey changed rules that will not allow a player to play up an age level. Board agrees that we need to inform current team that USA hockey changed rules and it therefore effects our current team. Can we replace playoffs with a tournament? Jeff will forward letter to Brian Mc.
9. **Scholarship request-** update procedure- Brian Mc has reached out to 3 banks. Needs more specific information in terms of how we will use the funds (full scholarship vs half). Review of prior application form. Example of Preferences: years in association, teams needing players, parent as volunteer. We have requests for scholarships this year, but we do not have designated any funds thus

far. Ace suggests that we have a 'scholarship registration page' on our website. Form gets submitted electronically. Paper and electronic copies can be available. Ace suggested that we set aside \$5000.00 per year. Executive committee should be processing scholarship requests.

10. **Discussion regarding siblings on ice during practices that are not their own-** Siblings on ice last year were not helpful. Dave S would like to propose a formal policy around this issue to avoid having siblings distracting coaches/players. If siblings are on the ice and they are being a distraction, Dave (as coaching director), will tell all his coaches that they will be asked to be removed. If sibling does not play for SMYHA, they should not be on the ice- no exceptions.
11. **Tier IV Goalie coach- review proposal and vote-** Dave drafted a formal proposal (reviewed by board). Dave S has contacted Brian Rancourt as a potential for this position. Dave motions to appoint a formal Goalie Coordinator – with compensation. Suzy seconds the motion. Nate brings up that we may need to formally advertise for this position, before we appoint an individual. John states that this is a one year position and for this year the board can appoint Brian and at the end of the season we will re-evaluate. All in favor – 8 agree.
12. **Tier IV evaluation-** coordination update- Open ices have all been scheduled. Evaluators ready. Jackie will be available Mon/Tues (Oct 2, 3, and 5th) and Jennie will be available on the 5th. Evaluation scores will have to be input. Jennie has forms from Dave. Only Registrars will have scoring sheets. Printer will be checked by Suzy and Jennie in the event that they need to print registrations.
13. **Tier IV Jersey Orders-** coordination- waiting for all registrations to be complete before he puts in final order. Nate may place order now, but wait on Names/Numbers. Plan a jersey fitting (first week of October- during evaluations). Timbit jerseys have been ordered. We will also have SYMHA practice jerseys. Need to blast out Huskies online store again. Warm ups for T4 as we get closer to season.
14. **Breakers equipment-** Ace bought out Hockey Bob's (Biddeford) supply of old jerseys/hats/puck bags. Next year jersey ordering will be a part of registering for hockey. Also input practice jersey size.
15. **Tier II/III – broken contracts-** Review process- in future handled by executive committee (to protect privacy of players). Discussion by board. Motion by Brian Mc offered motion to collect \$750 from broken contract. Seconded by Suzy . All in favor- 8
16. **Any player not paid in full-** NOT allowed on ice. No exceptions. In the future, board to consider amending contract to indicate payment is expected by a certain date; if not paid, spot on team may be jeopardized.
17. **Tier II/III- payment issues-** Jim Walsh trying to add another player. Payment based on rate per game once player is registered.
18. **Amazon smile-** Suzy started a few years ago. They give us a percentage of money back for items purchased. Ace motions for Amazon smile. Brian Mc seconds motion. All in favor: 8
19. **Girls Coaching director position-** Board discussed wording that was a bit vague in description. John would like to create position. In charge of recruiting coaches for house and travel: wording would be same as other coaching positions with the exception: "they will jointly chair the disciplinary committee". That would need to be changed to include all three coaches. If in favor of going forward with this idea we need to change bylaws. Post proposal (online) for 30 days and then get 2/3rds vote.
20. **Huskies and Breakers accounts-** Currently at Norway Savings: SYMHA- 2 accounts: Breakers and Huskies. Complicated b/c we need to purchase 2 sets of checks and we need to draw money out of both accounts. John would like to propose that we merge to have one account. Discussion around options including have 2 deposit only accounts and one account that we draw checks off of. John wants to propose we have one checking account to pay for expenditures. Second motion by Suzy to consolidate the checking account. Vote to consolidate to one checking account: 8 in favor

3. Board Member Round table (5 Minutes Total)

- Need to schedule pictures with Claudia Murray- Communication director- Suzy will reach out to her to set up. Breakers at USM on Wednesday nights. Typically house is done on a Saturday.
- Nate sent Play it again an email asking for discount cards
- Dick's discount card is being offered again
- Open ice that comes up- what is process for making sure it is equally offered?- Board to discuss

4. Adjournment