

**Baystate Youth Hockey
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes from Jan 6, 2009**

Board Members Present: Don Cummings, Caterina Caplette, Dj Briggs, Paul Davey, Christine Vigeant, Denise Sancoucy, Ed Kochling, LeeAnn Murphy, Larry Spaulding, Chris Prescott, Scott Lindgren

Board Members Unable to Attend: Don Gillette, Eric Feuersanger

Guest: John Kline, Cheryl Dickson and Christine Whitney
Meeting called to order: 7:03 pm

Minutes accepted for December

Girl's In House Hockey Program: Christine Whitney approached the Baystate board to gain approval to start a Girl House League program. Christine is applying for a Grant from the USA hockey program to start the league. Christine asked for ice time on Sat and sun only. Practice will be on Saturday and game on Sunday. The board approved the plan and asked Christine to proceed with the application for the grant.

Issues with players: There has been some discipline issues with some players. We were approached by coaches asking how they can discipline the players. Within the By Laws we have in place that we can issue warnings to dismissal of the any players.

The first course of action is a verbal warning, but we will need to have on file written notification of the verbal. We agree that a score sheet from one of the leagues can be the written form of the verbal warning.

The second course of action is a written warning advising the next attention of the coach. The final would be asking the player to leave the team.

Tuition issues: The board has agreed that as of today that no member of the Baystate organization will be allowed on the ice if they have an outstanding balance. This excludes the parents on a payment plan that was agreed on back in September and the parents from the Midget Marlboro team.

Learn to Skate/Play program: Leeann advised that the new session starts on Jan 18, 2009. Leeann asked for members of the board to hand out flyers to the local schools. Leeann asked for assistance on the first day registration due to she will be on the ice with the children for this session.

Ed advised that he will be needing some of the coaches to fill-in a couple of times during this session for the Learn to play due to prior commitments.

Fundraising: Larry advise that we needed to reschedule the comedy night due to available of the comedians. We have changed the night to Feb 27, 2009. Christine has the idea of having a Hockey MOM game as a Fundraiser. We will revisit this fundraising idea once we can research about the Insurance issues.

Merger: Dj: requested that Don and he have a small meeting with Dan Mahoney and Charlene of Midstate to start discussing the merger. Dj advise that one league will go into hibernation and the other league will need a name change. The President of both leagues will need to draft a letter to Mass and USA hockey in regards to the merger. Dj advise that the new team will have a new name and new jersey once the merger takes place.

Chris Prescott adv that Kathy Lobisser for Northstar will be out of office for 2 weeks and if any issues arises we will need to reach out to Craig Boutiller.

John Klein approached the board about assisting Jeff from the pro-ambitions camp program. John asked if we could add a link on the Baystate website for this program. John also advise that Jeff will be willing to come to one of practices to run a small clinic. We approve this request.

Meeting adjorned: 8:55 pm