



MYHA Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2009

I. Call to order

President called to order the regular meeting of the MYHA BOD at 7:30PM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in the cafeteria at MHS.

II. Roll call

Secretary conducted a roll call by distributing a signup sheet.
A complete list of attendees is available upon request from the clerk.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

A motion was made and seconded (Joe K/Tony O) to approved the minutes of the February monthly meeting as submitted in writing by the clerk. Motion approved by general consent.

IV. Treasury Report

- a) \$62,959 in checking
- b) \$45,935 in money-market
- c) \$5,883 in concession stand
- d) \$107 in cash drawer
- e) \$970 in reserve fund for Pickles family memorial

V. New Business

- a) Paul C. announced that Matt Halaby had resigned as president of MYHA earlier in the month. As vice-president, Paul assumed the position of president for the remainder of the current season.
- b) The candidates for office were announced and the floor was opened for new nominations. No nominations were made and the voting was opened for all eligible members.
- c) Per the customary practice, the president called for annual reports from each board member:
 - **Mites – (Heather F.)** : In addition to a very active and productive year, the M1 team placed third in their tournament in Lake Placid
 - **Squirts – (Tony O.)** : The focus next season is on growing the program and growing skills. USAH has urged a renewed focus on skating skills and puck handling. In addition, MYHA is working to promote our effort to increase the participation of girls in youth hockey. We invited all of the girls rostered on teams this year to a Bruins game courtesy of TD Banknorth.
 - **Clerk – (Mike F.)** : USAH registration begins on May 1, 2009 for next season. Register early and enjoy the summer! Please forward copy of your confirmation barcode to clerk@myha.com. We will be working over the summer with MassHockey to formally include the Lawrence kids into our program. This will hopefully result in a boost not just to LTS and X-ice, but to our travel teams as well.

- **Head of Coaches – (Joe K.)**: We have seen some new faces this season, both on- and behind the bench. The association continues to focus on player development and emphasizing that our skaters have fun while they learn. Thank you to all our parents and skaters for another great season.
- **President – (Paul C.)**: While MassHockey and USAH stress the importance of skating fundamentals, MYHA has been at the front of this effort all along. Our LTS and X-ice programs offer kids 2-3 years of fundamentals and skills at an age where it does the most good. While there has been a lot of talk about select programs in the area, there is not much difference in the competitiveness of our program compared to selects. The Valley league continues to grow – adding Nashoba and Grotten this year. MYHA continues to offer scholarships to our qualified program alumni and we look forward to starting the 2009/2010 with an experienced board of directors.

VI. Open Topics

- a) Why did the Valley league not make more use of MHS ice this season?
 - In short, a lack of communication and management between MYHA and MHS. The school has promised to make available a current and public version of the available ice so that we can help to raise awareness and keep the rink active.
 - Also, the school has announced that it will open the rink earlier next season to allow teams to practice in advance of scheduled games. There is also a commitment to improving equipment and facilities at the rink.
 - Volunteering is the key to improving our program as well as our relationship with the school board and the city council. An election is coming up and the more exposure we can get the more influence we can have on the new administration.

VII. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM. The polling stayed open until 8:30PM

Election results:

- President – Mike Foreman
- Vice President – Tony O'Rourke
- Clerk – Tanya Labelle
- Treasurer: Karen Small
- Mite Coordinator – Christine Kennedy
- Squirt Coordinator – Joseph Haddad
- Pee wee Coordinator – Dave Dickson
- Bantam Coordinator – Walter Fleming

Minutes submitted by: Mike Foreman