



**Monday, July 21, 2014 | 7:00pm | Edge Sports, Bedford, MA.**

**Teams Present:**

Assabet/A1, Bears/A2, Black Ice/D, Breakers/C2, Cougars C/C1, Crush/C2, Demolition Divas , Eagles/D, East Coast Wizards B, East Coast Wizards C1, Goal Diggers D, Hell's Belles/D, Ice Sharks B, Ice Sharks C, Mass Chaos/B1, New Team TBA C1, NH Lady Panthers/C2, Nighthawks A/A1, Nighthawks B/B1, Nighthawks Blue, Nighthawks Red, Noreasters/C2, Outlaws/D, Phantoms C/C1, Pirates/C1, Pumas/C2, Quincy/B1, Ravens/C1, Renegades/A2, RI Raptors/C2, Shamrocks/B1, Sting/C1, Storm B, Storm C, Stormchasers C2, Stormchasers D

**Board members present:**

President Laura Bowser, Vice President Jen Devlin, Treasurer Louise Cardinale

**MINUTES:**

**1. DISCIPLINE:**

Laura Bowser led a discussion with league representatives on discipline problems from last year. Laura spoke to the discipline of each team and how the leaders of each team should review rules and conduct for every team so that there are clear guidelines.

Rhode Island Panthers B Team Discussion: Laura reviewed every complaint, including complaints from fans, about bad behavior that they saw on and off the ice regarding the RI Panthers B Team. Laura also attended most of their games. ALL of the current B Teams are concerned that someone will get seriously injured from this poor behavior on the ice – and are unwilling to play the Panthers this year. This team leads the league in penalty minutes: 68 minutes for the 2013-14 season. Complaints about the team players, coaches and fans have included poor sportsmanship, hazing to chronic penalties and unnecessary physical play.

The league needs to have assurance from teams that they will be able to control their players.

- Motion from B PLAYER LEAGUE REP NAME HERE: I motion to exclude the Rhode Island Panthers B Team from the South Shore Womens League for unsportsmanship conduct, and violations to the USA Hockey Good Conduct Clause and the Zero Tolerance Rule.
- Motion Seconded by Kim Whelan
- UNANIMOUS approval.

## 2. FINANCE/TREASURY:

- Louise Cardinale reports that three teams owe forfeit fees.
- Needham A is dropping out and no players from that roster may play.
- A 'no play' list will be created for league reps.
- The forfeit fees is in need of increase.
- MOTION: A motion was unanimously approved for a \$50.00 increase in the league forfeit fee.

- **Fees Schedule:**

Forfeit Fee: \$200.00 for new teams /\$50.00 additional for teams with a \$150.00 balance to bring it to \$200.00 per team.

August 15<sup>th</sup> \$ 500.00

September 15<sup>th</sup> \$1,500.00

*\*\*remaining payments will be scheduled as in previous years*

- We will have the total league cost for the year for teams once all the ice contracts have been negotiated.
- Westboro ice rates increased by \$10.00 and will begin a week later.
- Canton is opening early and we will have Saturday ice for the beginning of the season.
- Cynara will send the Preference Survey to league reps – please respond as soon as possible.

## 3. ELECTIONS:

Odd year elections for Treasurer and Vice President.

Laura speaks to the resignation of the Secretary, requiring for an election of Secretary this year as well. Laura thanks Judy Sheldon for her commitment and organization over the last three years.

- TREASURER – MOTION to re-elect Louis Cardinale to remain in the treasurer seat unanimously approved.
- VICE PRESIDENT – MOTION to re-elect Jenn Devlin to Vice President with the additional duty of team registrations is unanimously approved.
- SECRETARY – MOTION to elect Pattyanne Lyons to the position of Secretary is unanimously approved.

## 4. NEW TEAMS:

Three new teams for this year

- New Team [Name TBA] C1 presented by Jennie Cook & Kim Whelan with a roster of 15. Old team Pirates will NOT dissolve as a result.
- New Team Goal Diggers D presented as a new team
- New Team Ice Sharks B presented by Ariel Leitao & Jena LeBlanc with a roster of 12. Old team Ice Sharks C1 will NOT dissolve as a result.

All New Teams unanimously voted in to the league.

## **5. SCHEDULER REPORT:**

Cynara Wu will send out a survey for teams to complete and send back ASAP on home rink, weekend off, and other preferences. She is not sure that “weekend off” requests will work – all teams want the same weekends off and we still have ice paid for. The Darcy tournament in September is one example.

- All B Teams will crossover to A.
- Cynara will start the schedule after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. REFEREE-IN-CHIEF REPORT:**

Bill Paulsen explained that there are NO Rule Changes year at USA Hockey

Bill explained the new ‘LookUpLine’ that will be in all rinks by the beginning of the season.

- The Orange Ring around the rink is to give warning that you are near the boards – it is NOT about penalties, it is a guide for players.
- The FOUR penalty rule is still in effect.

## **7. TEAM REGISTRATION**

Jenn Devlin will orchestrate the registration of teams with USA Hockey.

All players, of new teams and old, must register with USA Hockey prior to stepping on the ice.

Please send USA numbers to [labels@sswhl.com](mailto:labels@sswhl.com).

Registration details will be sent out in an email.

## **8. Miscellaneous**

Pattyanne Lyons suggested a Code of Conduct team signature for each of the teams in the league. League Reps/Captains will be responsible for their team to read the USA Hockey Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy and sign the team sheet.

### **Next meeting:**

Monday, August 18, 2013.

7:00pm

New England Sports Center, Marlborough, MA

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.