

**Meeting notes from Shaun Cross (representing Randolph Ice Hockey) at the Morris County Youth Hockey League (MCYHL) meeting.**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday April 21, 2015

The MCYHL Executive Board opened the meeting with a list of 3 items they wanted to review/discuss openly with representatives from each of the township/member teams who were in attendance.

- End of year review / wrap up
- Discuss & vote on ice allocation for September 2015
- Hold elections for the 2015-16 MCYHL Executive Board

**OLD BUSINESS**

**End of year review:**

1. Current level of funding in the MCYHL account is \$97k.....typically they carry over roughly \$80k in the account, therefore they have an excess balance this year that they attributed to additional teams participating in the Mite program.....this generated a ton of discussion and it was determined that each township/member team should ROSTER only 1 Mite team of 20 to 25 players. Mite coaches should talk to opposing coach prior to weekend game and determine how they will structure the games and use of BOTH ice sheets (two 1/2 sheets) available for the scheduled game. Coaches should agree to run games on each ½ sheet and select player participation on each ½ sheet to set the appropriate level of play and competition for the Mite teams as best they can. The Mite half ice plan for 2015-16 is to efficiently utilize the ice every week. If a township/team member does not have enough Mites (or goalies) to use both ½ sheets for games then the open ½ sheet should be used warm ups and drills for players waiting to be rotated into the Mite game.....
2. Outstanding balances owed from 2014-15 season
  - a. Roxbury owes \$3,500
  - b. Denville owes \$19,000
3. The MCYHL board reviewed the fee structure and confirmed that there will be no increase in the team fee or practice ice fee for the 2015-16 season. Each township/member will be invoiced for each team they enter into the MCYHL for 15-16 season and all practice ice allocated to the township/member by the MCYHL scheduler (board) which will be determined accordingly by number of teams participating in the program.

**Pre-season Practice Ice and Midget Ice (September)**

1. MCYHL plans to skate Midget teams this Fall. Short Season will run from 1<sup>st</sup> week of September thru early November and end prior to start of High School hockey season.

2. Randolph Rec (represented by S. Cross) let the MCYHL Board and all township/member teams know that we did not want any pre-season practice ice because we already have contracts in place with other place with other rinks and/or we would buy ice directly from Mennen for any pre-season ice Randolph needs for clinics. Roxbury stated the same. Rockaway and Denville said they would need practice ice throughout the season but they may not need as many pre-season slots as previously allocated. Lengthy discussion followed on “practice ice” allocations and what to do because if MCYHL gives the ice back to Mennen they will never get it back again.....after much debate the township/member teams suggested that MCYHL Board give back at a minimum 10% of the ice slots and then work to sell ice to other organizations (Colonials) if necessary in the future so they can maintain control over the ice they have traditionally been allocated over the life of their (MCYHL) contract with Mennen.

### **MCYHL Youth Hockey Skating Skill Development and Instructional Hockey Clinic (Fall 2015)**

Beth Percevault said John Vanduyne will continue to run the Saturday morning clinics and they have openings for hockey players who are grouped into one of three sessions by age. Ages 5-6, Ages 7-8 and Ages 9-13. This is a good clinic for players new to hockey and any player looking to work on skating and skill development. Sessions are scheduled prior to MCYHL game schedules so the clinic will not interfere with league games. Send all questions to [vanduyne6@yahoo.com](mailto:vanduyne6@yahoo.com)

### **MCYHL Mite Jamboree & End of Season PLAYOFFS**

Beth Percevault said the MCYHL board received positive feedback on the End of Season Mite Jamboree and they plan to run it again next season.

Steve Meyer (ref official) said there were no player issues or problems during the playoffs and the teams were competitively matched for some exciting playoff hockey games and championship games at the end of the season.

### **Prep work for 2015-16 MCYHL Season:**

**DUE June 1, 2015** - Midget team counts need to be submitted by due date of 6/1/2015.....Roxbury, Rockaway, and Denville all stated that they will have room for Midget players from any township team that will not be submitting a Midget team this Fall.

**DUE July 1, 2015** - team counts need to be submitted by due date of 7/1/2015.....We must identify how many teams we will submit for participation at each level (Mite, Squirt, PW, Bantam) in MCYHL next season.

**DUE August 1, 2015** - team ratings for Squirt, Pee Wee, and Bantam levels are due on 8/1/2015. The ratings are based on player participation (individual player rating – point system) that will be used to determine A or B level ranking based on ratings - spreadsheet calculation will be the same formula/format used for 2014-15 season. Any team that does not submit a team rating spreadsheet to MCYHL will automatically be placed in the A bracket.

### **2015-16 MCYHL Board Elections**

MCYHL Board elections were held for the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Secretary. All of the existing board members opted to run again for their current seat on the board. There were no opposing candidates for any board position and a vote was taken. All board positions were voted on and the election results will keep the board members in the following positions:

President - Roger Jones  
Vice President - Beth Percevault  
Treasurer - Ken Alevras  
Secretary - Fred Haberman

In addition the following MCYHL positions

Head of Operations - Joe Wilson (Operations & Scheduling)  
Referee in Chief - Steve Meyer

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A woman representing the Rockets Girls Hockey Program provided an overview of their program. She said they have teams at a variety of levels who all played in the NJYHL this past season. She would like to move 1 or 2 of her lower level teams to another league and wanted to know if MCYHL would consider allowing them to participate with 1 or 2 teams in the 2015-16 season. The MCYHL asked her to exit the room while a vote was taken. The result was an offer from MCYHL to allow the Rockets Girls Hockey Program to enter a team at the Mite thru Pee Wee level. She said she will share the news with the board members and participating parents of the Rockets Girls Program and get back to MCYHL with their plan to enter 1 or 2 teams for the season. MCYHL stated that the participation will be for a 1 year trial/probationary period and will require another vote next year if they wish to extend participation beyond 2015-16.