

Attendees:	Board Members: Dean Bartlett, Craig Butkus, Jerry Heath, Pat Burke, Craig Benson, Al Foice, Estelle LeClair, Lisa McGinnis, Will Gonyeau, Kib Horsford, John Laliberte, Bruce Garrapy, Jeff Cabanaw, Maurice Rosales Other Attendees: Chris Putzier, Peter Glass, Karen Jean, Kristen Romick, Jill Vespa
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Notes:

- Meeting called to order 7:01.m. – with a quorum.
- Minutes were approved from last meeting with an amendment to the total received from the Backstage to \$4900.

Open discussion from visitors

- Chris Putzier raised a concern about the fact that he had witnessed a coach grabbing a player. He advised that he thought that this was inappropriate behavior on the part of the coach and asked the board to consider disciplinary actions in proportion to the offense and in relation to actions that have been taken against other coaches historically. Al and Pat advised that the matter was being investigated and appropriate action would be taken.

Board Business:

- Jerry Heath reported on VSAHA. Regarding the proposed merger between Hartford and Lebanon, the Hartford state representation approached VSAHA and requested a nonbinding vote for four different scenarios. VSAHA president did not think this was an appropriate action to take at that point and requested that they bring the membership a formal proposal. Jerry commented that the overall tone of the membership was not positive for this change. Several questions arose with the most obvious being why would Hartford not consider a merger with Woodstock. An internal task force for the Hartford association suggested merger of the boys program not the girls. The membership voted on whether to allow the Hartford U-14 girls to participate in the state tournament and it was passed 13-9 even though there was five girls from out of state. The Squirt B tournament has been moved to Cairns. EYHA and CSB petitioned to have it moved because both the Peewee B and the Squirt B tournaments were being held in Woodstock and due to the size of the tournament and the need for a larger venue to accommodate two large events.
- Treasurers Report – Maurice presented the treasurer's reports
 - Account balances, Budget and Cash Flow reports were reviewed by the Board.
 - Al advised that he received two letters from Hannafords. As part of a community outreach program, EYHA will be receiving \$5000. The check presentation will be 02/02/08.
- Tournaments – Al reported for Jeff Cabanaw
 - Parent volunteers will be needed for the Peewee AB tournament that EYHA will be hosting.
 - EYHA proposed to VSAHA that going forward each team participating in a state tournament be required to provide the host association with two volunteers per game for penalty box coverage etc. This might assist local hosts with finding sufficient volunteers.
 - Essex is hosting the Squirt Tier II regional tournament the weekend of 03/07/08 – 03/09/08.

Volunteers will be solicited following state tournament. Jerry and Jeff are coordinating.

- Scheduling – Craig Benson reported
 - Cancellations are counted toward team profile.
 - He requested that the association refund the midget blue team their \$800 allotment towards a tournament fees if we do not find a tournament for them. This motion was passed with no discussion.
- Head Coach – Pat Burke reported
 - Before teams enter the state tournament coaches need to complete their player evaluations. They will be available online. Head coach or associate coach need to complete these. There will be different evaluation forms for squirts and below. Each player will get a report emailed to their parents. Pat will compile aggregate reports for each team, level and for the organization. There will be a different form for goalie evaluation. Pat requested any feedback on the process by Sunday night.
 - Coaches evaluation forms will also be available online. One form per skater will be allowed. Pat will give the coach aggregate data about his team. It was felt that Midgets should complete the forms themselves.
 - Pat reviewed recommendations from his previous tryout report. Changes to the tryout process that are recommended by Pat will be discussed and voted on at a later meeting.
- Equipment Manager – Dean Bartlett reported
 - Dean suggested that we phase in new jerseys for Squirts, Peewees, U-12 and U-14 girls. After much discussion a motion was made for all levels above the Squirt level to receive new jerseys and was passed. A design for the new jerseys was approved. Once plans are solidified a communication will be sent out the membership. Old jerseys will be available for purchase by the membership.
- Annual awards – Al Foice reported
 - There are several awards that need to be attended to. For the Fred Reidy award Al has requested that the board make nominations to him directly. The Weston Lea award is typically awarded to a more senior player and therefore Midget, Bantam and U14 players should be considered. Pat will work with the coaches of these teams to obtain recommendations. For the Greg Lehoullier award each team head coach will be asked to provide a recommendation of the player and the reason for the nomination and from this list a sub-committee of the board will select the recipient. Pat will oversee the nominations for the Johnny O award, nominations will be requested from the board and membership.

New Board Business:

- Jill Vespa will be sending out an email to everyone with information regarding this year's yearbook.

There being no further business for the open session, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm and the board went into executive session.

Related Materials:

Treasurer's reports

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa McGinnis, Secretary