



Minutes for June 20, 2013  
EYHA Board Meeting

Attendees: John Laliberte, Jenn McFaul, Dan Forcier, Julie Miller-Johnson, Matt Clark, Laura Zambarano, Fraser Macdonald, Melissa Blondin, Jenn McFaul, Mike Smith, Bruce Garrapy, Gerry Cincotta and Pat Burke

Notes:

- Minutes from May meeting approved? ? made motion, ? seconded.
- OPEN DISCUSSION: 2 visitors
  - Fundraising: discussion had regarding:
    1. What do sponsors get?
    2. Questions about banners (Melissa Blondin)
  - EYHA looking into sponsorships more
- TREASURER UPDATE: Fraser
  - Nothing formal.
- ICE: Rob not present
  - Nothing.
- FUNDRAISING:
  - Waiting to hear back from Jeff Green
  - No news on cafeteria
  - Position still open
- VSAHA: Matt
  - State has gotten rid of A, A/B and B divisions to be replaced with Division 1, 2 and 3
  - Discussion had, questions came up, what is best for kids? One school of thought = to level appropriate skaters. D1, D2 and D3 are just guidelines
  - At start of season you must determine D1, D2 or D3
    - IF one team, then declare D1 or D2
    - IF two teams, then declare (1)D1 and (1)D3
    - IF three teams, then declare (1)D1 and (2)D3
    - IF four teams, then declare (2)D1 and (2)D3
  - State will determine mid season who moves up or down with a point system.
  - Continued discussion about possible naming issues
  - **MOTION** made by John to adopt State D1, D2 and D3 divisions (naming purposes only). Pat seconded. Discussion: How will we make our teams? Major/minor? This was not part of motion **Motion passed** 9 votes in favor, 1 opposed.
  - Lots of continued discussion. Dan asked Matt about Lamoille skaters. John Spoke with friend regarding this, but it was not a formal discussion. Rumor has it that they would hold onto mites and girls, but this is not for sure. John reached out to Maurice Rosales. State is



not doing anything about Lamoille and placement until they approach VSAHA formally. Gerry wanted to find out if we could tell VSAHA that we need a date to know by for “accepting” skaters. Discussion about taking skaters based on location regarding boys, but that we would take all girls!

- REFEREES: Bruce
  - No news.
- REGISTRAR: Dan
  - Registration will open at the end of June
  - Travel teams open until 7/31 and House through 9/31 including NEW to girls hockey
  - Discussion about how to advertise: signs, email blast, Essex parks and rec brochure (summer brochure for future)
  - Discussed getting registration signs
  - Payment for this season = 5 with first being at registration then Sept. 30, Oct. 30, Nov. 30 and Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. \$160/payment for travel and \$130/payment for x-ice. NEW to hockey GIRLS will not have the 5<sup>th</sup> payment, see below. There was discussion regarding 5 payments instead of large upfront registration fee.
  - Discussed credit card fees (EYHA pays about \$6000 in fees for registrants to use credit cards). **MOTION** was made by Bruce to pass this small fee on to registrants, a \$2.00 transaction fee. Jenn seconded motion. Discussion was had regarding fees. Accountant thought we were paying too much in fees. **Motion passed:** 9 votes in favor, 1 opposed
  - Fees for 2013-2014: House \$195, Travel \$795, X-ice \$645, Midgets \$175, Newbies \$50. Pricing also in spread sheet from Fraser.
  - Registration categories for 2013-2014: newbies, house, midgets preseason, X-ice, Travel YOUTH, Travel GIRLS (10, 12, 14), Removing Power House
  - Removing Jersey Number as an option at registration
  - Volunteer Help positions currently listed on registration are: game scheduler, Golf tournament, Soliciting funds, Team coordinator, Team parent, snack cart, tournament help
  - **MOTION** made by John to keep fees the same as last year (4<sup>th</sup> year in a row with out an increase). Julie seconded. Short discussion: EYHA will project an \$18,000 deficit again which includes supplementing Jay Peak and off ice training, what about girls discounts and sibling discount. **Motion passed** unanimously.
- TRAVEL: Gerry
  - Discussion about website and making it better (current site \$500-2500 in fees for upgrades).
  - There are better sites out there.
  - Exploring other options.



- HOUSE: Jen
  - Nothing.
- GIRLS HOCKEY DIRECTOR: Julie
  - Taste of Girls Hockey Spring Event = was a 3 day, one hour each day event with a small fee (\$35), 10 girls attended (1 U7, 2 U12, 7 U10). Julie would like to continue in the fall with Taste of Hockey II.
  - What about a girls house program? Some new skaters need house, but want ALL girls program. Discussed a developmental program for house.
  - Met with U14 parents about a Coop.
  - CSB, Brent, has asked parents to register early so they have a better idea of their numbers.
  - Reduced fee for NEW girls. Eliminate final payment in Jan.
  - **MOTION** made by Julie to give the above discount to new girl skaters (\$20%). Pat seconded. No discussion. **Motion passed** unanimously.
  - Girls marched in Essex parade. Handed out flyers and soft pucks. All printing donated by EYHA parent.
  - Discussion about Richmond parade.
- HEAD COACH: Pat
  - Safe Sport Coordinator needed as Pat feels EYHA should do this. Can be hard to manage. USA hockey recommends at least ONE person in organization complete the program.
  - OFF ICE program discussion. MORE intense for BANTAMS. What was the benefit for the squirts? Possibly start off ice training with U12/Pee wee and up. Other facility options? Current is too small.
- EQUIPMENT: Carney not present
  - Nothing.
- PRESIDENT: John
  - Would like 4 new pinny sets with numbers 0-20
  - July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> meetings will be at Green Mt Coffee Roasters in Essex.
  - Meeting ajourned at 9:20
  - NO executive session

#### **ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

1. Gerry: Reach out to Noel about Sponsorship/banners/designated area for EHYA info
2. John: Jeff Green, snack cart
3. Matt: Follow up with VSHA about Lamoille players
4. Laura: Registration signs
5. Dan: Sibling discount info from other associations
6. Pat: Checking in with Barre about their volunteer efforts
7. Julie: Taste of Hockey II, checking in with Rob about ice