

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

May 21, 2015

Board Members Present : John Laliberte, Sean Haggerty, Scott Prim, Fraser MacDonald, Jennifer McFaul, Rick Villamil, Carney Daniels, Bruce Garrapy, Matt Clark, Dave Kedzierski, Rob Young, Melissa Blondin

Board Members Absent : Dan Forcier, Pat Burke, Mike Smith, Julie Miller-Johnson

Others Present : Sarah Stempek, Heather Amalixsen, Sage Amalixsen, Eric Amalixsen, Matthew Zambarano, Laura Zambarano, Dionne Wiggett, Grace Wiggett

Call to Order : John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No corrections required
 - Motion from Dave Kedzierski to approve minutes, seconded by Fraser MacDonald
 - Motion approved unanimously
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - Sage Amalixsen came before the board on her own behalf to petition the Board for permission to play up in the U14 division in the 2015/16 season. Sage advised the Board that she has previously played in an older age group beginning at the age of 8 and as a result she has formed friendships and her preference is to play with the same core group of girls that she has been playing with. Sage confirmed for the Board that she is currently 12 yrs of age and will be 12 for the coming season.
 - Laura Zambarano addressed the Board in support of Sage's request, indicating that she believes Sage should be able to play up a division as she has played with the older group of girls in the past. Laura read the Board a letter from her daughter Emily indicating her support for Sage's request. Emily is a former teammate of Sage who will be playing U14 in the 2015/16 season.
 - Dionne Wiggett advised the Board that she and her daughter Grace were in attendance to support Sage and her request to the board.
 - Matthew Zambarano indicated his support for Sage's request and indicated his hope that the Board would be timely in its decision making on this matter.
 - President John Laliberte advised Sage and her family that the Board appreciated Sage's presentation and her request will be discussed by the Board and once a decision is made it will be communicated to them.

- **Executive Updates:**

- **Treasurer ~ Fraser MacDonald** advised that as of yet the budget for the 2015/16 season is not completed. The outstanding payment to BAHA has been paid in the amount of \$7400.
- **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** advised there is still a need for Game Schedulers for the U14 and Bantam levels.
 - *Laura Zambarano advised that she will consider taking on the role for the U14 team*

Dave discussed the need for a timely decision from the Board on off ice training for the upcoming season as it impacts the ice scheduling.

 - *John advised that a decision on off ice should be made at the June meeting.*
- **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Melissa Blondin** had nothing new to report to the Board
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** advised the Board of updates from the previous VSAHA meeting including the election of a new President, possible dates for Selects tryouts, scheduling issues, state tournament dates and issues including the use of fair play points. Matt will advise the Board of confirmation of dates for the Faceoff meeting when he receives them.
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** advised that he anticipates no increase in referee fees for the coming season
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised he is in discussion with previous VP regarding the change over and the scheduling of tournaments
 - Dave asked Scott to advise of scheduled tournaments asap as it impacts the scheduling of ice
 - Rob suggested that Scott reach out to all the head coaches from last season for feedback on tournaments attended
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** had nothing new to report to the Board
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** advised the dates for evaluations will be October 2nd through 5th, 2015 and will be held at the Essex rink. Carney advised the need for more goalie clinics to be added to the plan for the upcoming season. The board discussed possible days and times so as not to interfere with regular practices.
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** had nothing new to report. There was a discussion regarding whether EYHA wants to host a state tournament. Issue requires further discussion and was *tabled*.
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** had nothing new to report to the Board.
 - John requested that Rob advise Fraser of any required equipment purchases for budgeting purposes
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** had nothing new to report to the Board.
- **President ~ John Laliberte** had nothing new to report to the Board.

- **New Business**
 - **Jay Peak Camp** ~ The camp will proceed again this year. The dates for the camp will be October 16-18. Carney advised that he has confirmed with Jay that pricing will remain the same as last year.
 - **Nomination & Appointment of Director positions**
 - **Head Referee:** Carney Daniels nominated Bruce Garrapy who was elected unanimously.
 - **Head Coach:** John Laliberte nominated Carney Daniels who was elected unanimously.
 - **Women's Director :** Carney Daniels nominated Sarah Stempek who was elected unanimously.
 - **VSAHA Representative:** Sean Haggerty nominated Matt Clark who was elected unanimously.
 - **Fundraising Coordinator :** there were no nominations and the position remains open.
 - **Equipment Director :** Carney Daniels nominated Rob Young who is elected unanimously.
 - **House Representative :** John Laliberte nominated Mike Smith who was elected unanimously.
 - **Power Skating :** Board discussed the possibility of adding regular power skating sessions during the season. Options were discussed and the matter was *tabled* for Carney to follow up with Chris Line.
- **Next Meeting:** June 18, 2015 at Essex High School

The Board adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty