

## **EYHA Board Meeting**

Essex Fire Hall

August 20, 2015

**Board Members Present :** Jennifer McFaul, Sean Haggerty, Dave Kedzierski, Sarah Stempek, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier, Scott Prim, Pat Burke, Carney Daniels

**Board Members Absent :** John Laliberte, Mike Smith, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy, Rob Young, Matt Clark

**Others Present :** Peter Hess, John Maddalena, Brent Carpenter

**Call to Order :** Jennifer McFaul, Vice President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

### **Agenda Items :**

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - No corrections required
  - Motion from Dave Kedzierski to approve minutes, seconded by Scott Prim
  - Motion approved unanimously
  
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
  - **John Maddalena** presented questions to the Board regarding the privacy of information. In particular what information regarding members of the association is provided to third parties, who has access to the information and does the association have a policy dealing with the protection of personal information. John also inquired about the association providing email addresses to third parties.
  - **Dan Forcier** addressed the questions and confirmed that the association does have a policy regarding the protection of our member's personal information and that the personal information we possess is not shared with third parties. Coaches of all teams are provided with certain information, such as contact email addresses, for the players on their teams. Dan suggested that the Board review the policy to ensure it is current and adequate.
  
- **Executive Updates:**
  - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** not present, no report this month. **Dan Forcier** did advise on his behalf that there have been requests for financial assistance received and that a sub committee will review all these requests in the near future

- **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** made the Board aware that the Gutterson Field House is the only rink we deal with that requires pre payment, one cheque has already been sent to them.
  - Dave reminded the Board that we have two hours of ice time available on September 19, between 4:15 - 6:15 that is marked for Grow the Game. Dave asked for suggestions on how to use the ice. No decision was made but there was support for holding a goalie clinic during that time
  - Dave advised that CSB will be doing the game scheduling for the U14 COOP team, Dave is trying to get in contact with the CSB scheduler to coordinate practice ice times. In regards to the U14 COOP **Dan Forcier** advised that the number of girls registered from both EYHA and CSB are higher than predicted, with the potential for 20 skaters. The Board discussed other potential arrangements for dealing with the ongoing concerns around U14 numbers
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** not present, no report this month
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** not present, no report this month
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** provided the Board members with up to date registration numbers via email prior to the meeting and those were reviewed. As of this date there are 210 players registered in total, the breakdown per level is:
  - Midget 8
  - Bantam 19
  - Peewee 43
  - Squirt 40
  - U14 9
  - U12 11
  - U10 11
  - X-Ice Mites 41
  - House 13
  - NewBees 15
- Concerns were raised about the low number of Midgets registered and help will be sought from a Midget parent to contact potential players
- The U12 registration numbers were noted to be lower than expected, due in part to the loss of 4 girls to the Stars organization
- Dan has received 3 inquiries this year regarding a U8 program. The matter will require further discussion with the Board
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised that registration for tournaments are going very well thus far. He is looking for, but having difficulty finding "A" level tournaments in state for the Peewee "A" team, he will continue to look
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** nothing new to report to the Board
- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** not present, no report this month
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel** advised that she continues to coordinate with CSB in regards to the U14 COOP and has met with them recently. She advised that CSB will be hosting a free learn to play hockey event on **September**

**12 (4-5 pm)** at Cairns arena. Sarah will send out a notice to all the participants from our learn to play camp.

- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** advised of the need to form a Jay Peak organizing committee, Dan, Bruce and Sean have all volunteered to help. Dan advised that the online registration is ready to go. Carney advised to hold on until he confirms the pricing with Jay Peak. Once he confirms he will advise Dan.
    - Carney advised that he will be hosting a coaches meeting on October 11 or 12. He will draft an email to all coaches and send to Dan to be sent out
    - Carney advised that he will not be available to run assessments due to a work commitment. Pat Burke has graciously agreed to fill in
    - Oct 10 is the “Enforcers vs Coaches” charity event. Carney has asked Rick Martin to organize the EYHA coaches. Carney will send an email to all coaches advising of the event
  - **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** has begun organizing the Jamboree and has started to reach out to other organizations
    - The 3v3 street hockey tournament was a success and raised approximately \$3600, pending the final accounting. Rick is compiling a list of suggestions for next year’s event
  - **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** not present, no report this month
  - **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** reminded Board members that USA hockey SafeSport certifications are valid for 2 years before they need to be renewed.
    - Advised that we will need to schedule locker room monitors for all Dust Off and Assessment ice times
  - **Past President ~ Pat Burke** reminded the Board that the USA Hockey Female Tier 2 Nationals are being held locally in April at Gutterson, Cairns and Essex. A number of volunteer opportunities will be available
  - **President ~ John Laliberte** not present, no report this month
- **New Business**
    - **Dan Forcier** brought forward the matter of EYHA boundaries. He indicated that further discussion with the surrounding associations of BAHA and CSB has confirmed that a determining factor of what association you play for as a youth is what high school you will attend. For example, EYHA players feed EHS and MMU, BAHA players feed BHS and Colchester, CSB players feed SBHS and CVU. Dan’s conversation with BAHA confirmed that they claim all of Colchester as part of their association and do not wish to make exceptions based on where in Colchester a player lives. Dan has received a number of transfer requests this year and all have been declined
- **Next Meeting:** September 17, 2015 @ 7:00 pm - EHS room C102

The Board adjourned open session at 8:33 pm.

- Executive Session
  - Motion from Pat Burke to open executive session, seconded by Dan Forcier
  - Executive session adjourned at 8:50 pm
- Open session reconvened at 8:50 pm
  - Dan Forcier presents proposed changes to the wording of the parents handbook in the “Tryouts” section. Dan proposes changing the title of “Tryouts” to “Team Placement Evaluations” to better reflect the process. As well as wording designed to address how we as an association best serve the proper placement of all players to address their development.
  - Dan Forcier makes motion that the Board accept his proposal to amend the parent handbook, seconded by Pat Burke
    - motion passes unanimously
    - Changes to parent handbook to be made on website by Dan

The Board adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty