

**EVHA Board Meeting
November 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Apple Valley Community Center
Minutes**

Call to Order

Attendance: Scott Calvert, David Leach, ~~Heather Sedomka~~, Brent Cameron, Jim Lombardi, Matt Cords, Kelly Griffiths, Mark Groebner, Doug Tritschler, ~~Mike Schoonover~~, Dave Kisch, ~~Renee Swenson~~, Doug Gross, Jim Moline, Pascal Dalseth, ~~Brad DeFauw~~, Mark Espena

Visitors: Bryan Dornstreich, Chris Droege

1) Agenda Additions/Revisions

a. Bryan Dornstreich requested the Board to reconsider the decision to not allow Drew to play Junior Gold after tryout out and his placement on a Bantam team; Lombardi motions, seconded by Tritschler, to allow Drew Dornstreich to play junior gold on the condition that Drew would not displace a player who would otherwise be on the junior gold team. In other words, if there are too many players for one junior gold team necessitating tryouts and cuts, Drew Dornstreich would not participate in tryouts and would, essentially, be the first player cut. Motion carried.

b. Chris Droege asked the Board to consider a one year waiting period for waived players being eligible for the highest team at that age group, ie, A/AA team consideration. Droege has three skaters in EVHA. Droege stated the basis for his request was that MN Hockey is made up of community based programs and that the one issue inconsistent with that value is one season waivers. Droege believes we should consider conditioning non-mandatory waivers upon the player waiving in being ineligible for the highest level team until the following hockey season (assuming there are multiple teams at that age group). Droege contended that EVHA's waiver policy should favor and EVHA players and reward the bubble player that would have otherwise made the team but for the waived player. Droege believes that a one year waiting period will deter team/association shopping by the waived player and would deter EVHA players that waive into other associations and come back. Droege maintained that EVHA policies should foster that sense of community and that EVHA players should be first and foremost. EVHA should not promote the appearance that we are willing to fill an A team with outside EVHA players. Droege feels EVHA policy should reflect avoidance of MN Hockey being a free agent sport. Droege argues that EVHA should bolster that sense of community with the suggested one year ineligibility for the highest team for waived players.

Decision was made to table this discussion until the Spring for Handbook revision.

c. Locker Room monitors-discussion on penalties for the failure to assign locker room monitors. Discussion held. No penalty was adopted at this time.

d. Discussion regarding Scholarship set asides . Our handbook states we will set aside "up to" \$2,500 in scholarship monies. This year's requests have exceeded that amount. Kisch motions to amend the handbook to fund scholarships "up to \$10,000". Tritschler seconded. All were in favor.

2) – Espena Questions/Discussion

- a. Locker Room Monitor Policy for MITE/8U teams. How do we alter considering many parents stay in the locker rooms? Discussion that SafeSport Locker room policy allows parents in the locker room at the Mite/10U level.
 - b. Number of assistant coaches receiving volunteer credit at the Mite/8U levels. Motion by Leach to increase number of Mite/8U coaches receiving up to 10 credits each of volunteer hours, Gross seconded. All were in favor.
 - c. Requirements for parents on ice at mite level. Mite Coordinators would like as many hands on deck as possible - aside from background check/EVHA Volunteer reg - do we need any coaching work? All on ice coaches need CEP.
 - d. What is the guideline on kids helping on the ice (confirm it's 2 levels up... ie Peewee with Mites, Bantam with Squirt and below, etc.) Requirements are on the website.
 - e. Reimbursement of coaches not utilized in the current season-We decided to reimburse coaches for CEP training regardless as to whether they coach or not.
 - f. Do we need a closing date on mite registration? Renee is to provide/communicate a deadline for rostering and it will be one week prior.
 - g. Approve volunteer hours for Logo'd Apparel starting next year-Defer to Spring
- 3) Play for Patrick (Schoonover/Lombardi) -P4P in process of planning P4P youth heart screen @ the community center Sat., Jan 16, in conjunction with our Bantam AA Tournament. Discussion regarding team registrations/Scheduling. Strategies discussed to recruit teams.
- 4) Call for Board Approval of Gambling Operational Budget of \$30,000; Tritschler so moves, Gross seconded and all were in in favor
- 5) Discussion/Vote on providing 5 volunteer hours for parents taking the level 1 coaching class and mite module if the parent also coaches. This would likely impact mostly first year players on the learn to skate. Motioned by Griffiths, Leach seconded, Vote carried.