

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex Rink

January 21, 2016

Board Members Present : John Laliberte, Jennifer McFaul, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Daniel Forcier, Matt Clark, Dave Kedzierski, Sarah Stempek, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy, Scott Prim, Mike Smith, Pat Burke (via phone)

Board Members Absent : Carney Daniels

Others Present : Josh Burt, Peter Hess, Jennifer Kerner, Tanya Rassel

Call to Order : John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No corrections were required for the previous meeting's minutes
 - Motion from Bruce Garrapy to approve minutes, seconded by Scott Prim
 - Motion approved unanimously, Pat Burke abstained from the vote
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - No visitors had anything to present to the Board
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** presented an updated Profit & Loss and Budget to the Board
 - Discussed the Budget and entry of line items - Frank will make some adjustments and email the updated version to Board members for review
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** advised that he is currently waiting on the State Playdown information from VSAHA to determine ice scheduling
 - Dave advised the Board that he will not be reoffering at the next AGM, due to work and family commitments he can no longer devote the required time to the position
 - **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** advised that VSAHA should have the State Tournament placements complete and announced by Monday, January 25 and the tournament dates will be announced by the end of the month
 - Matt confirmed that VSAHA provided EYHA a \$1400 Grow the Game grant this year. We have received \$1000 so far and will receive the final \$400 once we have submitted the required receipts
 - **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** advised nothing new to report this month
 - **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised that all credentials for the upcoming State Tournaments now have to be reviewed with the State Registrar

- The registration portal for the 3v3 Street Hockey Tournament is open on the website
 - Dan has started projections for next season in regards to U14, EYHA has the potential to have 14 skaters (7 EYHA registered and 7 currently Tier 1 registered)
 - Dan advised the Board that there are ongoing discussions around the possible formation of a Chittenden County regional U14 program
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised that the feedback on tournaments from coaches so far has been positive
 - The U12 team was able to withdraw from the St.Albans Tournament and find a replacement. We are still owed \$1000 from St. Albans
 - A House goalie has successfully moved up to the PeeWee B team, originally to cover for an injury but now is permanently on the team, the additional fees were prorated
 - Scott has had to deal with one discipline issue involving a parent on a travel team. The matter is considered closed
 - Scott asked that Carney solicit feedback from the coaches whose teams took part in powerskating this year to determine if it was worthwhile. Sean to send a note to Carney requesting that he obtain the feedback and provide it to the Board
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** nothing new to report
 - Rob Young on behalf of Will Gonyeau advised the Board that Mr. Gonyeau continues to be concerned about the Squirt/PeeWee/Bantam House program and who will lead it in the future. He requests that the Board appoint a committee to help find a coordinator for the program
 - Jennifer advised the Board that she shares the concern about the future of the program and the need for a new on-ice coordinator
 - The Board discussed possible solutions
 - John requested that Jennifer and Mike Smith take this matter away and start to develop potential solutions
- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** nothing new to report, advised that he will assist Jennifer McFaul with developing a plan for the House Program
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel** advised that the U8 girls have been able to schedule a number of games so far this season with extra ice that has been available, they have also travelled to SASA for games. Sarah remains confident that we should field a U8 team next season.
 - Plans have started the Taste of Hockey Camp which is done in conjunction with Parks and Rec
 - An email has been sent out to all girls to solicit support for the UVM Women's Pack the Gut event
 - The current U14 coop with CSB has received positive feedback
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** not present, no report

- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** advised that he has been involved in conference calls with VSAHA regarding the upcoming State Tournaments. He confirmed that the “Fair Play Points” have been removed from the tournaments rules. HE advised VSAHA that EYHA will not be hosting a State Tournament.
 - Rick advised that planning for the New England Regional Tournament that EYHA is hosting is underway
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** advised that we will need to purchase new goalie pads for the mite age group prior to next season
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** provided a brief update on the successful TD Bank - Bruins PASS Clinic held in December. Advised that the \$1000 donation from TD Bank will be deposited directly into the EYHA account
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** had nothing new to report to the Board
- **President ~ John Laliberte** reminded the Board of the upcoming Calcutta on January 31, the need to ensure that we sell all 100 tickets. He reminded the Board that the Calcutta is not only a large fundraiser for EYHA but also a way which the association thanks the Backstage for it’s support of EYHA

New Business:

- **State Tournament apparel - Mike Smith** confirmed that teams have been made aware of the process and that the order forms are on the website
- **Yearbooks - John Laliberte** advised that Julie Miller- Johnson has volunteered to do the books again this year. The Board discussed the idea. John will follow up on the matter and get back to the Board
- **EHS Goal Judges - John Laliberte** advised that Julie Miller-Johnson is coordinating volunteers for the EHS Girls team and indicated a need for goal judges. In previous years EYHA had received a donation from EHS for providing goal judges, unsure if this is still the case. Sarah advised she will reach out to Julie regarding this matter
- **Cross Ice Mites - Bruce Garrapy** brought forth the idea that the Cross Ice Mites Coordinator be added to the Board as an appointed position. There has been concern that the Cross Ice Mites Coordinator has felt disconnected from the association and Bruce suggested that adding them to the Board may allow for better communication and involvement. To make this change would require amendments to the current bylaws
 - The Board will take the suggestion under advisement and examine the proposal
- **Fundraising Coordinator - Tanya Rassel** has agreed to take over this open position on the Board.
 - Motion from Dan Forcier to appoint Tanya Rassel to the Board as Fundraising Coordinator , seconded by Sean Haggerty
 - Motion approved unanimously
- **Replacement of Board members - Scott Prim** reminded the Board that we will need to find new members to fill vacancies that will be left by the departure of John Laliberte and Dave Kedzierski. Scott wants to ensure that we are proactive in our solicitation of new members

- **Ice Times for 2016/17 - Scott Prim** led a discussion on the possibility of getting earlier ice times next year, potentially in Waterbury. The discussion also included the concept of opening our registration earlier to help facilitate finalizing our numbers earlier to assist in the development of ice requirements. No decisions were made on either matter but the Board will continue to work on both
- **Next Meeting:** February 18 @ 7:00 pm - Essex Rink Classroom

The Board adjourned open session at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty