

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex Rink

March 17, 2016

Board Members Present : John Laliberte, Jennifer McFaul, Scott Prim, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Rob Young, Mike Smith, Matt Clarke, Scott Prim

Board Members Absent : Dan Forcier, Dave Kedzierski, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy, Sarah Stempek, Pat Burke, Carney Daniels

Others Present : Cheryl Van Epps

Call to Order : John Laliberte, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - No corrections were required for the previous meeting's minutes
 - Motion from Rick Villamil to accept minutes, seconded by Scott Prim
 - Motion approved unanimously
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - **Cheryl Van Epps** appeared before the Board to offer her assistance with the House program next season.
 - Jennifer McFaul offered to add Cheryl to the sub committee that is looking into the House program for next season
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** was not present, no report this month
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Dave Kedzierski** was not present at the meeting but provided an update through email advising that : the tentative plan is to start games for travel teams Sat. Oct. 29th and 30th. He has informed the Waterbury rink of our intent to book Sundays from Sun. Oct. 30th through Sun. Feb. 5th 700am-1230pm. This would mean: evaluations would be held Sept 30, Oct. 1, Oct. 2, and Oct 3. Practice would start Monday Oct. 10th, Jay Peak would be held on the weekend of Oct. 14 - 16. Ice on the weekend of Oct 22 would be used for practices. Expects House program to start Oct. 29. These dates are based on what we did the past few years, of course subject to the Board approval
 - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel** advised that she had nothing new to report. Tanya advised the Board she is open to suggestions for fundraising for next season.

- Matt Clark presented the idea of a raffle ticket that BAHA used last season and raised over \$10,000. Matt will provide Tanya with the information
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Matt Clark** advised that the State tournaments went well this year. VSAHA has set up a steering committee for next year's tournaments and Bruce Garrapy is sitting on it. Ice reimbursement forms need to be submitted to VSAHA for repayment. Matt advised our grant money should be finalized in the next 2 weeks. Matt advised that VSAHA suspended a coach this year for 10 games for taking his team off the ice and refusing to finish a game. VSAHA asked that coaches be reminded to know the rules
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** was not present, no report this month
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** was not present, no report this month
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** not present, no report this month
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** advised that she had nothing new to report
- **House Representative ~ Mike Smith** advised that he had nothing new to report
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek** was not present but updated the Board via email. : *"1. EJPR has placed the girls taste of hockey camp over the summer at Cairns in the summer camp brochure that went out last week. We moved the date to later in the summer to try and keep kids and parents in the hockey state of mind and closer to EYHA registration. Parks and rec secured the ice this year and I am sure we will be on the hook for the difference if we don't get a certain number of sign ups. 2. I sent out an email to all girls about the girls camp up a Jay Peak in August. It was very well received last year and a little more affordable than other overnight camps out there. 3. I have been trying to set up a time to meet with Scott Bushweller to talk about next year and U14's we don't have a date and time yet but are working on it. 4. I am planning on setting up a girls hockey informational meeting. This is in hopes of getting any questions parents may have about where they think their daughter should go (boys or girls) after they finish their season. This is mostly geared toward the girls coming out of mites and looking at squirt or U10. I have spoken with a few parents at that level and they are hearing that they should put their daughter in squirt because EYHA girls hockey Isn't challenging enough. Julie and Rhonda both suggested getting a few girls from the varsity team to speak to the group and tell of their time with EYHA girls hockey."*
 - Rob Young offered to have his daughter speak at a parents meeting to offer her perspective, based on her availability
- **Head Coach ~ Carney Daniels** not present, no report this month
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** reported that the State tournament we hosted provided an \$800 profit and that the Super Regional tournament we hosted had a profit of approximately \$3700. Rick advised that he has received nothing but positive feedback from the attendees of the Super Regional.
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** advised nothing new to report

- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** advised that the Rotary All Star ad was completed and placed in the program
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** was not present, no report this month
- **President ~ John Laliberte** nothing new to report

New Business:

- **Mandatory Volunteering - Rick** suggested to the Board that we add a mandatory volunteering element to our registration, similar to what SASA does. The lack of parent volunteers continues to be an issue for the organization. The Board discussed a variety of options. No consensus on the matter was reached
- **Tournaments - Tanya** suggested that a tournament sub-committee be set up to assist the tournament director with tournaments in the future. The Board agreed this is a good idea and will proceed once the new Board is elected
- **Powerskating - Matt** advised that the feedback has been positive and suggests that we continue with powerskating next season. Jennifer pointed out that the Mites were not included last year. Matt will contact Chris Line about cost for next season and if Chris is willing to work with the Mites
- **Street Hockey - Matt** reminded the Board that planning needs to start for the street hockey tournaments soon. Registration is open and info is available on our website
- **Spring Evaluation - Scott** raised the issue of Spring evaluations and he is recommending that we move to them. Matter was discussed but no decision made
- **USA Hockey Registration Fees - Jennifer McFaul** made a motion that the EYHA reimburse the two(2) named coaches (Head & Assistant) of each team their annual USA Hockey registration fee. To be done on an annual basis and managed by the Head Coach and Treasurer.
 - Motioned seconded by Scott Prim
 - Motion passed unanimously
- **Next meeting - John** suggested that the next meeting (AGM) be moved to April 28 as the original date of April 21 falls during spring break and a large number of Board members will be away. Suggestion was agreed to by all.
- **Next Meeting:** April 28th @ 7:00 pm - Essex Rink Classroom

The Board adjourned open session at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean E. Haggerty

