

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex Fire Hall

August 18, 2016

Board Members Present : Dan Forcier, Jennifer McFaul, Scott Prim, Sean Haggerty, Rick Villamil, Sarah Stempek, Tanya Rassel, Rob Young, Mike Smith, Craig Benson, Bruce Garrapy

Board Members Absent : Frank Parisi, Pat Burke

Others Present : Justin Martin

Call to Order : Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - **Motion** from Craig Benson to accept May's minutes, seconded by Mike Smith, vote was unanimous to accept the minutes
 - **Motion** from Craig Benson to accept June's minutes, seconded by Rick Villamil , vote was unanimous to accept the minutes
 - **Motion** from Craig Benson to accept July's minutes, seconded by Mike Smith, vote was unanimous to accept the minutes
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - Justin Martin came before the Board to discuss the Mites program. Justin presented the Board with feedback on how the program is functioning as well as some suggestions on possible improvements to the program. Issues discussed included:
 - Flexibility in the team structures to allow for changes according to the competition and to allow for better development of all players
 - Justin would like to have an extra hour of ice per week to allow for the introduction of full ice skills for mites that will be moving up to squirts the next season, he is willing to run those practices
 - He would like to be more involved with the Board on behalf of the mites, and is also willing to help out the association in any way
 - Mike Smith, speaking as the U8 Development Coordinator for VSAHA, reviewed the new VSAHA U8 guidelines
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** not present, no report
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Open Position** , Dan Forcier made a **Motion** to nominate Rachel Schek to the position of ice coordinator, seconded by Mike Smith, vote was unanimous to accept.

- Mike Smith reported that he has continued to secure ice for both practices and games and is working on schedules. He has been able to secure ice at Leddy to replace ice lost at Waterbury, Cairns and UVM
- **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel** nothing new to report, continues to work on the raffle, dates for draws were suggested
- **VSAHA Representative ~ Craig Benson**, nothing new to report
- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy** advised there are three clinics scheduled for the fall:
 - Oct 2.- St. Mikes
 - Oct 22 - Hartford High School
 - Nov 6 - Rutland High School
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier** advised that registration is open and will remain open until August 31, reminders will also be sent out
- **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim** advised that the majority of tournaments are scheduled
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul** advised that she is in the process of securing help for on ice coaching for the House program. Advised that she will need help with the equipment swap
- **House Representative ~ Vacant**
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempek** advised that all of our 9 eligible U14 girls have registered for the Whitecaps
 - There are potentially 5 associations that will be fielding U8 girls teams this season
 - The Girls Taste of Hockey Camp was a success and 2 of the participants have already registered for the season
 - The Stars will not be fielding a U12 team this season. We have 2 girls returning, giving us a current total of 16 players. Sarah advised that BAHA has approached her to ask about 6 girls, including a goalie, coming to play with our U12s.
 - Sarah made **Motion** that EYHA accept registrations from U12 players formerly of BAHA as they do not have a U12 program to play in. Seconded by Rick Villamil. Vote was unanimous to accept the motion
- **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith** advised that registration for coaches is open.
 - Reviewed upcoming dates
 - Advised that Jeff Hill has agreed to come to the development camp to work with goaltenders
 - Confirmed that the Mites has 1 ½ hrs of ice on the Sunday of the development camp
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil** advised that the Street Hockey Tournament was a success again this year and showed a profit of \$3703
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young** advised that he is confirming a date with ADL for the equipment swap
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** nothing new to report
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report

- **President ~ Dan Forcier** nothing new to report
- **Outstanding Business:**
 - **Spring Tryouts~** Dan reviewed for the Board what the discussions regarding this matter have been and where we are in the process. It is his opinion that there does not appear to be a great deal of support for the move from the membership
 - Scott voiced a desire to come to a conclusion on the subject
 - Board discussed the matter at length, including pros and cons of the potential change
 - **Motion** made by Rob Young that the EYHA will hold Spring Tryouts in the Spring of 2017.(A vote of Yes indicates being in favor of the change and a vote of No indicating not being in favor of the change.) Seconded by Sean Haggerty. Motion failed to pass by a vote of 7 -1 with 3 abstentions.
 - Evaluations (tryouts) for EYHA Travel Teams will continue to be held in the Fall prior to the beginning of the season
- **New Business:**
 - **VSAHA Team Declaration Form** was completed, advising VSAHA how many teams EYHA will field this season and at what levels. Craig will forward to VSAHA
- **Next Meeting:** September 15 @ 7:00 pm - Essex High School , Classroom C103

The Board adjourned open session at 10:29 pm

Executive Session opened at 10:29 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sean E. Haggerty