

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

January 19, 2017

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

Board Members Absent : Pat Burke, Rob Young

Others Present : Rick Colt, John Bleckman, Dan Turner, Brent Carpenter, John Cioffi, Nate Isham

Call to Order : Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Bruce Garrapy noted that the minutes needed to be amended to correct the spelling of Will Gonyea's last name. Correction made
 - Motion from Scott and seconded by Bruce to approve November Minutes
 - Unanimous vote - Approved
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - Nothing presented
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** provided the Board with an up to date budget. Finances are good. Fundraising is above target at this point. Frank advised that the accounting firm we have used in past has been bought by a larger firm and our fees have increased significantly
 - Jen McFaul raised the matter of reimbursing the 2 coaches per team their USA Hockey fees. Matter was discussed and Mike will submit names to Frank for checks to be issued
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Rachel Schek** advised she continues to work with Craig regarding ice scheduling. Ice is limited for practice between Feb. 6 & 10, they are working to ensure that every team gets at least one practice that week
 - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel** advised that she continues to work on the Calcutta, ticket sales are low at this point. Sean to send a blast email to membership reminding of the Calcutta and how it is also our way of thanking the Backstage for all their support. Tanya reports that the raffle was a success, we did not get 100% participation, some changes will be made next season
 - **VSAHA Representative ~ Craig Benson**, reported that VSAHA will be running a Spring Player Development Festival for 2004/2005 birth year players to replace the NE Festival. Will be a 2 day camp at Cairns, \$100 or less per player, more

details to follow. Board discussed the new VSAHA proposed Transfer Policy and Combined Team Policy

- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy**, advised nothing new to report
 - **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier**, advised he will soon start looking at numbers for next season. He has reminded coaches about credentials for upcoming State tournaments
 - **Travel VP ~ Scott Prim**, advised that the EYHA on-line store was a success this year and that \$725 was credited back to the association. Power Skating was a success again this season and all 4 sessions were completed for each team. Scott advised that our tournament budget was \$3000 over this year. Scott advised the Board that he will not be reoffering as VP for next year.
 - **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul**, advised the Board that she has continued to try and find someone to take over the vacant House Rep position but has not had any success. Feedback on the House Program for the year so far has been positive
 - **House Representative ~ Vacant**
 - **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel**, advised that the 8U girls coach is recommending that the 8U girls team be scheduled with both girls and coed teams next season
 - **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith**, advised that EYHA will be hosting a USA Hockey Try Hockey for Free event on Feb. 25, he has been promoting the event through a variety of venues.
 - U15/Midget, Mike advised that he has been approached by a number of parents regarding next season and the possibility of operating a U15 team with a longer season than our Midget program has traditionally run, potentially starting earlier than our other programs. Mike will put together more details to present to the Board
 - **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil**, advised that he has received positive feedback regarding the Yamboree. The Board discussed the low numbers of volunteers for the event, especially from the mite group parents. These types of events cannot occur without greater numbers of volunteers
 - **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young**, not present, no report
 - **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty** nothing new to report
 - **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report
 - **President ~ Dan Forcier**, advised that he has received some concerns about the conduct of 10U players on ice during practices. Those concerns have been addressed with coaches and they have been asked to address with the players. Dan advises that overall the season thus far has been a successful one
- **New Business:**
 - a. Succession planning ~ Sean discussed with the Board the need to be actively recruiting new people to join the Board as we have a number of members who have players who will be leaving the association within the next couple years. As of now we will have at least 3 open positions

- b. Sean requested that we purchase a \$100 half page ad in the High School Rotary Game program as we did last year, to congratulate any former EYHA players. The request was approved
- c. VSAHA docs, were discussed during meeting
- d. Google Docs for Non-Profits ~ Tanya suggested that we start using Google Docs for Non-Profits as there would be many benefits to the association. The Board is in support of the idea and Tanya will explore and report back
- e. Backstage ~ Dan made a motion that we add all employees of the Backstage to our Advisory Board, seconded by Bruce. Passed unanimously. Backstage staff added as members of Advisory Board are:
 - o Rich Rathbun
 - o Morgon Mclure
 - o Jeff Alderman
 - o Kelley Clifford
 - o Cheryl Starling
 - o Zach Lagrow
 - o Vince Dober

- **Next Meeting:** February 16, 2017 @ 7:00 pm - Essex High School , Classroom C103

The Board adjourned open session at 9:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sean E. Haggerty