

EYHA Board Meeting

Essex Town Fire Hall

August 17 , 2017

Board Members Present : Dan Forcier, Sean Haggerty, Jennifer McFaul, Sarah Stempek, Brent Carpenter, Rick Villamil, Mike Smith, Craig Benson, Tanya Rassel

Board Members Absent : Rob Young, Pat Burke, Frank Parisi, Bruce Garrapy

Others Present : John Maddalena, Joe Baird

Call to Order : Dan Forcier , President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Agenda Items :

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion from Mike to approve the minutes for July, Seconded by Brent. Motion approved
- **Visitors to Be Heard :**
 - John Maddalena asked the Board if previous month's minutes could be published prior to meeting and approval. Board agreed that meeting minutes can be published as "draft" prior to approval
 - John Maddalena expressed concern to the Board about what appears to be a disconnect between High School hockey and youth hockey. He is prepared to assist in anyway he can. Discussion around the subject, possible solutions discussed, Midget, JV, meeting with AD, new coach, and/or VPA. Dan will reach out to new coach when named and to AD
 - Joe Baird had questions about New Bee start up, equipment etc. Requested 6 colors for New Bee jerseys this year. Jen will get together with Joe
- **Executive Updates:**
 - **Treasurer ~ Frank Parisi** not present but sent note via email advising that the Street Hockey event was profitable
 - **Ice Coordinator ~ Craig Benson** advised that he has started sending out game ice schedules to schedulers. He advised of Warm Up skate dates. Craig advised Board that we have no practice ice at Cairns or Waterbury this year. Gutterson has not yet released available ice and Leddy has not given us any practice ice yet
 - **Fundraising Coordinator ~ Tanya Rassel** advised that she is working on the raffle, tickets will be ready by the time teams are picked and she is working on draw dates
 - **VSAHA Representative ~ Open position, no VSAHA Meeting until Sept.** Dan advised Board that VSAHA did fine us \$50 for missing a meeting last year

- **Head Referee ~ Bruce Garrapy**, not present, advised via email of dates for Officials clinics, Oct.1 - St. Mikes, Nov. 1 - Hartford, Nov. 5 - Rutland. Sean has added dates and link to the Officials tab on website
- **Registrar ~ Dan Forcier (acting)** , advised that registration is open for the season and closes on Aug. 31 for Travel and in September for House. Dan reviewed the USA Hockey changes again
- **Travel VP ~ Brent Carpenter**, advised that he continues to look for tournaments for some travel teams. Brent presented the Board with a document outlining his ideas for proposed changes to our evaluation process. Board reviewed and discussed, Dan asked Head Coach Mike Smith to review and report back to the board
- **House VP ~ Jennifer McFaul**, reported that she believes we are good for House coaches this year, reminded the Board that Joe Baird is taking over the New Bees and that we will need a new Mites Coordinator. Jen confirmed with Mike that players can do both the Bruins Academy and New Bees
- **House Representative ~ Vacant**
- **Women's Director ~ Sarah Stempel**, advised that our 8U girls team will be playing coed on Saturdays and will do the girls jamborees on Sundays. Our 14U numbers are good, she has advised the one BAHA family that our registration is open
- **Head Coach ~ Mike Smith**, advised the Board about the Bruins Academy progress. Gear fitting will be held at the Burlington Airport during the Bruins Fanfest. The Bruins will be reimbursing us for the ice sheets we provided. Currently have 40 players registered, we may accept more.
 - Mike reviewed the new requirements for coaches this season. Sean has added the info to the website. Registration for coaches is open on our site.
 - Development camp will be held on October 20 & 21 at Essex. Mites will have a mini camp on Oct. 22 to start their year
 - Mike advised that Justin Martin has advised he is not available this year to head up the Mites program, Mike is actively looking for a replacement
 - Level 1 coaching clinic in Essex on Sept. 24
 - Evals to be held on Oct. 6, 7, 8 and 9
- **Tournament Director ~ Rick Villamil**, advised that the street hockey event went well and he has some new ideas for next year. He is now working on planning for a tournament for 12U and 14U girls for the MLK weekend and the Yamboree
- **Equipment Coordinator ~ Rob Young**, not present, advised via email he is reviewing what we need and preparing for the season
- **Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator ~ Sean Haggerty**, nothing new to report
- **Past President ~ Pat Burke** not present, no report
- **President ~ Dan Forcier**, presented the Board with a proposed EYHA Player Code of Conduct to replace the USA Hockey one that is no longer required. Board reviewed and approved

- **New Business:**
 - **Dan Forcier**, advised the Board of a private organization that will be running a youth pond hockey tournament on Lake Champlain. EYHA will not be involved with the event

- **Next Meeting:** September 21 , 2017 @ 7:00 pm at Essex High School, room c103

The Board adjourned open session at 9:13 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Sean E. Haggerty