

EYHA Board Meeting
Essex Rink Classroom
January 15, 2026 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: (9 for quorum)

Helen MacAndrews	Jen Villamil	Renee Soutiere
Mike Lorenz	Sean O'Connell	Tracy O'Connell
Rick Villamil	Joe Baird	
Dominic Cloud		

Board Members Absent:

Frank Parisi	Corey Labor	Chris McGinty
Brianna Yarnell	Tonra Riehl	Dave Alofsin
	Tracy Liebenow	Kim Lassy

EYHA Community Members: Matt Welch

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Sean O'Connell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Motion to approve [December](#) minutes, **Rick Villamil** motions **Dominic Cloud** seconds. December Minutes approved.
3. **EYHA Member Communication:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the general public an opportunity to address the board on matters that are either not on the agenda or are slated for action. Any discussion, if any, will be limited to determining next steps.)*
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4. **Previous Action Items:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members an opportunity to review previous action items)*
 - December:
 - ~~HELEN: email association to be mindful of weather related traffic challenges when trying to get to practices - email team coach~~
 - ~~CALGUTTA Committee: Meet at Sand Bar to assess space~~
 - ~~RICK / DOMINIC (w/ Matt Hoyer): 16U / 18U split season committee~~
 - ~~COREY: email coaches to keep equipment "in the bin" and not remove to other rinks. Bring your own pucks to practices~~
 - ~~KIM: Review ice schedule for playdowns t Essex~~
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5. **New Business / Presentations:** *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide Board members with an opportunity to discuss various issues. Any action to be taken, if any, would occur at a future meeting.)*
 - **12U Playdowns**
 - Essex will be hosting 12U T2 playdowns - 2nd weekend (7 games total)
 - Will be split between Essex, Waterbury, Cairns
 - Rick will be acting "tournament director" / will need volunteers for music, clock and gamesheet PLUS hallway monitor
 - **16U/18U Split Season Proposal** [HERE](#)
 - Discussion to expand 16U split season program to include 18U team.

- **Calcutta**
 - **Discussion of venue and dates. Still TBD. Calcutta committee will hash out details**
- **Plan for upcoming Board vacancies**
 - **Discussion: need board members for future of organization - need younger families to get more involved.**
- **Evaluations**
 - **Discussion of creating a subcommittee to clarify evaluations / team organization (i.e coed / girls) before registration**

6. Executive Updates: *(The purpose of this agenda item is to provide board and administration representatives an opportunity to report out on the current activities of various programs, board committees, etc. There may not always be a report from each group if there have not been any changes since the last time this was on the agenda.)*

- **President, Sean O'Connell:**
 - State tournament updates from VSAHA
 - No one should be contacting VSAHA except VSAHA Rep (Rick Villamil) or President (Sean O'Connell)
 - Update of on-ice issues during games related to player safety / penalties
- **VSAHA Rep, Rick Villamil:**
 - 1616: teams encouraged to complete program
 - Gamesheets: Scorer name and number must be included
 - Penalty Review Policy being reviewed
 - USA Hockey - national try hockey for free on March 7th
 - VSAHA Growth Grant - EYHA received \$900
 - EYHA must send financial report explaining what \$\$ was used for by March 1st
- **Secretary, SafeSport, Helen MacAndrews:**
 - **NED selections from EYHA - 9 total**
 - **2011:**
 - **Ethan Weeks (F)**
 - **2012:**
 - **Nick Burnett (D)**
 - **Declan MacAndrews (F)**
 - **2013:**
 - **Joe Heyer (G)**
 - **Matt Millette (D)**
 - **Anna Robertson (F)**
 - **2014:**
 - **William Birmingham (D)**
 - **Elizabeth McGinty (D)**
 - **Cassadee O'Connell (G)**

7. Next meeting date:
- **February 19, 2025 @ 7:00 pm. Location: EYHA Essex Rink Classroom**

8. Executive Session:
● **Discussion**

9. Adjournment: 8:12 PM