

EYHA Board Meeting

Vermont Systems, Inc

August 16, 2018

Board Members Present: Amanda Cowan, Mike Ginnett, Frank Parisi, Sarah Stempek, Mike Smith, Nick Salvatori, Craig Benson, Bruce Garrapy, Andrew Hier, Katelyn Tessier, Brent Carpenter, Dan Forcier

Other Community Members Present: Kim Shunk, Sean O'Connell, John Maddelena

Board Members Absent: Rick Villamil

Advisory Board Members: Vince Dober (not present), Jessica Stough (not present), Austin Dober (not present)

Call to Order: Sarah Stempek, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Agenda items:

Previous Meeting Minutes- motion from Sean Haggerty to approve July minutes, seconded by Mike Smith.

-motion approved

Visitors Open Discussion-

Frank introduced Kim Shunk who has a son that skates for EYHA. She has been talking to both McDonalds and Community Bank about sponsoring EYHA. McDonalds has donated \$5000 and she is waiting to hear back from Community Bank. Kim has begun creating a sponsorship packet to give to businesses when asking for donations. The board will be putting a McDonalds logo on all practice jerseys.

Sean O'Connell attended the girls' meeting. There were discussions about having more collaboration for promoting girls' hockey as a state, rather than just by each association. It was suggested to go into schools to promote ice hockey. Mike reported that there was a conference call Sunday night about having an event with UVM on National Girls' Hockey Day.

Executive Updates:

Treasurer-Frank Parisi. Frank shared the current Profit and Loss from May 15-August 30. Our profit for Street Hockey Tournament was \$3,157.65 . Our BackStage Grant Money was \$3008.00 . Net income is \$39,140.68 . Frank also got a business debit card for our account, which will allow us to pay for tournaments/ice time using a credit card. He will add a "Debit Purchases" line on Treasurer's Report.

Ice Coordinator-Craig Benson. Craig has gotten us practice ice at UVM (he is waiting to receive contract). Travel schedule is completed. There are parents signed up to do scheduling for all teams (Mike Smith and Craig are doing U10). The week of Christmas/New Years teams will only get one practice. Craig is also working with Sean to organize ice times for goalie clinics.

Fundraising Coordinator-Open Position (Kim Shunk has volunteered to be the fundraising coordinator.

Sarah will discuss the position with Kim).

VSAHA Rep- Mike Ginnett. Kick off meeting is this Sunday (8am) at old Sheraton (now called Doubletree). Regular VSAHA meetings begin in September (in Berlin). Mike is asked to bring up what the expectations are for allied teams to be recruiting outside evaluation times. This year we have 13 players who are leaving program to go play for allied teams.

Head Referee-Bruce Garrapy. Seminars for all levels- 10/7 St. Michaels, 10/20 Hartford, 11/4 Rutland. Requirements necessary for becoming an official will be updated on website with dates. Bruce would also like to have a link on website that shows who officials are for each home game.

Registrar-Andrew Hier. Registration closes on 8/17. Current registration is 143 (about 13 are House/Newbees).

Travel VP-Sean Haggerty. Sean is still sitting on VSAHA Development Committee. They are also having conversations about promoting hockey (a report will be coming out soon). He is finishing finalizing tournaments, some have been completely paid for. He is working with St. Albans to finalize goalie clinic with Brian MacDonald. There will be 4 in October, and 1 each in November, December, January, and February. Sean had an inquiry from a personal trainer/hockey player who is interested in becoming a coach, possibly at Squirt B.

House VP-Brent Carpenter. Brent is looking to set up pictures with Vermont Sports Images. He is organizing coaches for Newbees and House program. This year we will be adding House schedules to our calendar.

House Representative-Open Position.

Women's Director-Katelyn Tessier. Nothing new to report. Katelyn did reach out to families of girls who have signed up for Bruins Learn to Skate, offering information about our Newbees program.

Head Coach-Mike Smith. Warm-up skates are posted on calendar. Tryout evals are posted. He will be looking for volunteer evaluators (on and off ice). Coaches have signed up on website. Currently: U14 girls have 4, U12 girls have 2, U14 have 4, U12 have 2, 10U have 3, U8 have many signed up, Newbees have 3-4.

Mike had a U8 coaches meeting last week. There are currently 22 travel U8 and 8 U8 girls. There will be 4 teams.

There are 2 spots open for Bruins Learn to Skate. The fitting date is Sunday, August 19th.

There is a need for a "Grow the Game" position. We need someone who will look to promote, especially for the 4-6 year old and girls categories. One suggestion to consider is having a 6 week hockey program for girls (sharing ice with House).

Tournament Director- Rick Villamil. Not present, no report.

Equipment Coordinator-Nick Salvatori. Nick needs to do an inventory and then get equipment out to coaches. We need to buy new locks for boxes at rink. Nick will do that and get reimbursed.

Secretary/Safe Sport Coordinator-Amanda Cowan. Nothing new to report.

Past President- Dan Forcier. Dan has been working with Drew on Registration. He will be at VSAHA meeting on Sunday.

President- Sarah Stempek. Sarah wants to verify numbers with registration. There are 13 transfers out of EYHA, 6 from U10 and 7 from U12.

There have been some questions regarding the socks that families are buying this year. Some people have questioned the cost and reasoning. The cost is competitive for what we are buying - nylon socks with the EYHA logo on them. Our old socks are being discounted on various sites because they are discontinued and only available in limited quantities / sizes. Rather than having players with all different styles of socks, it was decided at the June meeting that we would have socks (and practice jerseys) ordered during registration along with game jerseys.

New Business: none

Next Meeting: September 20, 2018 at Essex High School.

6. Adjourn Open Session at 9:39pm.