

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:15pm on June 10th at the Talbot County Ice Rink in Easton MD.

II. Roll call

Dave L. conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

President – Dave Levasseur	Communications Director – Louise Howie
Vice President – Dave Funk	8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti
Secretary – Angie Broll	Chief Manager – Alison Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Scheduler – Jeremy Melby	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons
Registrar – Natalie Holmes	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller- called in

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from May were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Dave F., 2nd by Patty M., all in favor, none opposed. The meeting minutes can now be uploaded to our ESHA website for membership.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – On Monday June 17th from 6-8pm, East Coast Sports will be here at the rink to do measurements for new uniform orders. We need to get this posted online for the membership to be aware, especially our new players who need uniforms for this season.
- b) Vice President – The leveling festival for 10U Red went well. Some games we were not competitive at all, and I am thinking this team may need to do CCHL this year. Dave is suggesting that we speak with someone at CBHL and CCHL to help aid in determining where this team should fall for the year.
- c) Secretary – nothing new to report.
- d) Registrar – nothing new to report.

- e) Hockey Director – Sam has said that he understands there are some issues with team assignments but that will be addressed later on in the meeting.
- f) Scheduler – Practice schedules are now set. We can get this out to our players. Jeremy suggested to the rink that we have the same schedule for practices and games that we had last year. Jeremy is going to check and make sure that the new game schedules that was implemented at the end of last year will carry through to this year.
- g) Chief Manager – nothing new to report.
- h) Treasurer- The balance in the checkbook is currently \$259,460.57. This however includes donations and scholarships totaling \$28,016.77. With that figure taken out, our actual checkbook balance is \$231,443.80. Spring league income is projected at \$21,600 with a total expenses totaling \$21,600.00.
- i) Communications Director – Parents have been asking if we are going to do anything this summer before the season starts, such as power skating and clinics. Louise will post this as soon as we get a schedule and a game plan together.
- j) 8U Director – nothing new to report.
- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report.
- l) CBHL Rep – June 17th is the next meeting. The CBHL is currently updating their database so he will be updating our contract information in that database. Initial declarations are due in July. If anyone has any questions he is asking you to send them to him before the June meeting.
- m) EJEPL Rep – Shawn reported that the schedule for the first showcase will be released soon. This will include where

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee –
- b) Fundraising Committee – not present.
- c) Bylaw Committee – Patty is suggesting that we get a group together to review the bylaws and to elect a committee to that will take the time to review the bylaws and make changes Etc. Currently we don't have our assessments in the bylaws and they need to be updated drastically. A suggestion is to have membership members a part of this process as well so that our bylaws are more fitting to our organization.

- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report.

VI. New Business

- a) Crabs season is going well. They have an upcoming tournament this weekend.
- b) There are currently 147 players registered for the 2024/2025 season. Sam is suggesting that we follow up with those players who have not been registered for the season but that have been offered a spot on the team.
- c) East Coast sports will be here next Monday and will be leaving some samples behind for those that can't make it.
- d) Scheduling of next meeting: Angie Broll will book the meeting room and send out meeting details.
- e) A parent is addressing the concern about 16 blue. The concern is there was a great roster previously, so however only 13 have registered and that includes 2 as goalies. 16U and 18U are considered one age group and can play within those limits. Parents are considered that we should be more worried about our 16U team as opposed to helping the 18U team. They will need to pull from their own age group is the draw. This is the consensus that needs to be done amongst the parents that attended this meeting from the 16u team.
- f) There are currently 5 kids that are 16U that are playing on the 18U team. The parents from 16u feel strongly that they need to come back down to the 16u team and play their age group.
- g) The board is going to need to make a decision about what is going to happen with the 16U roster and the fact that there are 5 kids on the 18U team that "should" be on 16U which would help the situation at 16U. The board agreed that we will work swiftly to address this issue. Sam and Dave L will be reaching out to these parents on the 18u team, that are 16u, and pleading our case. Numbers changed once teams were sent out, and the 16u team is no longer viable. The draw to bring the 18u players back to 16u, will be playing UA and playing in the EJ league. The parents in attendance were happy to hear this and understand we will be working as fast as we can to resolve this issue.
- h) The board is in agreement that NO one will play up anymore to help the 18u teams. They will stay within their age play.

- i) Coach Keever asked the board what we plan to do about the 16u roster issue. He asked us if we had to force players to play 16u, if the board would enforce this. The board replied that we will make sure that both 16/18u teams are viable at all costs.
- j) A parent suggested that we could offer an incentive to grow our bylaws committee.

VII.

- A. Louise: will let membership know about the jersey fittings at the rink that are taking place next Monday. She will also update the calendar on the website when the next meeting date is set as well as post it on facebook. Louise will add the May meeting minutes to the website.
- B. Sam: will reach out to the players who were offered a place on a team that have not signed up for the fall season.
- C. Angie: will schedule the next board meeting and book the meeting room.
- D. Sam and Dave L will be working with the parents of the 18u team to resolve the issue that needs to take place to make teams viable given the current circumstances.

Adjournment:

We moved to a closed meeting session at 7:33pm.