

Agenda EYHA Board Meeting

Essex High School

March 21, 7pm.

Board Members Present: Sara Stempek, Amanda Cowan, Frank Parisi, Sean Haggerty, Bruce Garrapy, Brent Carpenter, Drew Hier, Rick Villamil, Mike Ginnett, Nick Salvatori, Craig Benson, Katelyn Tessier

Board Members Absent: Dan Forcier, Mike Smith, Kim Shunk

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

Community Members: Sean O'Connell, Adam Hammond, Keith Walcott

Call to Order: Sarah Stempek, President of the board, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion from Sean Haggerty to approve February meeting minutes, seconded by Frank Parisi

-motion approved

Executive Updates:

Treasurer-Frank Parisi. After a few more checks to clear, we will be on budget for what was anticipated at end of season.

Ice Coordinator- Craig Benson. Craig has offered to help whoever takes over Ice Coordinator position. In second week of June-beginning of July the high school schedule comes out. After that the Ice Coordinator can begin looking to see what days will be available. Craig thinks there is a possibility that Waterbury will have more ice available during the week. He expects UVM availability will be the same (second semester ice will become available after first trimester ends).

Fundraising Coordinator- Kim Shunk. Not present, no report.

VSAHA Rep- Mike Ginnett. March meeting- USA hockey fees next year will go from \$40 to \$46. VSAHA background check costs will go up to \$20. There will be no changes in board members. 2019 VSAHA kick off meeting will be Sunday, August 25 at the Delta (former Trader Dukes).

-VSAHA is looking at eliminating double rostering. They are also considering ending State Tournaments at the T4 level. Mike suggested relooking at the tournament fee structure based on number of teams participating.

-A presentation was given on Barre Blackhawks. Season will run Sept. 1-March 10. They will have U10 and U12 teams, each carrying 10 players. The team will be open to players from other towns. They will still participate in Vermont State Tournament.

-Beginning this fall, Safe Sport training will need to be done every year. Also, when coaches apply for their USA hockey #, a national background check will be completed on them.

Head Referee- Bruce Garrapy. Nothing to report.

Registrar- Drew Hier. Nothing to report.

Travel VP- Sean Haggerty. Sean thinks that we should start considering looking at other models for

keeping players in our organization. One suggestion/consideration is to move to regionalized T2 teams. Another suggestion is offering Power Skating every other Sunday or multiple times throughout the year. Sara suggests that if someone has an idea, they need to formally introduce it at a board meeting so it can be further discussed.

House VP- Brent Carpenter. Nothing to report.

House Representative- open position.

Women's Director- Katelyn Tessier. Girls program is all ready for Memorial Day Parade. This year we are hoping to have whole organization participate, as well as high school teams.

Head Coach- Mike Smith. Not present, no report.

Tournament Director- Rick Villamil. Nothing to report.

Equipment Coordinator- Nick Salvatori. Needs to set up a time for coaches to drop off equipment.

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

Past President- Dan Forcier. Not present, no report.

President- Sarah Stempek. End of season banquet went well.

New Business:

Open Positions, Elections- Annual General Meeting will be held on April 18th.

The following positions will be Open:

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Ice Coordinator

Please contact Sara Stempek at presidentdirector12@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in running for one of these positions.

Join us on Thursday, April 18th at 7pm (Essex High School)

-In May the President must appoint other positions

8U Parent Surveys- Parents want players to practice with their team during the week. They would also like to see more travel within the local area (less than a 1 hour drive). Many parents are planning to have their players participate in Travel 8U next year.

-It was suggested to also send the survey to NewBees to see what possible numbers we could have next year at 8U travel and house.

Snack Bar- EYHA is not allowed to use kitchen area at rink. If we were to pursue a "snack bar" we

would need to check with Noel and also figure out logistics.

Next Meeting: April 18th, 7pm, at Essex High School.

Adjourn Open Session at 8:32pm.