

Eastern Shore Hockey Association

Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2024

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:04pm on May 15th at Talbot County Community Center in Easton MD.

II. Roll call

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

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| President – Dave Levasseur | Communications Director – Louise Howie |
| Vice President – Dave Funk | 8U Coordinator – Tom Crotti |
| Secretary – Angie Broll- called in | 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 |

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from April were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Dave F, 2nd by Patty M., all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – nothing new to report that won't be discussed later on.
- b) Vice President – nothing new to report.
- c) Secretary – has been implementing the suggestions brought to the board at the year end meeting. Example: minutes posted to website and trying to gain access to post the meeting dates on the website just to name a few suggestions brought to us. Louise H. Is adding the monthly minutes to our website from April 2024 going forward.
- d) Registrar – nothing new to report.
- e) Treasurer – waiting on this report. Will update this one received.

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| Current CHECKING Balance | \$197,400.16 | |
| Donations | \$28,664.27 | SCHOLARSHIPS / Grady |
| Subtotal | \$168,735.89 | |
| spring league INCOME \$21600 to cover projected expense of \$13000 | \$21,600.00 | |
| Total | \$147,135.89 | |

- f) Hockey Director – Sam: try out recap hard decisions, overall went well. 14u has 3 teams with 40+ players. Roster announcements have been made. We will make sure everyone knows what team they're on. Sam will send something out about placements. Dave mentioned that he heard people think we're making cuts. Team declarations will be in this Friday with placement intentions for leagues. Assistant coaches applications are open, HC aware and are asking about coaches. Sam will be HC 12U red if no other options Practices: Would like to make positive changes to utilize full ice. Considering combined practices 1x per week, stations, etc. Will discuss plans with coaches. Red level (and blue) expectations about commitment and traveling. Sam will write an email. We have short benches and full commitment from families and parents.
- g) I'm Scheduler – Harrington - waiting for feedback for ice slots there. 3 teams at 14U trying to find an ice slots. Struggling to work with TCCC about ice slots. Teams to rotate through at Harrington if needs to be used. Discussions to happen with coaches before contract for ice is signed.
- h) Chief Manager – nothing new to report.
- i) Communications Director – will continue posting updates etc on our facebook page etc.
- j) 8U Director – There is a lot of interest from the Jamie Webb parents from 8u all the way up to 14u. Both sessions are pretty full for this time of year. Tom is suggesting that we set up a table at both sessions on Saturday to draw in interest. Patty has said that she will help in the aspect. Tom is hopeful that we will fill out our 8U age group.
- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report.
- l) CBHL Rep – They had their meeting the other night that lasted 3 hours. If there are 3 levels in a division, the top team has to be at least AA. They are looking for clubs to send

their interest for the leveling festival so that they can book the ice for this event at Prince Williams. John is going to make sure we are placed in a correct region so that we can play closer teams that make more sense such as Bowie, Navy, etc. This will be for the teams placed in the CCHL so John is going to work with Jeff to make sure this works.

j) EJEPL Rep – annual meeting 6/3. 1st showcase is 8/23-25 12 Blue silver 2 14 blue

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – nothing new to report.
- b) Fundraising Committee – Todd was present. The committee has not been formed yet. Todd purchased stickers and magnets - has \$400 from those proceeds, would like to order more with those funds to up coming year. Expect \$200 net profit
- c) Bylaw Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.

VI. New Business

- a) did coaches notify teams? - Sam will be sure by contacting HC and reaching out. Will get back to the board.
- b) 10 red CBHL leveling festival 11 players will attend. The Leveling Festival invoice has not been received to date. Fees not made firm, to date, CBHL .
- c) 8u starting date and ice slots: set for August 3 ice slots 1st 2 weeks in August for EJ teams. Week of 8/20th back to regular schedule of practices. Have we booked the ice for 8u tryouts and secured those ice slots?
- d) Uniforms and jersey numbers - Dave to share with Natalie. Mike with East Coast would like to come onsite to take jersey orders and let our families try on items. Date TBD.
- e) Registration date to firm up our numbers - Louise requesting a date to firm up numbers. Registration date 5/31 closed. Will reopen. Will be added to social media and website calendar. Sharing private company clinics to ESHA page as this will only help our players.

Open discussion

John Hockmyer - neck guards, are parents responsible for purchasing these? – the board has purchased neck guards for everyone using fundraising money. Requesting it be added to the registration email. Requesting understanding on 12U Red. Has 5-6 kids who won't travel. What happens to ESHA or 12U group if can't have enough kids show up?
Dave: the expectation is to go. If we don't show - we can be billed for ice and refs.
Discussion about forcing to cancel the game. Recruitment encouraged.

Tom is heavily trying to recruit from Jamie Webb. Advocating well for ESHA. Another Jamie Webb to start in June. We had 3 interested from last group.

John: addressing Sam about Red levels and existing diversity of skill. Objective skill/knowledge expectations of rules for each age level. Email template was well done to 12U red coaches.

Patty - do we have more 12u red players? Tom said he doesn't know ages.

Shawn – suggesting posters with registration link/QR code for rink

Kim Corely -concerns with EJJ.


Chris Thomas 10u blue coach - caps learn to play this year? Board yes 9 and under. Supports recruiting - requesting communication to parents about setting expectations. Reports struggle from 2 years ago - ice was divided into 3 mixing with 8u ice practices. Supports promoting camps to help our program grow. #17 on his team does he need to change the number?

Dave- next year we will be making more of an effort to have teams finalized within a week from tryout completions.

Jeff - from an organization standpoint - timely notification have 24 hours to accept. Discussion regarding accepting positions and when to pay, etc.

VII. The board members will:

- A.) Sam G.:** will reach out to all HC in regards to ensuring their teams have been notified and are registered
- B.) Angie B.:** will book the ice rink for Junes meeting, and will add the meeting to the ESHA website calendar.
- C.) Louise H.:** Will continue to add posts to our Facebook page and will add meeting minutes to the website for May.



Adjournment:

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 10th from 6-8pm.

At 8:10 Dave L. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Funk 1st, Patty McNeal 2nd, all in favor, non opposed.

