

Eastern Shore Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

I. Call to order

Dave L. called to order the regular meeting of the ESHA board at 6:03pm on July 8th, at 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 – Ali Toepfer
Treasurer – Patty McNeal	CCHL Rep – Jeff Simmons
Scheduler – vacant position	CBHL Rep – John Schwaninger
Registrar – Natalie Holmes	EJEPL Rep – Shawn Miller- called in.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Meeting minutes from June were submitted for approval. Motion for approval by Jeff Simmons., 2nd by Natalie H., all in favor, none opposed.

IV. Director and Officer Reports

- a) President – nothing new to report.
- b) Vice President – picked up the sticks for the scholarships.
- c) Secretary – nothing new to report.
- d) Registrar – nothing new to report.
- e) Treasurer – Our checking account currently has \$262,187.42. Once you subtract scholarship funds, and spring league bills, we will have \$220,428.65. We have not yet received the ice bills for spring season Crabs or assessments yet. However that money is set aside for those bills. Sports Engine has now changed the way they input the siblings into the database so she is having to go through this and figure out what families still owe that have the sibling discount. The reported have all changed since last year. We

have a couple registrants, because of the way it was registering, that it wasn't charging them properly. She will also be setting up a payment plan for the 10U blue team for the EJ payments as they were late with deciding they would do this. The board decided that we would offer a one time payment for the fees, or they can do it in installments. There is a list of players too that she will be reaching out to the families as they registered for assessments but didn't pay.

- f) Hockey Director – He thought the 16 team parent meeting went well. Power skating will be starting on Tuesdays and I have my plan ready for that. CBHL declarations are due next week and I have begun reaching out to those coaches to see where they will be declaring their teams. John is going to send in the declarations for the teams once they are complete. I have had many various teams asking about Dry-land and when this will be starting. He is fine with doing this again he just wants to rework the schedule to optimize my time more since attendance was so low. He is also planning a camp for high school age groups and he has posted flyers out in the lobby and is requesting that we advertise this as we have done for others.
- g) Scheduler – nothing new to report.
- h) Chief Manager – nothing new to report.
- i) Communications Director – She has had some parents asking about the ice slots for practices. We currently have 18 registered for 8U. 8U practice will be Tuesday and Thursday from 5:15-6:15pm. Currently we are breaking even on all ice slots for power skating. Louise is going to send a notice out to our club that we are in need of volunteers for our fundraising committee. She is also suggesting that we have sponsorship levels. More details/ideas to follow once a fundraising committee is established.
- j) 8U Director – Caps Learn to Play dates are due on Monday July 15th so I will be turning that in now that we have our 8U practices solidified. 8U will be practicing on Tuesday and Thursdays the same as the previous season. He will also reach back out to those that have Jamie Webb and have not signed up. The ice rink has been very well used this summer and its his suggestion that we start advertising for the clinics and summer things well in advance.
- k) CCHL Rep – nothing new to report.
- l) CBHL Rep – July 15th for the grant and for the declarations. Dave said he will be working on that.

- m) EJEPL Rep – The schedule has been released and the hotel declarations have been sent out to certain teams as well.

V. Committee Reports:

- a) Disciplinary Committee – nothing new to report.
- b) Fundraising Committee – nothing new to report. Not present.
- c) Bylaw Committee – nothing new to report.
- d) Rostering Committee – nothing new to report.

VI. Old Business

- a) Update on Crabs – the 14's have their second tournament this weekend.
- b) 16 Blue – the meeting went well. 16 players with 2 goalies. Not counting a couple players that we are counting on signing up. This group has dropped EJ to try and get more players. This team will be at LA. All the families have been refunded their EJ fees already as well.
- c) 12 U- 12 blue has 12 players and 12 red has 11 players including 1 goalie for each team.
- d) Current registration numbers- 152 players registered currently.

New Business :

- A parent is asking that Sam provide a work out for kids who can't make dry-land.
- It has been made apparent that we need a fundraising committee however it's been agreed that we need to declare where this money is going prior.
- During the closed meeting minutes the board unanimously voted to pay/offer Colin to pay for the scheduler position while we hopefully find a person within the organization to take over.
- Abby D. Has agreed to help on fundraising committee.
- The next board meeting will be August 12th. Angie will book the meeting room for this.

We moved to a closed meeting at 6:42pm. Jeff S. Motioned to move to a closed meeting, Dave F., 2nd all in favor and non opposed.

To do:

Louise will: add the meeting minutes from June to our website.

Sam will: work on workout plans to provide the teams to work on during the off season.

Tom will: send our contract in for Caps Learn to Play as 8's practice schedule has been set at Tuesdays and Thursdays, the same as the previous season.

John S. will: send in CBHL team declarations. John if you need a copy of this both Sam and Angie have the declarations.

Angie will: book and schedule the August meeting.

Closed meeting:


Colin has agreed to do the scheduler position for \$500 a month which will be \$4,000 for the season. Patty is suggesting that we recruit within our organization because the fees will have to increase due to this. Colin is great for the job but he will need to be mentoring someone to get them to learn how to do this position. The board is setting a motion to approve the paid position for Colin : Motion to approve by Dave F., 2nd by Tom C., all in favor and non opposed.

We have currently pushed the raise of the ice cost to go up. They will at least go up \$25 for next season.

Jerney has also resigned from coaching 8U blue this year as well.

Sawyer the Goalie Coach from last year is willing to do it again this year as well. And the board was all in agreement. He has said he will plan accordingly. It is a suggestion to find players that have a good shot and can help shoot on the goalies and have more reps. The board agreed that he start as soon as the practices start as well. The goalie group is still active in sports engine as well.

There is a player that is asking for a discount in order to play since he will be missing so much of the season. Games and practices due to sailing commitments. The board is going to vote on this per the following : register when you're ready to play. The vote for against the discount prior is : Louise motioned to not approve a discount. 2nd by Tom Crotti, 3rd by Jeff Simmons,



and 4th by Dave Funk. The board has voted for them to register when they are ready to play and they will have a prorated portion to play at that point.

Adjournment:

Dave F., motioned to move to a closed meeting at 7:22pm. Angie B., 2nd, all in favor, non opposed.

