



**Minutes -**

**EYHA Board Meeting**

**August 19,  
2010**

**Attendees:**

Board Members: John Laliberte, Al Foice, Pat Burke, Matt Clark, John Maddelena, Larry Hagerty, Carney Daniels, Bruce Garrapy  
Other Attendees: Steve Schultz

**Notes:**

- Meeting called into order at 7:04PM
- Minutes of the July 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Open discussion from visitors: None
- Pat discussed the Break the Ice Party at the Essex Skating Facility that is planned for October 2. This is designed as a family event to get to know one another, recruit new members and friends. The event will be posted online, Essex Reporter, schools etc. Pat will coordinate.
- Bruce noted that there will be a Referee Clinic scheduled for September 26 at 8:30 at St. Michaels College.
- Pat discussed a Meet the Coaches event with Roger Grillo possibly November 6 to discuss ADM
- Doc discussed coaches application is online and that all prospective coaches must complete all of the required paperwork in advance this year as well as the online application.
- November 6 is the USA Hockey Day, with a big focus on 8Under age group. This will market youth hockey and advance recruitment.
- Pat discussed the idea that EYHA will continue to play in weekends subsequent to the state tournaments. He noted that the VT states are held in sufficient advance of the regional tournaments that there would be no reason to stop the season at the end of states. Accordingly, unless the board felt strongly otherwise, we will plan to continue practices and games up to March 6, 2011. The board was supportive of this.
- Skill Sessions and Tryout Dates: Head Coach John M. offered his plan for skills sessions prior to the tryouts – beginning October 14 with tryouts ending the 29<sup>th</sup>. Skill sessions will The concept calls for the older age groups to be completed by the 21<sup>st</sup> and the younger groups by the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Doc discussed his thoughts on providing emphasis on Coaching Guidance and Skill Development and asked for support for providing copies of Flex Coach for the organization. The board supported this concept.
- The concept of player / family referrals was believed to be a good one however it was tabled to next year.
- Mite program. EYHA would like to look at formalizing a committee to look at options for our 8Under program and a potential Chittenden County league using a standard cross ice format. Larry will coordinate.
- Pat discussed the new ice utilization format for weeknights. The board approved this format. The approach will be used for one month, be reassessed and modified if needed. Also, we will eliminate the new ice after the second period of game slots, and do the ice only between games.



- Pat described the yearbook fundraiser for the travel program families in an effort to reduce fees by sale of advertisements.
- John and Al updated the board on the planned Golf Outing.
- Larry provided an update on the automated payment option using credit cards for registration and travel fees. The system is all set up and Treasury and Registrar are all set to go. There may be some minor bumps but the three of them have a plan and expect things to proceed quite well.
- Matt provided a brief status on the Thanksgiving Tournament...all is proceeding well.
- Al provided a brief review of the financial condition of the organization based on Rebecca's reports. All is well.
- Pat noted that CSB will have to fold its U14 girls level this year due to lack of numbers. VSAHA, CSB, BAHA and Essex have agreed to provide a safe landing zone for U14 eligible girls to play. There are limited roster spots available so first come first serve.

*Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. An Executive session was held covering one coaching and one player matter.*

<b>Action Items:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Responsible:</b>
1. Pat is coordinating Break the Ice. 2. Larry will coordinate Mite Cross Ice committee and county planning efforts. 3. Doc is finalizing plan regarding: coaches development program; tryout process and schedule. 4. Doc will purchase Flex Coach software. 5. Pat and all members of the board will consider presidential candidates for the 2011/2012 season.		

**Related Materials:**  
Financial information.